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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 11th September 2022

Saturday 10th September - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (Paul King)

Sunday 11th September - 11am (Josie Wynn)

Monday - Without Congregation (The Name of BVM)

Tuesday - Without Congregation (St. John Chrysostom)

Wednesday - With Congregation 10am Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Thursday - With Congregation 9:15am School Welcome Mass

Friday - Without Congregation (Ss Cyprian & Cornelius)

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation (St. Robert Bellarmine)

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.

Children's Liturgy Returns

Children's liturgy restarts this weekend (11th September)! Younger children require an adult to accompany them. For more information and to sign-up to the family mailing list, visit: **[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**

Wedding:

Congratulations to Joanne and James whose wedding comes up this week.

Reception:

We prayerfully welcome to our community Amanda (Mandy) Jane Ruane who is received into our parish community this weekend. May God bless her journey in faith.

Prayer Intentions w/c 11th September

H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926–2022

**The Catholic Community of the Diocese of Hallam mourns the loss of Our Great Queen, Elizabeth II.**

We give thanks for her seventy years' service as our Queen.

Her Christian Faith was the compass of her life.

May Christ who chose her to lead our nation, now receive his loyal servant into the glory of Heaven.

We offer our deepest prayers and condolences to the Royal Family at this sad time for them.

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in Peace.

God save the King.

**Solemn Requiem Mass at St Marie's Cathedral Saturday 17th
September, 12.30pm**

Please pray all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Mary Brennan, Maureen Brenton, Ken Turner, Les Wade, Eileen Kennedy, Hugh Lynskey, Piotr Nadratowski, Robert Hynd, Michael Flynn, Eileen Thorpe, Michael Donlon, Francis Hynd, Hazel Broadley, Vincent Frawley, Fred Axe, Winifred Shuck, Mark Brett, Kathleen Parry, Delia de Lacy and Bill Moss.*

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: *Barbara Beatson, Pip & Paul Carrington, Sheila McDonnell, Maria Coogan, Fr Michael O'Connor, Wesley, Kay Langan, Sonia Holland, Robert Ainsworth, Jacqueline Robinson, Ann Saunders, and Kevin Noone.*

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 *Dorothy Barnes* who has died, that her family may have the assurances of our prayers.

May they rest in peace.

The Book of Remembrance: from September, the book will on display the first weekend of each month for us all to add and include any family or friends recently deceased. **The Book of Remembrance will be on display this weekend.**

PARISH NOTICES

Please see below some things that are going to be happening over the next 3 months in our parish community. Some have dates already confirmed, others need to be finalised so watch this space!

Altar Servers Enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen - Sunday 18th September 11 am

Training for Readers at Mass - Saturday, 1st October 10 am to 12 pm

'Little Bits of God' Tour - sometime in October - dates and details to be confirmed

Fundraising Event - Early November - date and details to be confirmed

Advent Diocesan Retreat, Pastoral Centre, Attercliffe - 27th November – 10am

Parish Advent Reflection - Saturday 3rd December 10am

Parish Family Funday – Sunday 18th December 2022.

Housing: We as a parish welcome the Hontaruk family who have just arrived recently from Ukraine and now members of our community and parish. They are looking for a house to rent. If you have a place or know anyone who can help, kindly email or ring Fr Michael (0114 2343580 / info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk). Thanks

FLAME 2023 - 14-23? Join us on Saturday 4th March 2023 at Wembley Arena for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. Passes cost just £30 including entrance and travel (a subsidised cost from £62). for more information email: youth@hallam-diocese.com

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

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.

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

Collection For Pakistan



As announced last week there will be a Second Collection this weekend to support victims of the terrible floods which have devastated lives in Pakistan. In addition to the basket collection, you can use the Tap to Donate machine in church and select the 2nd Collection or [give directly to CAFOD \(click here\)](#). By giving directly to CAFOD- either online or by post - you will be able to add gift aid to your donation if you wish - our other methods do not allow you to do this.

Offertory Collection 28th August 2022:

Baskets £442.94



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Sacred Heart
Offertory Collection



Thank you to everyone who has used the Tap to Donate machine in church or the online Tap to Donate - we've taken over £1250 through the new system since we began using it in March and have raised an additional £153 through Gift Aid.

If you haven't yet tried it out, why not give it a go this weekend? Card/online payments cut

down on the cash that needs to be counted and banked by volunteers each week.

For details of the many ways that you can give time or funds to support the Parish, please visit: <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/support/>

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

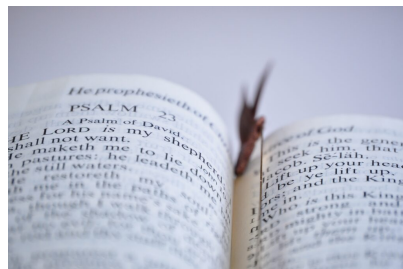
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IMPORTANT - Updated Parish E-Mail Address

Be aware that the Parish has a new email address to help make it easier to spot official emails from Sacred Heart: **info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk** Please use this for all correspondence.

Please be careful opening emails that say that they are from Fr Michael or from Sacred Heart - are they legitimate, were you expecting the email? If in doubt, please ring the presbytery to check if it is real. More information at: <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/fraud-warning/>



Calling all those who read at Mass: A Date for Your Diary

There will be a session for all readers - old and new, on Saturday, October 1st from 10 am to 12 pm. It will give us all an opportunity to reflect on the mission of reading the scriptures at Mass and there will be some practical work around using the microphone. Even if you feel you have done all this before, please come along as it will give us all the chance to join together in a spiritual reflection. If, in the last census you volunteered for the first time, you will be contacted about this session.

If you think you would like to read but haven't yet given in your name, please have a chat with Fr Michael or Malc & Ann on Saturday evening or Darren on Sunday morning.



Altar Servers – pay attention!

Altar Servers at Sacred Heart, you are becoming members of a world-wide organisation called the Guild of St Stephen.

If you recently attended the Servers training day, or have been serving a while, and are sure you want to continue being an Altar Server, we would like to invite you to a special ceremony. At **Mass at 11am on Sunday 18 September** you and any other new servers will join the Guild and be presented with your medal. You can then wear the Guild medal over your Alb. Wearing the medal is a sign of commitment to serve regularly and as well as possible. Collect your invitation letter from Fr Michael or Deacon Tony.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



The Parable of the Lost Son

Today's readings invite us to believe in a loving, patient, merciful, forgiving God. The Good News Jesus preached was that God is not a cruel, judging, punishing God. He is our loving and forgiving Heavenly Father Who wants to save everyone through His Son Jesus. He is always in search of His lost and straying children, as Jesus explains in the three parables of today's Gospel.

Chapter 15 of Luke's Gospel has been called "the Gospel within the Gospel," because it is the distilled essence of the Good News about the mercy of our forgiving Heavenly Father. The whole chapter is essentially single parable, the "Parable of the Lost and Found," with three parable illustrations: the story of the lost sheep, the story of the lost coin and the major story of the lost son. These stories remind us that we have a God who welcomes sinners and forgives their sins whenever they return to Him with genuine contrition and resolution.

Two Life Lessons to take home: (1) We need to live every day as our merciful God's forgiven children: Let us begin every day offering all our actions for God's glory and praying for the strengthening anointing of the Holy Spirit so that we may obey God's holy will by doing good and avoiding evil and try to live in God's presence everywhere. Before we go to bed at night, let us examine our conscience and confess to God our sins and failures of the day, asking His pardon and forgiveness. Let us resolve to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation if we have fallen into serious sins. Let us continue to ask for God's forgiveness before we receive Jesus in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass. Thus, let us live a peaceful life as forgiven prodigal children, getting daily

reconciled with God our merciful and forgiving Father.

(2) Let us ask God for the courage and good will to extend His forgiveness to others: Let us realize the truth that our brothers and sisters deserve and expect from us the same compassion, kindness, and forgiveness which we receive from our merciful God. As forgiven prodigals, we must become forgiving people, for Jesus taught us to pray, "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." As we continue with the celebration of the Holy Mass, let us pray also for God's Divine mercy on all of us who have fallen away from God's grace. Let us open our eyes to see and ears to hear that Jesus is welcoming us back home!

Lord Jesus may your light dispel the darkness of sin, deception, and ignorance, so that all who are lost or confused may find their way to the Father's home and be united with him in a bond of peace and friendship. Transform my heart with your merciful love that I may point many others to the good news of pardon, peace, and new life which you offer to all who trust in you, the Good Shepherd and Saviour of the world. **Amen**



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.**

There are blank Gift Aid Declarations at the back of church, and you can complete one using the screen on the Tap to Donate. For more details visit: <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/gift-aid/>



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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 theme for this week will be Scripture, Prayer & Reflection

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 15th September starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.

[Click Here to Join](#)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

Meeting ID: 921 030 1020

Passcode: LjPd8p

If you wish to dial in using your phone please use one of the numbers below and use the **Meeting ID: 921 030 1020**: +44 208 080 6592; +44 330 088 5830; +44 131 460 1196

Perhaps you would like to consider leading a prayer meeting? Please get in touch! [e-mail us](#)

Prayer Resources for Download

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

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

September is the month of Our Lady of Sorrows

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

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

For services throughout the week we strongly recommend Church Services TV. The link is below:

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