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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 19th March 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

Saturday 18th March - 6:30pm Vigil Mass - Maria Coogan (healing)

Sunday 19th March - 11am - People of the Parish

Monday - without congregation - St Joseph

Tuesday - without congregation

Wednesday - 10:00 am - in Church

Thursday - without congregation

Friday - without congregation

Saturday am - without congregation - Annunciation of the Lord

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy continues this Sunday. 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 March

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, Ann Saunders, Leah, Emma, Paige, Kevin Noone, Isaac Achemu, Loretta Carr & Catherine Bartlett.*

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Leo Frankland, James Dudley, Margaret Hinchliffe, Michael Barry Stanley, Margaret Martin, Jim Groark, Michael Mitchell, Iolanthe D'Roza, Anne Linley, Fred Clayton, Kathleen Huntington, Henry Keable, Daphne Davies, George Francis Turner, Sadie Buckley, Patrick Ward, Joseph Haley, Patrick Smith, Mona Price, Michael O'Neill.

May they rest in peace.

Jacqueline Mary Robinson passed away on the 24th of February 2023. The Requiem Mass comes up on Thursday 23rd March 2023 - 10am, at Sacred Heart Church, Hillsborough. We remember her family and friends in our prayers. **May she rest in peace. Amen**

Offertory Collection:

Sunday 12th March 2023 - Baskets £306.94
Tap to Donate: £65 Offertory, £100 Heating Fund

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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).

Missionary Sisters of England and Wales Sr. Mary Sebastian Ogwuikie IHM will address us at the two masses this weekend. Please give generously to support the missions. God bless

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

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.

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 Woman's Group (A free group for all women)
Please join us at the Carmel Care Centre every Monday from 11am- 2pm starting 27th March for lunch and activities including relaxation, art, meditation, knitting, sewing and crochet, baking and gardening. Carmel Care Centre, 172 Dykes Hall Road, Sheffield S6 4GS
Please call Janet on 07927 657462 for more information, or email jkent@hallam-diocese.com

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!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 22nd July 2023. A coach will leave Pond Hill at 8 a.m. There will be an additional pick up at Handsworth. £22 adults, £11 students/children Contact Joseph Durham, 07939 152558 joseph.durham52@gmail.com

An Evening of Fun and Entertainment - here in Sacred Heart Parish Hall!



The legendary Bus Pass Buskers will be here to provide an evening of music and laughter on Friday, 14th April. A fish and chips supper and your beer and wine or soft drinks will be included in the ticket price. Just £20 per person (adults only) will buy you food, drink and entertainment.

You can buy your ticket online now through EventBrite: [Event Brite Page](#)

Tickets will also be on sale after Masses from Saturday 18th March or see Malc Fleet for further details.

Only 100 tickets will be available so don't delay in getting yours!

[More details and add the date to your diary by clicking here.](#)



Due to adverse weather conditions the Parish Retreat planned for this Saturday, will now take place on **Saturday 18th March in the Parish Hall at 0930.**



Sacred Heart Hillsborough Lenten Retreat Saturday 18th March 2023



*All are welcome to a time of prayer and reflection for
the Lenten season.*

- 9.30am** - Registration & Refreshments in Sacred Heart School Hall
- 10.00am** - Welcome & Introduction
- 10.15am** - Morning Prayer
- 10.40am** - Lectio Divina
- 11.00am** – Break
- 11.20am** – Divine Mercy
- 11.30am** - Talk & Presentation
- 11.50am** - Activity - Lenten observances & practices in our time
- 12.30pm** - Stations of the Cross
- 1.00pm** - Close

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Listen to Lenten Readings

To help focus prayer and reflection during Lent, Sacred Heart parishioners have recorded each of the Lenten daily readings. You can listen to the readings on our Lenten webpage, <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/lent/>

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CAFOD's Big Lent Walk

CAFOD are challenging supporters to help stamp out global poverty, one step at a time through the Big Lent Walk! 200km in 40 days throughout Lent. We have formed a Sacred Heart Parish team to fundraise together. You can support CAFOD's appeal by [sponsoring the Sacred Heart team here](#). To take part yourself, raise sponsorship and join the Sacred Heart Parish team, [click here to sign-up](#).

Lenten Prayer Meetings - Lives to Inspire

The Parish will be holding Lenten Prayers using Ignatian Spirituality throughout Lent. The meetings will be online using Zoom on Thursday Evenings at 7.30pm for about 1 hour.



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.

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



The Church's Joy in Anticipation of The Resurrection

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is known as "Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday," expressing the Church's joy in anticipation of the Resurrection of our Lord. Today's readings remind us that it is God Who both gives us proper vision in body as well as in soul and instructs us that we should be constantly on our guard against spiritual blindness.

We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots — in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We are often blind to the presence of the

Triune God dwelling within us and fail to appreciate His presence in others. Even practicing Christians can be blind to the poverty, injustice, and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, hardness of heart, and the like. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly" day by day.

So being people of faith, let us rejoice this Laetare Sunday, and give thanks for the gift of faith – God's free gift of believing in him. And let's ask as we continue this Lenten season that the Lord might increase that gift in us, and that our Lenten observances might better prepare us to receive that gift.

We need to get rid of cultural blindness. Our culture also has blind-spots. Often it is blind to things like selfless love, happiness, fidelity with true, committed sexual love in marriage, and the value of human life from birth to natural death. Our culture has become anesthetized to the violence, the sexual innuendo, and the enormous suffering in the world around us. Let us counteract this cultural blindness as, with His grace, we experience Jesus' dwelling within us and within others, through personal prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and a genuine Sacramental life.

The lessons which we must learn from the man healed by Jesus, include that the man was obedient to the instruction given to him: "Go wash in the pool of Siloam," Second, we must be consistent with our words, faith, convictions, and the truth. In spite of all the intimidations from the Pharisees, the man remained truthful and firm without denying Christ. Instead, he insisted that it was Jesus that healed him.

Jesus, in your name the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do.

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/>

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](#)



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Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 23rd March starting at 7.30pm.**

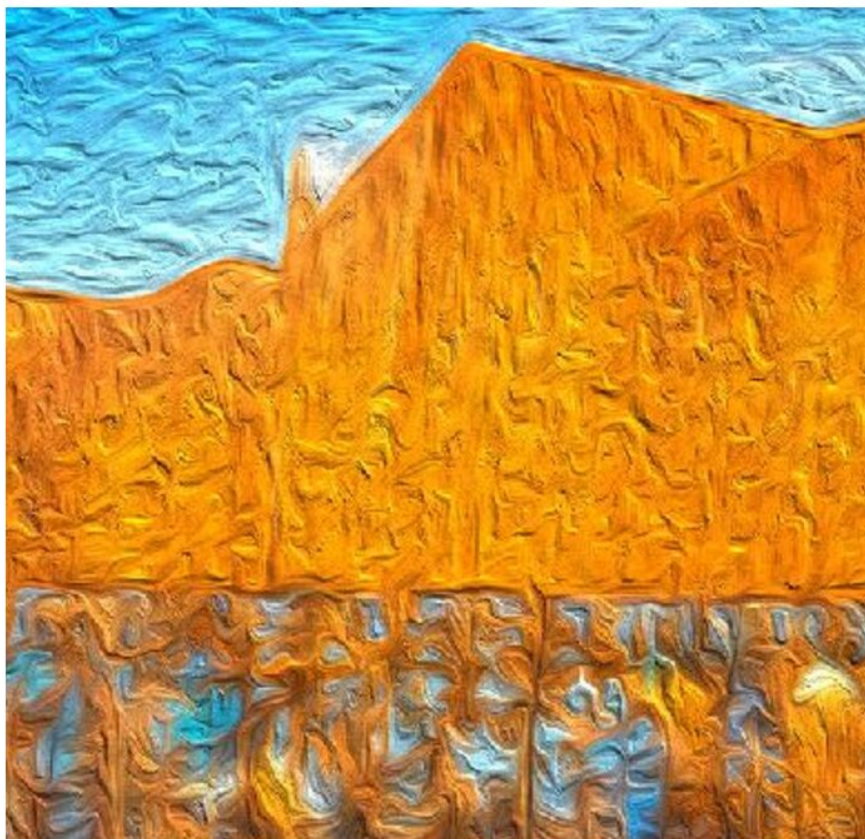
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If you wish to dial in using your phone please use one of the numbers below and use the **Meeting ID: 921 030 1020**: +44 208 080 6592; +44 330 088 5830; +44 131 460 1196



LIVES TO INSPIRE

Lenten Prayers using Ignatian Spirituality. Sacred Heart Hillsborough Prayer Group Prayer group

**Thursday Evening
7.30pm for about 1
hour. Online using
Zoom: Lenten Prayer
meeting, see QR code
below:**



During Lent we will be using contemplative prayer exercises from the Glasgow Ignatian Centre and spend time reflecting on the lives of the following Saints:

23 February: St. Ignatius
2 March St. Teresa of Avila
9 March: St Francis Xavier
16 March: St. Hilda of Whitby
23 March: St. Julian of Norwich
31 March: St. Hildegard from Bingen

6 April is Maundy Thursday and there will be no meeting this evening. Each evening we take time to settle into prayer; Find out about the life of the saint. There might be some scripture or a poem, or a picture. Everybody will then spend 10-15min with these resources. Followed by 15-20min of sharing insights with those attending.

If you want to take part in the full 40 day retreat, download the accompanying booklet, or order your own copy please go to: [Lives to Inspire ICS Lenten retreat](#).

Please note that the saints identified do NOT follow the order as used in the ISC resource.

The QR code takes you to the resource



Prayer Resources for Download

A number of resources are available for download. Please click on the buttons below.

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

March is the month of St Joseph

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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