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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 2nd October 2022

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year(C)

Saturday 1st October - Vigil Mass 6.30pm - Kitty Creaghan
Sunday 2nd October - 11am - Marilyn Devereux
Monday - Without Congregation -
Tuesday - Without Congregation - St. Francis of Assisi
Wednesday 10am
Thursday - Without Congregation - St. Bruno
Friday - Without Congregation - Our Lady of the Rosary
Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation - St. John Henry Newman

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

Children's liturgy is back and better than ever! 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 2nd October

For the Sick:

We pray for all those who are sick, that God may grant them health and strength. We remember: *Barbara Beaton, Pip & Paul Carrington, Sheila McDonnell, Maria Cogan, 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 Sheila Aldgate and all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ingrid Bowley, The McMillan Family, Audrey Pahlke, Elaine Hodgson, George Scott, Eva Hearn, Frank Kennedy Sr, John Fagan, Rose Mizzi, John Braitwaite, Thomas Falding, Philomena Castle, Peter Froggat, May Machin, George Hurst, Harry Coulth, Ann Whyte, Little May B, Eddie O'Hagan, John Eyre, John Gormley and Jim Purdy. **May they rest in peace.**

The Sacred Heart Book of Remembrance - will be on display this weekend.

PARISH NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS! We offer our very best wishes to **Annette Murray** who retired this week! **We wish Annette a happy, healthy, and blessed time ahead.**

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!

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

Parish Advent Reflection - Saturday 3rd December 10am

Parish Family Disco - Sunday 18th December 2022.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day is coming up on Friday 7 October. This Harvest, we are responding to the World Food Crisis. East Africa is in the midst of a terrible food crisis affecting millions of people. Across Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan and in Somalia, families are facing extreme levels of hunger and malnutrition. Four years of drought have food and existing food and water shortages in the region worse and tragically, famine is now looming in some areas. CAFOD is supporting local partners by providing much-needed emergency assistance. [You can donate directly to CAFOD's Family Fast Day on their website - click here.](#)

FLAME 2023 - 14-232 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

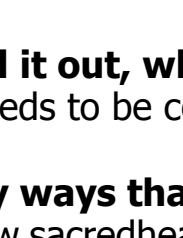
The Carmel Care Centre welcomes all members of the community to join us weekly on a Tuesday and Wednesday for lunch and activities, we are a caring and welcoming group with plenty of space for new members. To find out more please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email Janet at jkent@hallam-diocese.com.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

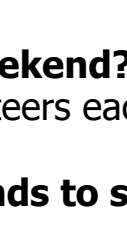
Offertory Collection

25th September 2022: Baskets : **£393.43** Tap & Donate - **£67**

Many thanks for your generosity.



Tap to Donate
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.sacredheartssheffield.co.uk/support/>

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

Tap to Donate



Christmas Trees - Order by 6th October

Are you thinking of having a real Christmas tree this year? If so, then why not order your tree from Sacred Heart this year and help us to raise some funds for the Parish?

We are buying in premium Nordman cut Christmas trees. These are premium, non drop Christmas trees - excellent quality, tried and tested by our sister Parish in previous years.

We have 5ft, 6ft, 7ft and 8ft cut trees available to order. Prices are fixed - inflation won't make these trees more expensive when you collect them in December!

Find out more on our website and order now: <https://www.sacredheartssheffield.co.uk/trees/>

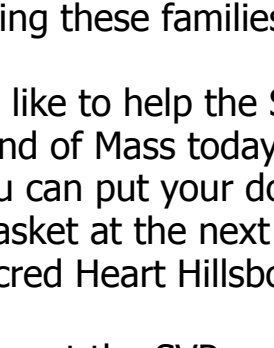
The deadline for ordering is **Thursday 6th October**.



Calling all those who read at Mass: 1st October Training

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 Malcolm & Ann on Saturday evening or Darren on Sunday morning.



St Vincent
de Paul Society
England and Wales
Turning Concern into Action

Saint Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) - Sacred Heart Conference Appeal Weekend of 8/9th October 2022

The SVP is an international Christian voluntary network dedicated to tackling poverty in all its forms by providing practical assistance to people in need.

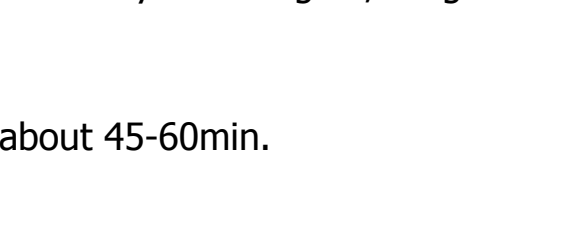
The focus of our Conference here at Sacred Heart is befriending and visiting, the elderly, sick, and lonely, at home, in hospital, and in care homes. Wherever possible we also try to support people who are struggling financially.

Since the start of the covid pandemic, we have been supporting several families, either by providing supermarket vouchers on a monthly basis, or by supplying them with groceries. Our spending on this initiative has been around £400 per month and has been largely funded by grants received from the national office of the SVP, plus some generous donations from parishioners. Recently our grant funding has become increasingly limited, and without alternative funds it will not be possible for us to carry on supporting these families.

If you are able and would like to help the SVP continue this support, you can contribute to the second collection at the end of Mass today. If you are unable to contribute today, but want to support the collection, you can put your donation in an envelope marked SVP Appeal and place it in the Offertory Collection basket at the next weekend Mass 8/9th October 2022. Cheques can be made payable to "SVP Sacred Heart Hillsborough"

If you would like to support the SVP on a regular basis by standing order, the bank details are:
Account Number: 46087508
Sort Code: 60-60-04
Account Name: E070104 SVP Sacred Heart Hillsborough

Thank you



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 short 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

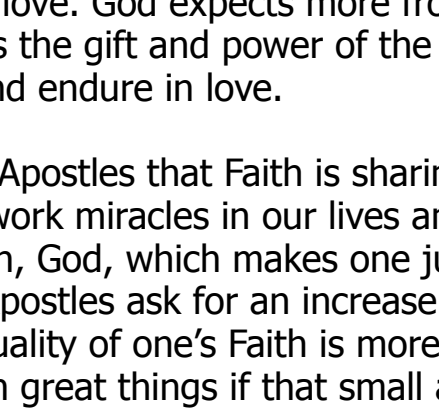
You will get the most out of this if you do the daily work and attend the sessions. BUT we know people lead busy lives and may need to miss the occasional session.

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)



Lord, Increase Our Faith

The three readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time speak about "Faith" and how it works in our lives. We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20). As St. Thomas Aquinas put it "To one who has Faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without Faith, no explanation is possible." How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can simply do by ourselves. That is why Jesus gives us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow strong in faith, persevere in hope, and endure in love.

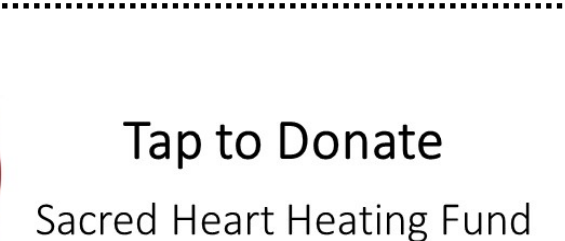
In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his Apostles that Faith is sharing in God's power, and, hence, even in small quantities, it allows God to work miracles in our lives and in the lives of others. It is Faith, meaning reliance on, or confidence in, God, which makes one just, putting him into right relation with God and neighbour. While the Apostles ask for an increase in the quantity of their Faith Jesus reminds them, and so us, that the quality of one's Faith is more important than the quantity. A small amount of deep Faith can accomplish great things if that small amount of Faith is placed in a great, mighty, and all-powerful God. Using a master-servant parable, Jesus also teaches them, and us, that for Faith to be effective, it must be linked with trust, obedience, and total commitment — an active submission to God with a willingness to do whatever He commands.

We need to thank God, giving Him the credit for our well-being. Most of us are inclined to forget God's providence when our earthly affairs are going well. We pray to Him only when trouble strikes. In His Infinite Goodness, God often answers such prayers. Stronger Faith enables us to accept the adversities and the trials of life asking God, "Increase our Faith, Lord!"

We need to increase our Faith by becoming dutiful servants of God. We grow in Faith as we act in Faith. A sincere Christian can find many ways to help to make Christ known to his neighbour. A quiet word, a charitable gesture, an unselfish interest in a neighbour's troubles can do more good than a series of sermons given by some renowned theologian.

We need to grow in Faith by using the means Christ has given in his Church. We must cultivate our Faith through prayer, Bible study, participation in the Holy Mass and leading a well-disciplined spiritual life. The power that comes to us through faith is of God.

Lord Jesus, fill me with your consuming love and set my heart free to love generously and to serve selflessly. Fill me with gratitude for all you have done for me and increase my faith and loyalty to you who are My All, My Strength, and My Life. 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.sacredheartssheffield.co.uk/gift-aid/>



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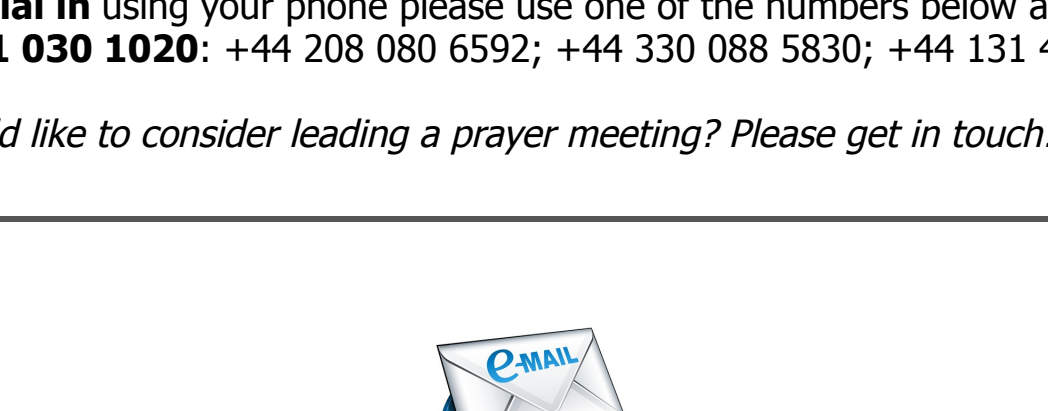


We still need to pay for our new pew heating. If you would like to make any donation towards the cost please either pass it directly to Fr Michael or put it in the Offertory basket at Mass.

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

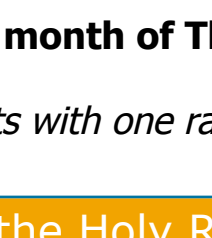
Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 6th October starting at 7.30pm**, for 30-45min of prayer via zoom.

[Click Here to Join](#)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVFOdThlcnhYwUJlRSVUwKZlYjZHU09>
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



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@sacredheartssheffield.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 they expecting the email? If in doubt, please ring the presbytery to check if it is real. More information at: <https://www.sacredheartssheffield.co.uk/fraud-warning/>

Prayer Resources for Download

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

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

October is the month of The Holy Rosary

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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