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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 12th February 2023

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 11th February - 6:30pm Vigil Mass - Maureen Carr

Sunday 12th February - 11am - Steve & Margaret Groome

Monday - without congregation

Tuesday - without congregation - Sts Cyril & Methodius

Wednesday - 10:00am with congregation - Jean Corfields

Thursday - without congregation

Friday - without congregation

Saturday am - without congregation

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will take a break from 19th February for half-term. 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 12th February

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, Nikki Sewell & Loretta Carr.*

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kathleen Rhodes, James Flynn, Helena Lasek, Christina Purdy, Alice McCluskie, Lavinia Hissitt, Helen Bramwell, Ruth Freer, Margaret Evans, Norah Walker, Shirely Anne Fox, Gerald Murphy, Anne Quirk, Francis Leach, Frank O'Shea, Eileen Phillips, Jean Finnigan, Ann Hindmarsh, Minnie Delaney, Paul Haley and Felica Blanks.

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection:

Sunday 5th February

Baskets: £399.60

Tap to Donate: Offertory - £145

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).

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

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!



This year's Hillsborough All Churches Family Fun Day will take place on the **13th May in Hillsborough Park.**

Sacred Heart will be providing drinks and cakes again this year. If you would like to contribute cakes/biscuits or to volunteer to help man the refreshment stand for a time during the day, please contact Moses Lutakome or speak with Fr Michael after Mass.



St Vincent
de Paul Society

England and Wales

Turning Concern into Action

St Vincent de Paul Society [SVP] Sacred Heart Hillsborough

Dear Friend,

The Sacred Heart Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society [SVP] was formed on 22 January 1923. Since then, it has been continuously active, its members visiting the lonely and house-bound, giving practical help where needed and providing practical and spiritual support for those finding it hard to make ends meet.

Sacred Heart parish has supported the Conference with a steady flow of new members and much needed financial help. So, it is now time to celebrate these 100 years.

Our Centenary Celebration Mass with Bishop Ralph will be on Sunday 19th February 2023 at 2pm in Sacred Heart School Hall. This will be followed by refreshments and an opportunity to chat and reflect and to talk to members past and present.

We hope very much that you can join us. Looking forward to seeing you.

Janina Klapas

On behalf of Sacred Heart SVP

Parking available in the school playground.

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@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk .

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



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The Essence of God's Law Is Love

Today's readings challenge us to choose freely and wisely to observe the laws given by a loving and caring God. He revealed His laws to His Chosen People through Moses and the prophets in the Old Testament, and through His own Son, Jesus, in the New Testament. For the Israelites, the Torah was not a set of laws, but the instruction or teaching intended to promote the holiness and wholeness of each believer. It was the revealed will of a caring God, for the people with whom He made His covenant. In today's gospel Jesus as a new law-giver reinterprets four Mosaic laws. The life of integrity, or righteousness, is the life God intends for us to live.

The first reading, taken from Sirach, contains the clearest statement in the Old Testament concerning the God-given freedom of the human will. It exonerates God from all responsibility for evil in the world. "If you choose, you can keep the commandments . . . before you are life and death, whichever you choose shall be given you."

In today's Gospel passage, Jesus explains the real meaning of three Mosaic laws concerning murder, adultery, divorce, and false oaths. Anger is murder, impure look is adultery and unlawful divorce is double violation of natural law and covenant with God and false oaths are sacrilegious.

We need to obey God's Law, appreciating its basic principles: In obeying God's law and Church law, let us remember the two basic principles on which these laws are based, namely, the principle of reverence and the principle of respect. In the first four of the Ten Commandments, we are asked to reverence God, reverence His holy Name, reverence His holy day, and reverence our father and mother. The next six commandments instruct us to respect life, one's personal integrity and good name, the legal system, another's property and another's spouse. Our obedience to these laws must be prompted by love of God and gratitude to God for His blessings. Jesus explains that anger is murder, evil thoughts, words, looks and behavior are adultery, unlawful divorce is sinful and false oaths are sacrilegious.

We need to forgive, forget, and move toward reconciliation as soon as possible. St. Paul advises us "Be angry (righteous anger) but do not sin" (Eph 4:26). When we keep anger in our spirit, we are inviting physical illnesses, like hypertension, and mental illnesses, like depression. Let us relax and keep silence when we are angry, wait before acting on our anger, giving it time to detoxify and cool off, pray for God's strength for self-control, and give the Holy Spirit time to help us to see the event through Jesus' eyes instead of through anger's eyes.

We need to be true to God, to ourselves, and to others. Let us allow God's word of truth to penetrate our minds and hearts and to form our consciences, making us men and women of integrity.

Lord Jesus, begin a new work of love within me. Instill in me a greater love and respect for your commandments. Give me a burning desire to live a life of holiness and righteousness. Purify my thoughts, desires, and intentions that I may only desire what is pleasing to you and in accord with your will. 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.sacredheartsheffield.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.sacredheartsheffield.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](#)



The Prayer Group will be meeting for the next session on the.....

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 16th February 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](#)

February is the month of The Holy Family

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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