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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 19th February 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18th February - 6:30pm Vigil Mass - Alan Tower
Sunday 19th February - 11am - For the People of the Parish
Sunday 19th February - 2pm - St. Vincent de Paul Centenary Mass
Monday - without congregation
Tuesday - Kirkedge Monastery 8am - Ocholi Soucy Umameh (RIP 1st Anniv)
ASH WEDNESDAY - Masses: 9:15am. 12noon and 6pm
Thursday - 2:45pm - Funeral Mass: Mark Brian Tompkinson
Friday - without congregation
Saturday am - without congregation

Funeral: Our very dear life-long parishioner Mark Brian Tompkinson died recently. A Requiem mass is scheduled for Thursday 23rd February at 2:45pm, at Sacred Heart Church, Hillsborough. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Amen

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will return from 26th February. 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 19th 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:
11th to 17th February:

Malcolm Irvine, Tom Kinsella, Julie Metcalfe, Ben Patten, Kathryn Hanley, Cecilia Mottram, Ita Guite, Louis Sleney, Mary Konieczny, Eileen Shepherd, Margaret Radford, Andrew Ronan, Thomas McAnearney, David Coogan, Doreen Tingle, Eric Squire, Margaret Noon, John Henry Finney, Rosamund Parker, Milo Kelly, Hilda Vigrass, Kevin Price and Bernadette Martin-Collier.

18th to 25th February:

Maria Alison, Julia Roddy, Bernard Gafney, Lilian Larkins, Walter Donnelly, Helen Freer, Luigi Esposito, Enrico & Philomena Scarpa, Rosselle Lebruna, Raad Edmon, Edmon Yacoub, Angela Bush, Josie Loomes, Patrick McDonagh, Josephine Mullane, Flo Hutton, May Allison, Ted Cummings, Marie Hayward, John Good, Vincent Kenny, David Burdikin, Lucas Christopherson, Mathida Jeffcock, Annie Glover, Kay Lemmings and Ocholi Soucy Umameh.

May they rest in peace.

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Offertory Collection:

Sunday 5th February 2023

Baskets : £399.60

Tap to Donate: Offertory - £145

Sunday 12th February 2023

Baskets £322.10

Tap to Donate: Offertory - £85

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).

The Stations of the Cross: each Sunday evening during Lent there will be an opportunity to follow the Stations of the Cross at 6pm in Church. This is a most appropriate way to help us on our journey through Lent reminding us of Christ's suffering and death on the cross.

Cleaning Squad: the regular monthly clean of the church will take place on Saturday 25th February between 10 am and 12 pm. We may be only a small team this week so please come along to help if you can. With a good-sized team, it is spick and span in just over an hour!

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)



A Call to Holiness

Today's readings explain why Christians are expected to be holy and how we are meant to become holy people. The first and second readings give us reasons why we should be holy, and the Gospel describes four ways of becoming holy people prescribed for us by Jesus.

The first reading, taken from the book of Leviticus, teaches us that we should be holy because it is the command given to us by God through Moses: "Be holy, for I the Lord, your God, am Holy." It also shows us the way to share in God's holiness: "Love your neighbor as yourself." The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 103) challenges us to be holy as our God is Holy by becoming kind and merciful and forgiving, as He is to us. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us an additional reason to be holy. We are to keep our bodies and souls holy because we are the temples of the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit lives in us. In the Gospel passage, taken from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches us four ways of becoming holy as God is holy.

We need to become holy: The first way is to abstain from all forms of retaliation. Jesus discards even the milder form of retaliation developed by Hammurabi in ancient Babylon and passed on to Israel through Moses. The policy was one of limited, proportional retaliation (Lex Talionis, "tit-for-tat"): "an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth," rather than allowing unlimited vengeance. In place of this limited, proportional retaliation, Jesus gives his new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, and no retaliation. For Jesus, retaliation, or even limited vengeance, has no place in the Christian life, even though graceful acceptance of an offense requires great strength, discipline of character, and strengthening by God's grace.

The second way of becoming holy as God is Holy is to take the offense gracefully and love the offender. Jesus illustrates this in three images: "turning the other cheek, freely giving the tunic and adding the cloak to it and walking the extra mile." Jesus tells us that what makes Christians different is the grace with which they treat others, offering them loving kindness and mercy as God does for us, even if they don't deserve this treatment. We are commanded to love our enemies as Jesus loves us, with agape love, not because our enemies deserve our love, but because Jesus loves them so much that he died for them as he did for us.

The third way of sharing in God's Holiness is by unconditionally and whole-heartedly forgiving the offender without planning revenge in any form. This means not only loving one's neighbors, but also forgiving those enemies who hurt us and seem wilfully to cause us suffering, hardship and unhappiness.

The fourth way of becoming holy as God is Holy is to seal our determination to forgive our enemies by sincerely praying for their spiritual and physical welfare and for the grace they need for their conversion and renewal of life. Thus, today's Scripture readings challenge us to become holy as our God is Holy by loving, forgiving, and blessing others, even our enemies with graceful and magnanimous love, as our Holy God does for us.

Lord Jesus, your love brings freedom and pardon. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and set my heart ablaze with your love that nothing may make me lose my temper, ruffle my peace, take away my joy, nor make me bitter towards anyone.

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

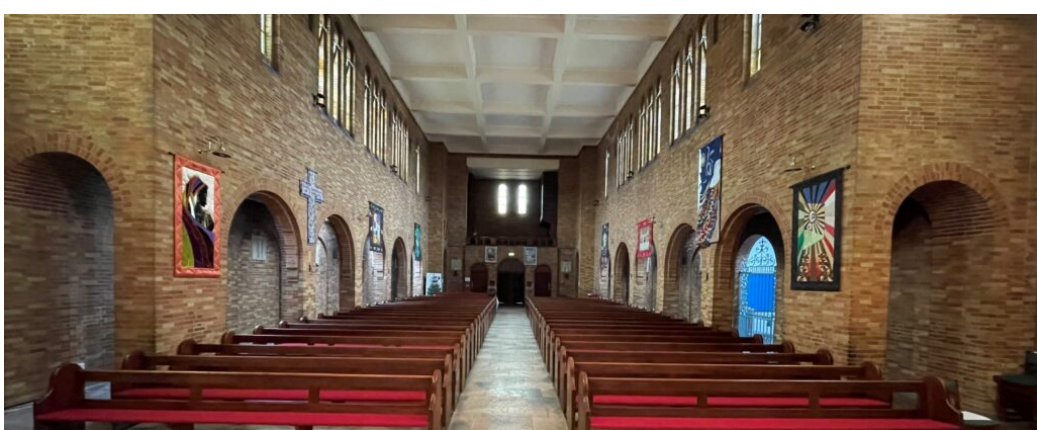


If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donations to Sacred Heart by 25%, simply by completing a Gift Aid Declaration. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the government gives the church 25p for every £1 you donate.

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 23rd February starting at 7.30pm.**

Click Here to Join

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThlchYwZlRSVUwK2lYjZHU7UT09>
Meeting ID: 921 030 1020
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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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