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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 16th April 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

Saturday 15th April - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass

Sunday 16th April - 11am - Mass

Monday - Without Congregation

Tuesday - Without Congregation

Wednesday - **Please note: No 10am Mass**

Thursday - Without Congregation

Friday - Without Congregation

Saturday - Without Congregation

Children's Liturgy

No children's liturgy this Sunday, the team are taking a break over Easter. For more information and to sign-up to the family mailing list, visit: **[children's liturgy webpage](#)**

Confessions:

Confessions will not be available with Father Michael from the 18th of April to the 10th of May due to him being away.

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 16th April

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, 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: *George Edmund Gregory, Zatica Danisoua, Henry Darling, Michael Dearing, Hugh McGreehan, Dennis Brown, Mary Donlon, Nellie Lees, Maureen Swift, John Fenn, Vincent Donlon, Eileen Kenny, Douglas Beech, Annie Watter, Marjorie Hodgson, May Roche-Wright, Olive Rosie, Dan Higginbottom, Beatrice Falding, Caroline McDonagh and Margaret Maycock.*

May they rest in peace.

The funeral for Kay Langan will take place at St Marie's Cathedral on the 21st of April 2023 at 12:30pm. We remember her family and friends in our prayers. ***May she rest in peace. Amen***

Offertory Collection:

2nd April 2023 - Baskets: £500.27

6th April 2023 - Maundy Thursday - Baskets : £90.50

9th April 2023 – Baskets: TBC

Tap to Donate Offertory: TBC

Tap to Donate: £120 Offertory, £10 Heating Fund, £5 Flowers

Tap to Donate

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).

Gratitude and Holidays - Happy Divine Mercy Sunday and Thank you for your great generosity over the Easter festival!

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you all for your continuing support, collaboration, donations, and gifts to me individually, collectively and from the parish, I am exceedingly thankful. Hugely appreciated.

On a second note, I will be away to Nigeria from Tuesday the 18th of April to the 10th of May for holidays. This is to enable me also to attend the Golden jubilee wedding anniversary celebration of my parents: HRH Chief Innocent Adaji Unameh and Mrs. Rosemary Alami Unameh, JP, on the 29th of April 2023. Kindly keep me and the family in your prayers. God bless you.

Cancelled Event - We are sorry to announce that due to poor uptake of tickets the Parish Social Event featuring the Bus Pass Buskers on Friday 14th April has had to be cancelled. Many thanks to those who bought tickets - we will be around to give you a refund after Masses and services over Easter. If you paid using Eventbrite you will be refunded via the Eventbrite site.

Family Fun Day 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.

Mass Books Year A - this Advent will see the return in the Liturgical Calendar to Year A which means that the Mass Books that were purchased 3 years ago will be back in full use!

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



Eucharistic Ministry

Saturday, 20 May from 10 am to 12 pm: there will be a training session for all Eucharistic Ministers - old and new. This will give us an opportunity to reflect on the mission of this ministry and some practical work around where to stand, how to clean the chalice etc. This retraining is really

important and will give us all a chance to join together in spiritual reflection about the significance of the ministry. If you are over 18, a Confirmed Catholic; have a devotion to the Eucharist; feel confident in your movement around the Sanctuary and in handling the Sacred Vessels and distributing communion, then do speak to Fr Michael or Deacon Tony. After the training we will have a rite of commissioning for our special ministers of Holy Communion prior to recommencing this ministry.



Thank you to everyone who sponsored the Sacred Heart team for the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Together Abigail, Deacon Tony, Helen and Matt raised a fantastic £599 for CAFOD. This is in addition to the individual donations that people made to CAFOD's Family Fast Day and the school based fundraising this Lent. Thank you all for your generosity!



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 be able to spare an hour to volunteer to help man the refreshment stand for a time during the day, please provide your details using [this online form](#). The event runs 11am - 3pm with volunteers needed from 10am until 4pm. Moses Lutakome will be in touch with volunteers to arrange times and confirm details.

Let friends or family know about the fun day. This is a gift from the churches in Hillsborough to our community - all welcome.

2023 Holy Land Pilgrimage

Hallam Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR, Bishop of Hallam, will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16th to 23rd October 2023.

The pilgrimage departing Manchester on 16th October 2023, will include visits to The Church of the Annunciation, Mount Tabor the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus, and Capernaum, the home of St Peter.

Pilgrims can pray at The Church of the Beatitudes, visit the site of the multiplication of the loaves

and fishes at Tabgha and the Primacy of Peter site, before enjoying a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee.

After visiting the Church of the Pater Noster, pilgrims descend the Mount of Olives, via the Palm Sunday route to the Church of Dominus Flavit. St Peter's in Gallicantu, the Palace of Caiaphas, Mount Zion, St Anne's Church. The pools of Bethesda and the Chapel of the Cenacle are also included.

In Bethlehem pilgrims visit the Basilica of the Nativity: St Catherine's Church and the Shepherd's Fields. The Birthplace of John the Baptist in Ein Karim and the Church of the Visitation are also included.

Mass is offered each day at one of the locations visited.

For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc please contact:

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THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



God's Mercy Endless And The Treasury Of Compassion — Inexhaustible

In today's Gospel, we hear frequently the word "see". The disciples 'were filled with joy' when they saw the Lord (Jn 20:20). They announced excitedly to Thomas: "We have seen the Lord" (v. 25). The Gospel simply mentions one key detail: "He showed them his hands and his side". It is as if the Gospel wants to tell us that that is how the disciples recognized Jesus: through his wounds. The same thing happened to Thomas. He too wanted to see "the marks of the nails in his hands", and after seeing, he believed. After the resurrection: "Jesus Christ does not appear to his disciples without his wounds; those very wounds enabled Thomas to profess his faith" But how can we see him? Like the disciples: through his wounds. Gazing upon those wounds, the disciples understood the depth of his love, his endless mercy and the inexhaustible treasury of His compassion. Msgr. Halik adds, "Our world is full of wounds. It is my conviction that those who close their eyes to the wounds in our world have no right to say, 'My Lord and my God'.

May our Church become a 'field hospital,' a place of healing, mercy and forgiveness, and to be the source of hope for all. For Cardinal Tagle, "The wounds of Jesus are the consequences of his loving and compassionate relationship with the poor, the sick, tax collectors, women of ill repute, persons afflicted with leprosy, noisy children, outsiders and foreigners. The wounds of Jesus are the consequence of his allowing himself to be wounded as he touched the wounds of others. He was crucified because he loved these concrete persons who were themselves wounded by society and religion". It is only by drawing close to His wounds could the disciples be sent on a mission of

reconciliation and forgiveness by the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is within this context we could highlight the three core inspirations for the Gospel of Mercy and Apostolic commission:

Jesus commissions the disciples and invites us to join in the glorious band. He sends them out: "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you" (Jn 20:21), to heal and pour balm of mercy. After this, "He breathed on them and said: Receive the Holy Spirit" (Jn 20:22). For John, in a sense Easter and Pentecost are one: we receive the Holy Spirit when we experience the Risen Lord, and his love and power impels us to be compassionate to others.

May we live and proclaim the Gospel of mercy in the power of the Holy Spirit. And lastly, Jesus institutes the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain anyone's sins, they are retained" (Jn 20:23). St. Bernard reflecting on the wounds of Christ states: "Where have your love, your mercy, your compassion shone out more luminously than in your wounds, sweet, gentle Lord of mercy?" As the Scriptures says: "But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our sin, but by His wounds we are healed" (Isa 53:5). Divine Mercy! This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.

***May the Church always be a channel, an instrument and oasis of the Divine Mercy.
Amen***

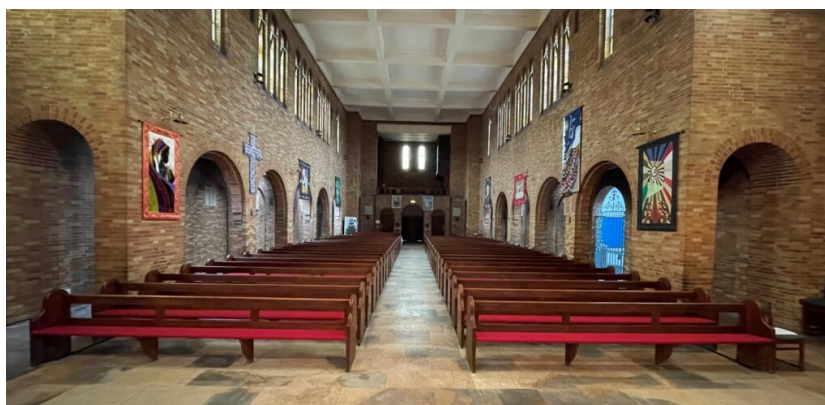


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Church Heating Fund



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.

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The Prayer Group will be meeting for prayer & reflection.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 20th April 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

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](#)

April is the month of The Holy Eucharist

O Mary Immaculate, inflame our hearts with one ray of the burning love of thy pure heart

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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