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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 9th October 2022

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year(C)

Saturday 8th October - Vigil Mass 6.30pm

Sunday 9th October - 11am

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation - St. John XXIII

Wednesday - Without Congregation - St. Wilfred

Thursday - Without Congregation - St. Edward the Confessor

Friday - Without Congregation

Saturday (AM) - Without Congregation - St. Theresa of Avila

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 9th October

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, Leah, Emma, Paige, John Mizzi 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: *Carol Ann Adio, Frances Burdikin, Diane Holding, Mary Morra Gaughan, Canon Michael O'Sullivan, Josephine Nicholson, Alice and Charles King, Frank Haigh, Mary Carrigan, Peter Lawson, Caroline Brett, Kathleen Chorlton, Reg Birt, Louise Priestley, Jim Sharrock, Spiros Petrou, Felix Nuttall, Eddie Kelly, Marie Hodgkinson and Kathleen Buckley.*
May they rest in peace.

Sheila Aldgate: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila Aldgate who died recently and that her family may have the assurances of our prayers. Sheila will be buried on **18th October 2022 at 12 noon. May she rest in peace.**

Offertory Collection

2nd October 2022: Baskets : **£506.52** Tap & Donate - **£tbc**
Many thanks for your generosity.

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!

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

Parish Advent Reflection - Saturday 3rd December 10am

Parish Family Disco – Sunday 18th December 2022.

To celebrate our diverse community, there will be a WORLD FOOD DAY on Sunday, 6 November 2022 immediately after the 11 o'clock Mass in the Hall. There will be stalls with a variety of dishes from the Philippines, Africa, India and even more! There will be plenty of food to tempt every palate and so no need to cook lunch on that day! You can sample as many dishes as you wish and all you are asked to do is to donate. More details of how to contribute a dish will be given nearer the time, but please note there will be no facilities to heat up food. If you have a traditional costume, please feel free to wear it! **ALL PROCEEDS TO THE CHURCH HEATING FUND -**

so please come along and let's raise as much as we can to make this event another memorable occasion for our parish!

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

40 Days for Life –Sheffield

From 28th September, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of peaceful prayer and fasting for an end to abortion outside the Royal Hallamshire Hospital. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Rachel 40dforlshffield@gmail.com or 07368297872.

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



SHARE THE JOURNEY

A Ukrainian family's story

Come and meet and hear the first-hand experience of those who have recently had to decide to leave their home and come to the UK from Ukraine as refugees.

SATURDAY 29 OCTOBER

3.00pm till 5.00pm with light refreshments

Sacred Heart School Hall, Ripley Street, Sheffield, S6 2NU

War, persecution, natural disaster and poverty force millions of people from their homes. As a Church we can help welcome and integrate those who become refugees. Our parishes include some who have already experienced being displaced. Learn how you can welcome, help and support those forced from their homes. Help raise money for medical supplies for Ukraine with T-shirts and mugs to buy.



Contact:

Email: info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

Tel: 0114 234 2580



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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. 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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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

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



Gratitude: Let Us Give Thanks to The Lord Our God

The central theme of today's readings is gratitude – in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us. Today's Gospel story of 'the forgetful lepers' present a God Who desires gratitude from us for the many blessings we receive from Him, and Who feels pain at our ingratitude.

Today's Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a "Samaritan, considered by the Jews as heretic"), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way. Perhaps, they were under the false impression that healing was their right as God's "chosen people." So, they hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. "Where are the other nine?" Jesus asked the returned Samaritan and the crowd rhetorically. Today's readings also remind us that Faith and healing go hand in hand. It was Faith that prompted Naaman to plunge himself into the waters of the Jordan River, and it was Faith in Jesus which prompted the lepers to present themselves first to Jesus and then to the priests. The readings also demonstrate the universal love of God for all peoples, including the Samaritans (whom the Israelites hated), and the pagans, Israel's enemies, whom Naaman represented.

During the Mass, the priest says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." Everyone responds, "It is right and just." And then the priest replies with a saying of great theological depth: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God." It's right, it's just, it's fitting, it's appropriate for us to give God thanks, "always and everywhere." The Mass is the school in which we participate in Jesus' own thanksgiving, the thanksgiving the Church makes continuously from the rising of the sun to its setting.

We need to learn to be thankful to God and to others. We can express our gratitude to our loving and providing God by offering grace before meals and by allotting a few minutes of the day for family prayer. Let us show our gratitude to our forgiving God by forgiving others and by loving God in them, radiating His love, mercy, and compassion to all we encounter, including our families and friends. It is by taking good care of our old and sick parents that we express our gratitude to them for the loving sacrifices they have made in raising us.

We need to celebrate the Holy Eucharist as the supreme act of thanksgiving: The Greek word "Eucharist" means profoundly religious and thoroughly spiritual "thanksgiving." When we celebrate Holy Mass together, we are thanking God for giving us the great gift of His Son in the Holy Eucharist so that we can share His Divine life and recharge our spiritual batteries, and for giving us His teaching, guiding, strengthening Holy Spirit. We express our thanks to God as a parish community by sharing our time, talents, and material blessings in the various ministries and services of the parish and by our active participation in its outreach programs in the community.

Let us realize the truth that we all need healing from our spiritual leprosy. Although we may not suffer from physical leprosy, the "spiritual leprosy" of sin makes us unclean. Jesus is our Saviour who wants to heal us from this leprosy of sin. Since Jesus is not afraid to touch our deepest impurities, let us not hide them. Just as the lepers cried out to Jesus for healing, let us also ask him

to heal us from the spiritual leprosy of sins including impurity, injustice, hatred, and prejudice.

*Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize your loving kindness and mercy towards me. Fill my heart with compassion and thanksgiving, and free me from ingratitude and discontentment. Help me to count my blessings with a grateful heart and to give thanks in all circumstances. **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 Prayer Group is following a 6 week bible study programme called the Big Picture.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 13th October starting at 7.30pm.**

[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](#)



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/>

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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