
Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Achile Umameh

Parish Deacon: Rev. Tony Strike.

479 Langsett Road, Sheffield, S6 2LN. Telephone: (0114) 2343580

Parish website: www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

Parish email: info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk



PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 26th March 2023

5th Sunday of Lent

Saturday 25th March - 6:30pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 26th March - 11am

Monday - without congregation

Tuesday - without congregation

Wednesday - 10:00 am - in Church

Thursday - without congregation

Friday - without congregation

Saturday am - without congregation

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 26th 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: *Gordon French, Margaret Towey, Mae Woods, Rosemary Sayles, Madelaine Eyre, Pat Shaw, Winifred Richmond, Kenneth Larkins, Stanley Howard, Sandor Beres, Mr Geens, Ochoi Unameh, Isabella McArdle, Julie Bennett, Denis Gillespie, Kevin de Lacy, Fr James Hynes and Kieron Gillespie.*

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection:

Sunday 19th March 2023 - Baskets £342.35

Tap to Donate: £75 Offertory, £5 Heating Fund

The Basket Collection for the Missionary Sisters Appeal raised **£307.33**. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Tap to Donate



HOLY WEEK SERVICES AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN HILLSBOROUGH

Palm Sunday

- Vigil Mass Saturday 1st April at 6.30 pm
- Evening Prayer of the Church at 6.10pm
- Sunday 2nd April Mass at 11am
- Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Monday 3rd April

- Mass at 10 am
- Reconciliation Service at 6pm with individual Confession

Tuesday 4th April

- Mass at 10 am

Wednesday 5th April

- Chrism Mass – AT ST MARIE'S CATHEDRAL - Bishop Ralph, the Clergy and Laity

Maundy Thursday 6th April

- Mass of the Last Supper at 7.30pm followed by Adoration

Good Friday 7th April

- Morning Prayer of the Church at 10 am
- Service of the Passion of Jesus Christ at 3 pm

Holy Saturday 8th April

- Morning Prayer of the Church at 10 am
- Easter Vigil at 7.30pm

Easter Sunday – Christ is Risen Alleluia!

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.](#)



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/>.

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.

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

Resurrection Hope is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. We can see the progression in themes from the thirst for living water (on the Third Sunday of Lent), through the desire to be healed of our spiritual blindness (Fourth Sunday) to our ultimate desire to share in eternal life with the risen Lord (Fifth Sunday).

In the first reading, through Ezekiel, the Lord God guarantees His chosen People that He will one day bring them back to live in the freedom of the Promised Land, that not even their death will stop Him from carrying out this promise.

In the second reading, Paul assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death by persecution, and us, surrounded by a culture of death, that the same Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us, will raise our mortal bodies to life on the Last Day. Paul considers the Resurrection of Jesus the basis for our Hope of sharing in Jesus' Resurrection. For John, in today's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus, the sixth sign that he is the Deliverer, is a symbolic narrative of his Final Victory over death at the cost of his human life, and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. Thus, Resurrection Hope is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings assure us that our Faith in Jesus, who is "the Resurrection and the Life," promises our participation in his Resurrection and new life.

"Roll away the stone, unbind him and let him go." We often bind ourselves with chains of addiction to alcohol, drugs, sexual deviations, slander, gossip, envy, prejudice, hatred, and uncontrollable anger, and bury ourselves in the tombs of despair. Sometimes we are in the tomb of selfishness, filled with negative feelings, like worry, fear, resentment, hatred, and guilt. If we want Jesus to visit our dark dungeons of sin, despair, and unhappiness, we need to ask him during this Holy Mass to bring the light and the power of the Holy Spirit into our private lives and liberate us from our tombs. Are there times when we refuse to let God enter into our wallets, fearing that faithful tithing will endanger our savings? When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Jesus will call our name and command, "Come out, Mary!"; "Come out, Joe!" This is Good News for all of us: "Lazarus, come out!" This can be the beginning of a new life.

We need to be ready to welcome death any time. We live in a world that is filled with death. We kill each other in acts of murder, abortion, euthanasia, execution, war, and terrorist activities. We kill ourselves through suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, smoking, overwork, stress, bad eating habits, and physical neglect. The most important question is: am I ready to face my death? All of us know that we will surely die, but each of us foolishly thinks that he or she will not die any time soon. Let us be wise, well-prepared, and ever ready to meet our Lord with a clear conscience when the time comes and to give Him a clean account of our lives.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us with your blood and restored us to life with the Father in heaven. May your resurrection be our hope as we long for the day when we will see you face to

face in glory.
Amen

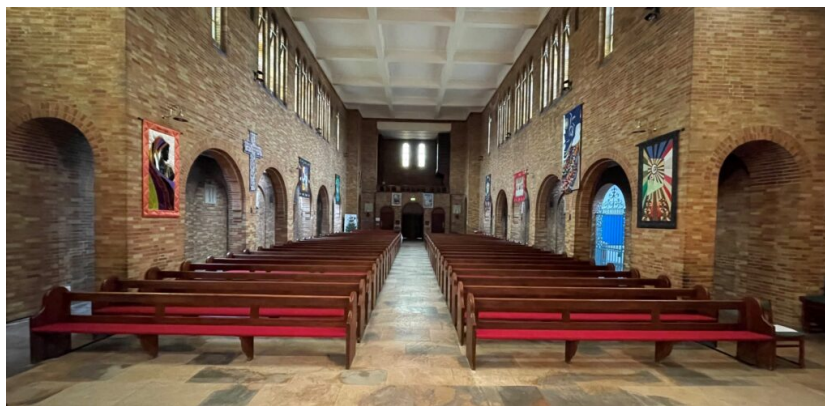


If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donations to Sacred Heart by 25%, simply by completing a Gift Aid Declaration. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the government gives the church 25p for every £1 you donate.

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](#)



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.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 30th March starting at 7.30pm.**

[Click Here to Join](#)

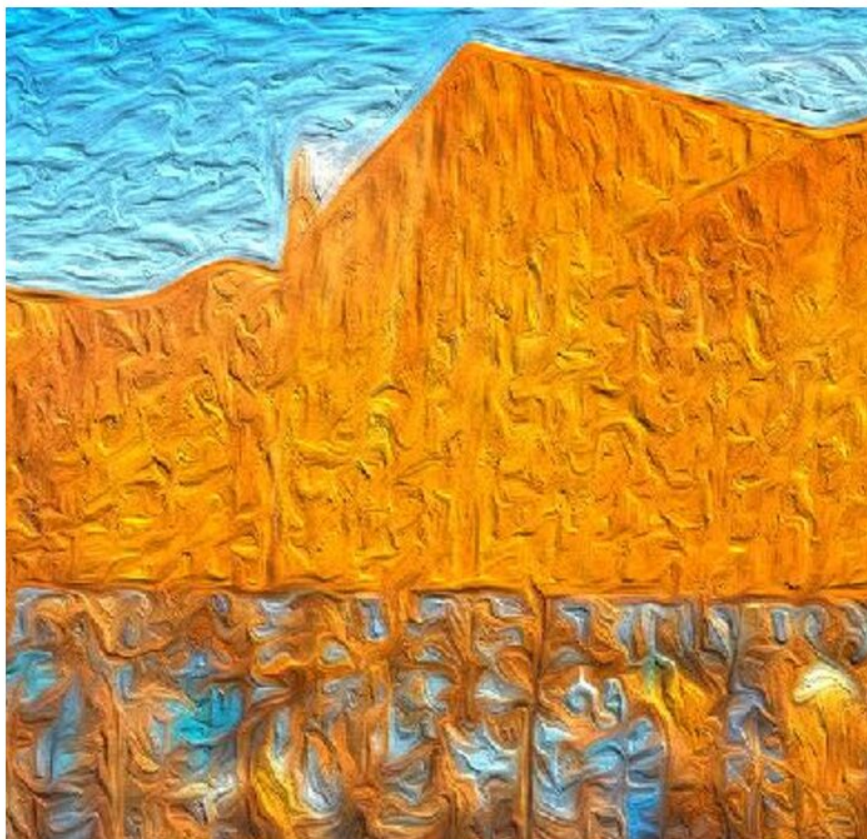
LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzIRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

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



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:

[Church Services TV](#)

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Manage your subscription](#)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

479 Langsett Road

Sheffield S6 2LN

Tel: 0114 2343580

Web: www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

E-Mail: info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

[MailPoet](#)