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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 15th January 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14th January - 6:30pm Vigil Mass - Sheila McDonnell
Sunday 15th January - 11am - Genia Sewerniak

Monday - without congregation
Tuesday - without congregation
Wednesday - 10:00am with congregation - Matty Billington
Thursday - without congregation
Friday - without congregation
Saturday am - without congregation

Children's Liturgy starts again 15th January

Children's liturgy is back from the 15th Jan. 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 15th January

For the Sick:

We pray for all those who are sick, that God may grant them health and strength. We remember Barbara Beatson, Pip Carrington, Maria Coogan, Fr Michael O'Connor, Wesley, Kay Langan, Sonia Holland, Robert Ainsworth, Jacqueline Robinson, Ann Saunders, Leah, Emma, Paige, Kevin Noone, & Isaac Achemu. May God bring them healing mercies.

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For the Dead:

Please pray all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Robert Winterbottom, Terrence Morton, Frances O'Reilly, Frank Ronan, John Sean Fitzroy, Christine Bramhall, Don Caudwell, Betty Shepherd, Mary Armitage, Peter Eborall, Monica Smith, Bernard Finn, Stephen Hunter, Peter Metcalfe, Seamus Donaghey, Mary Green, Anthony Winterbottom, Kieran Bermingham. May they rest in peace.*

Please pray for all of the children and their families who begin their First Holy Communion preparation this weekend. May the Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love, so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.

Offertory Collection:

Sunday 8th January
Baskets: £327.22
Tap to Donate: £65

PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations to Pete Holland who celebrates his 50th Birthday this weekend! May God bless him for all the wonderful work he does in the parish.

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).

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2023: Wednesday 18th to Wednesday 25th January 2023
Hillsborough Churches Together are holding two prayer events to which all Christians are welcome to come and pray together for the Lord's Church:

- **Friday 20th January from 10am to midday at The Tabernacle** in Proctor Place S6 4HF and
- **Tuesday 24th January from 7:15 - 8:45pm at Hillsborough Baptist Church**, Hawthorn Road. S6 4LG

It would be good to have our congregation represented so please do consider supporting what is very close to Jesus' heart as He prays: "...that they may become perfectly one..."

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

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

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.

Teas & Coffees

Each Sunday after the 11am Mass there is an opportunity to get together with other parishioners over a cup of coffee or tea. This is an important way of building and strengthening the parish community, so please join us, whether you are a regular member of the congregation or a visitor. Refreshments are served in the Parish Hall, and we look forward to getting to know you better - all welcome!



Calling all Altar Servers

Put Sunday 22 January 2023 at 11am in your diaries. We will be enrolling new servers at this Mass. Following the parish becoming part of the Confraternity of The Guild of St. Stephen we enrolled our existing Servers and presented them with Guild Medals back in September 2022. Our MC's, Andrew and Peter, will be inviting new regular Servers, who have been in training since September, to the 22 January Mass of enrollment. New Servers are always welcome.

Preparation for Confirmation 2023

Bishop Ralph Heskett will come to Sacred Heart Church to confirm candidates on **Saturday 13 May 2023** during the 6.30pm Mass. We would very much like to offer our young people in Year 9 and 10 the opportunity to prepare for this sacrament. Sessions are scheduled to start on **22 February 2023 in the Church**.

Please contact Petra Klompenhouwer, one of the catechists on youthshc@gmail.com for an information letter and a schedule of sessions or contact Fr. Michael at the presbytery by phone 0114 234 3580 or email: info@sacredheartssheffield.co.uk.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



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Called to a Community of Service

God calls individuals to His service entrusting them with a mission. The first reading is from the "Songs of the Suffering Servant" in Isaiah, where the prophet was chosen by God from his mother's womb and consecrated to be a "light to the nations." Here, aspects of Jesus' own life, as sacrificial lamb, and mission, as salvation of the world, are foreshadowed. In the second reading, Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians that they, like all who call on the name of Jesus, are "sanctified and called to be holy." They are called by God and consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. As believers, we too have been called by God to become members of Christ's Body by our Baptism, and we are consecrated in Christ Jesus for a life of holiness and service. The Gospel passage presents three themes, namely, the witness John the Baptist bears to Jesus, the revelation (epiphany) and identification of Jesus as the "Lamb of God," and the call to discipleship.

We need to live and die like the Lamb of God:

(A) Live like a lamb by (i) leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying the Christ's commandment of love; (ii) appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd in His Church; (iii) eating the Body and drinking the Blood of the Good Shepherd and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through the Holy Bible, the Sacraments, and our prayers.

(B) Die like a sacrificial lamb by (i) the sacrificial sharing our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish, and community; ii) bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain, and suffering; iii) offering our sufferings for the salvation of souls and in reparation for our sins and those of others.

We need to be witnesses to the Lamb of God by our exemplary lives. Today's Gospel reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus means that we are to grow by Faith to become witnesses for him. And bearing witness to Christ is an active, not passive, lifetime enterprise. One cannot be a disciple of Jesus at a distance, any more than one can be a distant lover.

We are invited to "Come and see." The essence of our witnessing is to state what we have seen and believed and then to invite others to "come and see" our experience of Jesus. As with Andrew and John, Faith begins with our responding to Jesus' invitation to "come and see." We tell others about good restaurants, barbers, optometrists, etc. Why isn't there the same fervour over inviting and encouraging people to come and participate in our Church activities? If we are not willing to invite others into this experience, what does that say about our experiences with Christ and with our Church? Do you want to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ? Ask the Lord to pour his Holy Spirit upon you to deepen your faith, hope, and love for God and for the plan he has for your life.

Lord Jesus Christ, fill me with the power of your Holy Spirit and let me grow in the knowledge of your great love and truth. Let your Spirit be aflame in my heart that I may know and love you more fervently and strive to do your will in all things.

Amen.

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.sacredheartssheffield.co.uk/support/>

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

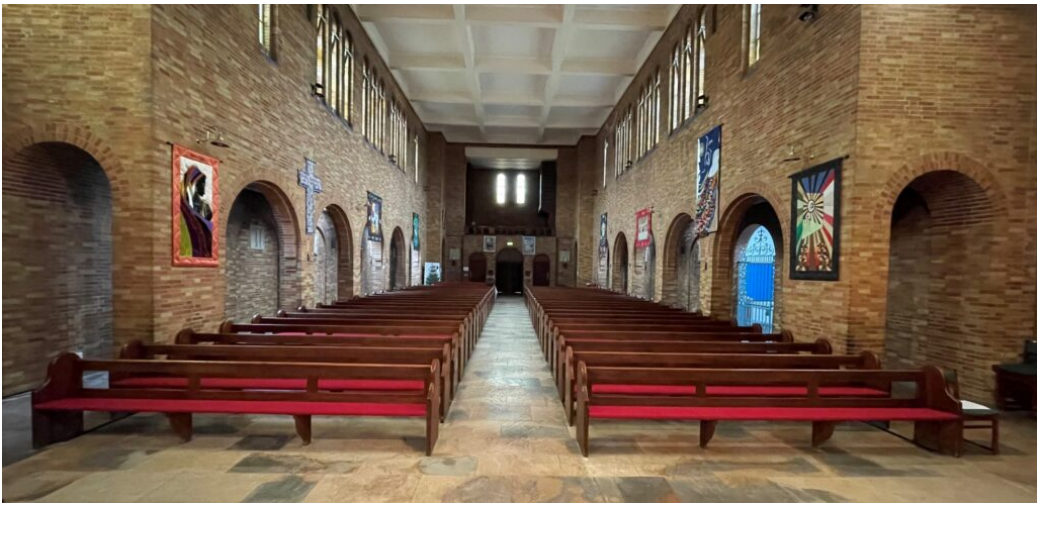
Tap to Donate



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/>

Church 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

PRAYER MEETING

The Prayer Group will be meeting for prayer & reflection throughout the Christmas season.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 12th January starting at 7.30pm.**

Click Here to Join

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVFQdThldHlYwZlRSVUJwK2lybjZHU09>
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](mailto: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

January is the month of Mary the Mother of God

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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