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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 20th November 2022

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday 19th November - Vigil Mass 6.30pm - Mary Josephine Donlon (1st Anniv)

Sunday 20th November - 11am - Tom & Bridie Kinsella/Brian & Maura Moore

Hallam African catholic Community Mass @2pm

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - **Kirkedge Monastery@ 8am** - St. Cecilia

Wednesday - In Shalom Room - School Mass at 9:15am Red Wednesday

Thursday - without congregation St. Andrew & Co.

Friday - **Kirkedge Monastery@ 8am** - St. Catherine of Alexandria

Funeral Mass Celia Stokes @10am

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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is running this weekend. 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 20th November

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, 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.*

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For the Dead:

Please pray Celia Stokes and all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries

occur at this time: Mary McSweeney, Roy Camsell, Grace Hamilton, Fiona & Harry Bentley, Desmond Squire, Patricia Turner, Edward Leach, Hilda Kenny, Sally Fox, John McGowan, John Henry McLevy, Edward Mellor, Keith Haywood, Tony Bentley, Len Beatson, Hannah Ruth Williams, Stefan Neubauere, Patrica Deakin, Margaret Kay, Bill Turner, Glyn Robinson, Sadie Lavelle, Jean Boxall, Christine Hodgetts, John O'Leary, Mark Fagan and Rudolf Macko.

May they rest in peace.

Mary Josephine Donlon: Today we remember and pray for Mary whose one-year death anniversary occurs this weekend. May she rest in peace. Amen

The Book of Remembrance: will be available from next weekend throughout the month of November - the month of the Holy Souls. May they rest in peace.

November Remembrance Mass

Mai & Nicky Tierney, Louis Sleney, Kevin Logan, Florence Doyle, Deceased of Kinsella & Moore families, deceased of the Harpur family, deceased of the Friel family, deceased of the McCudden family. Frank & Lena Murray, Tom Murray, Ann & John Watters, Teresa, John & Alan Caulton. Eileen Marsden, Sylvia Marsden, James Marsden & Elizabeth Johnson.

Funeral Mass:

Celia Stokes died recently surrounded by loving family. Her funeral mass is scheduled for **10am on Friday 25th November 2022**, at Sacred Heart Church, Hillsborough. Family, parishioners, and friends are invited to attend. May she rest in peace. Amen

Offertory Collection

Baskets 13th November: £372.62

Tap & Donate 13th November: Offertory: £45

Many thanks for your generosity.

Parish Accounts

Parish Annual Accounts 2021 - showing income and expenditure for the year [are available to view here](#). Hard copies will be available at the back of church.



Synod Updates

The Vatican press conference on Thursday announced the publication of the next phase of the synod. We heard from some of the key people responsible for putting the synthesis report together. Well worth watching or reading (depending on how good your Italian is - there is an English transcript, the video of the press conference moves from English to Italian!) to help you understand where we are up to with the synod across the world.

What they said was that they had read every single submission to the synod questions, and have synthesised these into a 56 page document. Here's the link:

<https://www.synod.va/en/highlights/working-document-for-the-continental-stage.html>. When we have all read and digested it, we can begin to think, in your groups, parish and diocese, about how it helps us to discern the next steps for Hallam. Peace be with you all.

PARISH NOTICES

Check out the new [Parish Calendar on our website](#) - you can even subscribe to it by clicking the button at the bottom of the page (events will be added automatically to your phone/computer calendar).

Parish Advent Reflection - Saturday 3rd December 10am

Parish Family Disco – Sunday 18th December 2022. [Click here for details and tickets.](#)

Premises Update - the beginning of Advent marks a year since the heated seats were installed in church. In addition to this a number of works have been completed both in church and the presbytery during the course of 2022. John McConnon will speak at weekend Masses the first week of Advent to give a report of what has been happening.

Red Wednesday: The 23rd November is Red Wednesday, and as part of Aid to the Church in Need's campaign to "Break the Silence" on the persecution of Christians across the world we are invited to attend Mass for someone who cannot, pray the Rosary and/or come together in solidarity with Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in countries like North Korea, China, Pakistan, India, Nigeria, Iraq and Mozambique. For more information about Red Wednesday, please see <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/> You can also sign a petition on the website. This year, St Marie's Cathedral will be lit in red from 4.30pm on 23 November. After the 5.30pm Mass, there will be an opportunity to light candles and pray for our persecuted brethren until 9.00pm, with a Holy Hour at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome!

Mass Books Year A - this Advent will see the return in the Liturgical Calendar to Year A which means that the Mass Books that were purchased 3 years ago will be back in full use!

Hillsborough Churches' Network Tram Nativity 2022

A Hillsborough Churches' Network event for Christmas hopefully involving at least half a dozen congregations. This was run successfully three years and so we're building on that experience.

Fun and relevant. Easy for anyone to join in.

Should be impactful - speaking of our unity as well as promoting the Gospel.

Date: Saturday 17th December

TIME: Approx. 11am to get on tram from Middlewood with synced boarding at Malin Bridge (see below). Exact timings will be finalised nearer the time.

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 40dforsheffield@gmail.com or 07368297872.

CHURCH CLEANING - over the years many volunteers have worked hard to keep the church clean. During the pandemic, it was a job the Stewards took on but more recently our team has reduced. So, we are looking for volunteers to come along THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH at 10 a.m . With a good sized team, the church can be spick and span in just over an hour - yes, that's all it takes!. If you were one of the pre-covid cleaners and have the urge to take up your mop and bucket again, please do join us. Please come along and bring your own sweeping brush, mop and bucket.

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

Diocesan Day of Reflection.

The Diocesan Spirituality Group would like to invite everyone to a Diocesan Day of Reflection.

Date: **November 27th, 2022**, The First Sunday in Advent.

Venue: Hallam Pastoral Centre. St Charles St. Sheffield S9 3WU.

Time: 10am until 5pm. Concluding with Mass at 4pm.

Please bring your picnic lunch. tea and coffee will be provided.

Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/advent-day-of-reflection-and-prayer-with-fr-denis-mc-bride-tickets-431559575307>

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Parish Children's Christmas Disco!

6:00-8:30pm Sunday 18th December

After the success of the summer disco, we're holding a Christmas disco at Hillsborough Arena. [More information and link to buy tickets on the Parish calendar, click here.](#)



Operation Christmas Child

Share Good News and Great Joy with children around the world by packing shoebox gifts!

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

"Every shoebox is delivered in Jesus' Name to give a child in need a glimpse of God's love."

At Christmas, this Christian international relief charity distributes gift-filled shoeboxes to children in need around the world. This year the goal of Operation Christmas Child is to send two-thirds of shoeboxes from the UK to Ukraine or to neighbouring countries that are hosting refugee families. If you would like to send a shoebox, please pick up a leaflet and pre-printed shoebox [or you can pack and cover an ordinary shoebox - just make sure it's not too large!]. The leaflet includes full packing instructions, gift ideas, labels and an envelope for the £5 donation requested for each box to cover overheads.

Please return your gift-filled box to church by **Sunday 20 November**.

To find out more about the charity visit samaritans-purse.org.uk

On behalf of the children, thank you.

Janina Klapas - Operation Christmas Child Project Leader, Sacred Heart Church

If you have any questions, please call or text me on 0774 267 1268

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.**

Tap to Donate

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



God is King and Ruler Over All

This Sunday, at the end of Church's liturgical year, the readings describe the enthronement of the victorious Christ as King in Heaven in all his glory. Instituting this Feast of Christ, the King in 1925, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: "Pax Christi in regno Christi" (the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ). This means that we live in the peace of Christ when we surrender our lives to him every day, accept him as our God, Saviour and King and allow him to rule our lives.

In the Annunciation (Lk 13:2-33), we read: "The Lord God will make him a King, as his ancestor David was, and He will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever and His Kingdom will never end." In fact, the Kingdom of God is the centre of Jesus' teaching and the phrase "Kingdom of God" occurs in the Gospels 122 times, of which 90 instances are used by Jesus. b) The Magi from the Far East came to Jerusalem and asked the question: (Mt. 2:2) "Where is the baby born to be the King of the Jews? We saw his star... and we have come to worship him." c) During the royal reception given to Jesus on Palm Sunday, the Jews shouted: (Lk 19:38) "God bless the King, who comes in the name of the Lord." d) During the trial of Jesus described in today's Gospel, Pilate asked the question: (Jn 18:33): "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus replied: "You say that I am a king. I was born and came into this world for this one purpose, to bear witness to the Truth" (Jn 18:37) e) Today's Gospel tells us that the board hung over Jesus' head on the cross read: "Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews," (Lk 23:36; see also, Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Jn 19:19-20), and that, to the request of the repentant thief on the cross, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom," Jesus promised "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise" (Lk 23:39-43). f) Before his Ascension into Heaven, Jesus declared: (Mt 28:18): "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth." g) Finally (Mt 25:31), we read that Christ the King will come in glory to judge us on the day of the Last Judgment.

We need to accept Christ the King as our Lord, King, and Saviour and surrender our lives to him. We surrender our lives to Jesus every day when we give priority to his teaching in our daily choices, especially in moral decisions. We should not exclude Christ our King from any area of our personal or family lives. In other words, Christ must be in full charge of our lives, and we must give him

sovereign power over our bodies, our thoughts, our heart, and our will.

We need to be serving disciples of a serving King. Jesus declared that he came not to be served but to serve and showed us the spirit of service by washing of the feet of his disciples. We become Jesus' followers when we recognize his presence in everyone, especially the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the marginalized in the society and render humble and loving service to Jesus in each of them.

We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us his new commandment of love: "Love one another as I have loved you," (Jn 13:34), and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus loved, unconditionally, sacrificially, and with agape love.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are my King and there is no other. Be the Lord and Master of my heart, mind, body, and soul. May I always seek to do your will and to serve your kingdom above all else.
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.

[Click Here to Donate](#)



The Prayer Group will be returning to the usual format of prayer & reflection throughout Advent.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 24th November starting at 7.30pm.**

[Click Here to Join](#)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVFODThLcHYwLzIRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

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](#)

November is the month of The Holy Souls

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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