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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C *Home Mission Sunday*

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 18th September 2022

Saturday 17th September - Vigil Mass 6.30pm (Louise West)

Sunday 18th September - 11am (Tom & Bridie Kinsella/Brian & Maura Moore)

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation (St. Andrew Kim Teagon & Companion)

Wednesday - With Congregation 10am (St Matthew)

Thursday - Without Congregation

Friday - Without Congregation (St. Pio of Pietrelcina)

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation (Our Lady of Walsingham)

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**

Prayer Intentions w/c 18th 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 for Kath French and all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *James Donlon, Beatrice Pressley, Dan Cummings, Tommy Woolfrey, Thomas Beatson, Peter Hogan, Arthur Davison, David England, Enrici Scarpa, Ellen Frain, Richard Turner, Helen McDonnell, Barbara Cashin, Beverley Anne White, Edmund McGoven, Louise West, Denis Hudson, James Fitzpatrick, Michelle Jayne Grant, Dorothy Caborn, Doris Moore, Agnes Barrett, Joan Fitzpatrick Ivy Good, Mick Cowen, Tom Somers, John Prendergast, Patricia Neylan, Wayne Moran, Mary Hulmes Pickford and Esther 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 *Kathy French* 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

Offertory Collection

4th September - Baskets £355.70

11th September - Baskets £488.46

Collection to support victims of the floods in Pakistan: last weekend raised **£318.56**. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Collection for Home Mission Sunday: There will be a retiring collection for home mission Sunday this weekend. God bless you as you support the mission.



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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.



Invitation

The Sacred Heart Prayer Group meets online every Thursday. We would like to do something different that will help us, and hopefully others feel more comfortable and engaged with the Bible. We will use the Big Picture course to help us with this. This is an **invitation** to join us.

How does this work? This sort video explains <https://vimeo.com/144758134>

1. Those participating meet online and talk and watch a short video together
2. Every day you have a short task (like answer a question, read some scripture).
3. You make some notes in your journal
4. Every week you meet and discuss your thoughts, insights anything you feel comfortable sharing

When does this happen?

Thursday evening at 7.30pm for about 45-60min.

Where does this happen?

Online using Zoom.

How long does this last?

- The whole programme lasts 12 weeks.
 - We will split this into 2 sets of 6 weeks, the first 6 weeks starting Thursday 6 October

2022. The second 6 weeks starting Thursday 12 January 2023.

- Each session lasts between 45-60 minutes

You will get the most out of this if you do the daily work and attend the sessions. BUT we know people lead busy lives and may need to miss the occasional session.

Are there any costs involved?

The diary/journal costs £10pp if we buy this in bulk and more than 10 books. You do need your own diary/journal. Please if this is a problem do not be put off, we may be able to help.

If you are interested please complete this [short form](#) or scan the QR-code at the top by **26 September 2022** so we know how many books to order (if we do a big order the books are cheaper) and who we can expect. You can also add your name and email address on the list at the back of church. Or contact Fr Michael or Petra Klompenhouwer (youthshc@gmail.com)

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



Faithful and Prudent Stewardship

Today's readings remind us that we are God's stewards, and that God expects faithful and prudent stewardship from us. They challenge us to use our God-given talents and blessings, like wealth, wisely to attain Heavenly bliss.

In the first reading, Amos, the prophet of social justice, condemns the crooked business practices of the 8th century BC Jewish merchants of Judea and reminds the Israelites and us to be faithful to our Covenant with Yahweh, God of Justice. We need to practice justice and mercy to all, as God's faithful stewards. Amos warns us also against setting making money by any means as the goal of our life. Today's Gospel story tells us about the crooked, but resourceful, manager and challenges us to use our blessings — time, talents, health and wealth — wisely and justly so that they will serve us for our good in eternity. What's the point of Jesus' parable? Jesus did not praise the steward for his dishonest behaviour but for his shrewd foresight in relieving the debts of others who he believed would, in turn, treat him as a friend and show him mercy, kindness, and generosity in his time of need and great want. We use our earthly wealth wisely when we spend it for our own needs in moderation and when we love and help the needy around us, because these are the purposes for which God has entrusted His blessings to us.

We need to be faithful in the little things of life: Let us remember Saint John Chrysostom's warning, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing," and the reminder of St. Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa, canonized September 4, 2016, by Pope Francis), "Do little things with great love." Hence, let us not ignore doing little things, like acknowledging a favour with a sincere "thank you," congratulating others for their success, sharing in their sorrows and/or offering them help and

support in their needs. We need to use our spiritual resources wisely. The manager in Jesus' story used all his resources to secure his future. We must be no less resourceful. We have at our disposal the Holy Mass and the Seven Sacraments as sources of Divine grace, the Holy Bible as the word of God for daily meditation and practice, and the teaching authority of the Spirit-guided Church to direct us in our Christian life. We need to use these resources in such a way that it will be said of us, "And the master commended them because they acted so prudently."

We need to be prepared to give an account of our stewardship. We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood, and thieves, just as we ensure our lives, buying life insurance, health insurance, and car insurance. In the same way, let us "insure" ourselves (with God, not Prudential!) for the one thing that most certainly will happen, namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at that time of our Private Judgment by God at the moment of our death is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing them with others in need.

*Lord Jesus, all that I have is a gift from you. May I love you freely and generously with all that I possess. Help me to be a wise and faithful steward of the resources you put at my disposal, including the use of my time, money, and possessions. **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



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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 22nd September starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.

[Click Here to Join](#)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzlRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

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](#)

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