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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 7th August 2022

Saturday 6th August - Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 7th August - 11am

Monday - Without Congregation (St. Dominic)

Tuesday - Without Congregation (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

Wednesday 10am - With Congregation (Elizabeth Johnson)

Thursday - Without Congregation (St. Clare)

Friday - Without Congregation (St. Jane Francis de Chantal)

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation

Updated COVID-19 Precautions:

1. If you or your family have any symptoms or indeed have cold, flu or are in any way unwell, please do not attend.
2. The Saturday vigil Mass is quieter and allows for greater social distancing.
3. We encourage you to wear a mask while in church.
4. Please sanitise your hands when arriving and leaving church.

No Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will be taking a break until September. You can sign-up to the family mailing list to get updates on children's liturgy and children's activities at: **[children's liturgy webpage](#)**

Confessions:

Confessions are available, please make appointment with Fr. Michael by phone or email.

Baptism:

Parents and guardians are now invited to book the baptism of the child/children. The available time slots are: **Saturdays 12 noon & Sundays 1 pm**

Prayer Intentions w/c 7th August

Please pray all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this

time: *Thomas Reed Scott, Elizabeth Johnson, Alex Barker, Phylipa Robinson, Annie Elizabeth Mansell, Janet Hakin, Edward Cashin, William Cummins, Zigmunt Gegniewicz, Eileen Vickers, Teresa Whitehouse, Lawrence Finn, Mary Ann McGowan, Gary Wilkinson, Margaret Bessler, Patricia Murphy and Doreen Brennan.*

May they rest in peace.

For the Sick:

We pray for all those who are sick, that God may grant them health and strength. We remember *Thomas Reed Scott, Elizabeth Johnson, Alex Barker, Phylipa Robinson, Annie Elizabeth Mansell, Janet Hakin, Edward Cashin, William Cummins, Zigmunt Gegniewicz, Eileen Vickers, Teresa Whitehouse, Lawrence Finn, Mary Ann McGowan, Gary Wilkinson, Margaret Bessler, Patricia Murphy and Doreen Brennan.*

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for the repose of the souls all those who have died recently, especially for Mary Hunt, Josephine Winterbottom and Susan Taylor who have died, that their families may have the assurances of our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection 31st July 2022:

- Baskets: £276.37
- Tap to Donate: £tbc

PARISH NOTICES

Tea & Coffee After Mass

A few helpers are required to help with teas and coffees after 11.00 Mass. Please contact Fr Michael or Gerard Strain 07704251924. Thank you.

Parish Census - before the pandemic hit, we had conducted a parish census. For obvious reasons, there was no immediate follow up to this. However, now that things are more or less back to normal, we are ready to widen our contacts and continue developing our parish community. Group leaders will be contacting those who volunteered for various roles / groups. You may have even forgotten that you volunteered.... it's so long ago, so don't be surprised if you get an email or a text! If you didn't fill a form in before, don't worry - a new form will be ready and available very soon.

SVP - if you are sick, elderly, lonely and you would like to be visited by a member of the SVP, please contact Fr Michael or Chris Ashton via the Presbytery Number: 01142343580

Spiritual Direction/Accompaniment

God is present and active in our lives. Through reflection and prayer we can become more sensitive to this presence. Often with the accompaniment of another person we can deepen our appreciation of the presence of 'God in all things'.

Are you looking for a someone to accompany you to help you as a spiritual director or accompanier? The Diocesan Spirituality Group would like to assess the need for this in the diocese. If you would be interested in finding out more then please send your details to formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com.

If you are already helping people as a spiritual director/accompanier please complete the google form on the formation and mission pages of the Diocesan Website <https://hallam-diocese.com/spiritual-direction-accompaniment/>.

Volunteers Needed for Carmel Care

Do you have 2 hours a week to spare, would you like to support our community at the Carmel Care Centre? We are seeking committed and caring individuals to support our activity sessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We are particularly interested in hearing from those who have a skill or interest to share with others, for example any kind of creative arts, music or baking? If you are interested and would like to find out more please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email Janet at jkent@hallam-diocese.com. The centre is based at 172 Dykes Hall Rd, Sheffield S6 4GS.

Carmel Care Centre welcomes new members

The Carmel Care Centre welcomes all members of the community to join us weekly on a Tuesday and Wednesday for lunch and activities, we are a caring and welcoming group with plenty of space for new members. To find out more please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email Janet at jkent@hallam-diocese.com. The centre is based at 172 Dykes Hall Rd, Sheffield S6 4GS.

Caritas Counselling Service

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join this excellent team of counsellors working across schools and parishes within the Hallam Diocese.

If you are a qualified counsellor and are interested in finding out more, please contact Bernie Ware: email : bware@hallam-diocese.com Tel: 07980406198

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY, Lisbon, August 2023. Hallam Diocese is taking 35 young people aged 17 - 30 to WYD next year. This is a great experience of Church where young people from every continent gather to celebrate their Catholic Faith in the presence of the Pope. If you would like to join us or want more information email Sue, our Hallam Youth Ministry Director for an information pack: smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com



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In whatever way you support and donate, thank you very much. **God bless you.**



If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donations to Sacred Heart by 25%, simply by completing a Gift Aid Declaration.

Through the Gift Aid scheme, the government gives the church 25p for every £1 you donate. What the church receives is tax you have already paid. **It costs you no more.**

To be able to claim that 25p for every £1, the church needs to keep a record of how much is donated by each Gift Aider. Donations which provide such a record can be:

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by cheque

by using our new contactless giving screen at the back of church.

There are blank Gift Aid Declarations at the back of church, and you can complete one using the contactless giving screen. If you have any questions, please ask. I am usually in the hall after Sunday Mass. *(Janina Klapas Gift Aid Administrator)*

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)

Trusting Faith In God's Promises

The central theme of today's readings is the necessity for trusting Faith in God's promises and vigilant preparedness among Christ's followers to meet their God as their Judge and Rewarder, at the time of their death. Fidelity in doing God's will is the best preparation for our death.

The first reading cites the Faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting Faith in their God's promises gave them hope. We are told how their Faith and Hope resulted in their liberation. With expectant Hope, the Hebrews sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 33) invites us to express our own confidence in God and to declare our trust in His Providence. In the Second Reading, taken from the last chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, the author defines Faith as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen" (Heb 11:1). He tries to bolster the Faith of the Jewish Christians (the Hebrews), by appealing to the example of their ancestors, starting with Abraham, and reviewing the things they accomplished by Faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be always prepared, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first. Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), may not steal our treasure of Divine grace or our relationship with God by his temptations.

Using the master-servant parable, Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love and offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

We always need to be prepared to meet Our Lord as our judge:

1) Let us always remember the words of the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me" (3:20). Since nobody is sure about the time and circumstances of his or her death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Saviour as our Judge at the moment of our death to give an account of our lives. He wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness.

2) Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in Bible reading; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation for serious sins; and by obeying Jesus' commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, seeing the face of Jesus in everyone.

*Lord Jesus, you alone are my treasure and the joy of my heart. May there be nothing in this world that holds me back from giving you my all - you are my all, my life and joy now and forever. **Amen***



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Sacred Heart Heating Fund



We still need to pay for our new pew heating. If you would like to make any donation towards the cost please either pass it directly to Fr Michael or put it in the Offertory basket at Mass.

PLEASE mark any donations '**FOR THE HEATING FUND**' - please include your name and address, so we can claim Gift Aid. You can also donate **online** by clicking the button below.

Many thanks to all those who have already made generous donations and gratitude in anticipation of further offerings.

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The prayer group will be taking a short break during August and will

return on Thursday 1st September.

Prayer Resources for Download

A number of resources are available for download. Please click on the buttons below.

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

August is the month of **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

O Mary Immaculate, inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of thy pure heart

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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