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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 9th April 2023

Easter Sunday
Halleluiah Christ is Risen!

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 10am
Service of the Passion of Jesus Christ at 3pm

Holy Saturday 8th April

Morning Prayer of the Church at 10 am
EASTER VIGIL at 7:30pm

Easter Sunday 9th April

11am - Christ is Risen Alleluia!

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 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**

Easter Offering

As is customary in England and Wales, each year Easter offerings constitute a personal offering in support of the priest. The Bishop has kindly extended this generous gesture to us all this challenging year. Below is his message to us:

"All of the collections at the Easter Celebrations will constitute the personal offerings of the faithful for their priests at Easter this year. God bless - from Bishop Ralph"

We know that times remain difficult but we would ask you to please be as generous as you are able this year in contributing towards the Easter Weekend Offertory Collections. Fr Michael continues to work hard for us and to ensure that Sacred Heart Parish is a vibrant and thriving community! Many thanks in anticipation of your continued generosity.

You can also contribute to Fr Michael's Easter Offering using Tap to Donate: [click here](#)

Prayer Intentions w/c 9th 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: *Joseph C Leach, John Maloney, Bridget Warren, Canon Michael McCoy, Catherine Woolfrey, Michael Anthony Melland, Mark Anthony Cox, Frank Heap, Dukate Fushazi, Tony Harris, Pierce O'Brien, Annie McGeehan, Bernard Murphy, Isaac Blankson, Jack Cade, Ethel Gregory, John Kelly, Anna O'Connor and the 97 Liverpool Fans who died in the Hillsborough Disaster.*

May they rest in peace.

Our Parishioner Kay Langan has sadly passed away. The funeral 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:

Sunday 26th March 2023 - Baskets £330

Sunday 2nd April

Baskets TBC

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

The Basket Collection for the Missionary Appeal for the 'Spiritans' raised £274.63.
Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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)



Alleluia! Christ is Risen, Indeed!

Significance of Easter: "Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers." Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons:

The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (I Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles.

Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..." (Jn 11:25-26).

Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have triumphed over the grave and you have won new life for us. Give me the eyes of faith to see you in your glory. Help me to draw near to you and to grow in the knowledge of your great love and power.

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.

[Click Here to Donate](#)

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](#)

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