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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 16th July 2023

15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday 15th July - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

Sunday 16th July - 11:00am - Maria Farrington

Monday 17th July - Without Congregation

Tuesday 18th July - Without Congregation

Wednesday 12th July - With Congregation - 10am Mass in Church

Thursday 20th July - With Congregation - 9:15am Leaving Mass for Geraldine Slaney - St. Apollinaris

Friday 21st July - Without Congregation - St. Laurence of Brindisi

Saturday 22nd July - Without Congregation - St. Mary Magdalene

Children's Liturgy

Join us for Children's Liturgy 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 an 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 16th July

For the Sick:

We pray for all those who are sick, that God may grant them health and strength. We remember Mary Ahern, Barbara Beatson, Pip Carrington, Fr Michael O'Connor, Wesley, Sonia Holland, Robert Ains-worth, Ann Saunders, Leah, Emma, Paige, Kevin Noone, Isaac Achemu, Loretta Carr & Catherine Bartlett.

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
*Mark McCluskie, Patrick Wiseman, Roseline Eshet Eddie, Patrick Donlon, Martin Casy, Ronald Brown,
 Jo Renshaw, Antoinette Devaney, Joseph McCluskie, John Rotsey - Smith, Margaret Hudson,
 Christine Fearn, Philomena Scarpa, Michael Finnerty, Lexie Park, Mother Marcelle of Jesus, Bridget
 Bright,
 Ada Staniforth, John Walter Sands and Annie Lloyd.*
May they rest in peace.

Tap to Donate



Church and Presbytery Security

Over the past several months we have been trying to improve the security of both church and presbytery. You may be aware that Fr Michael's car was broken into and recently there was an intruder who entered the house while Fr Michael was away and Fr Andrew was deputising. We have installed a Eufy security doorbell, enabled many of the internal doors to be locked and installed some other security aids. One issue we need to address is the number of keys to the presbytery and church which are in circulation.

Clearly there are a few parishioners and personnel who need a key to the church/presbytery for very good reasons, but this should be kept to an absolute minimum and only by arrangement with Fr Michael. Therefore if you are in possession of a key to the church or presbytery would you please return it as soon as possible or talk to Fr Michael. You can pop it through the letter box in the back door of the presbytery, give it to Fr Michael, Deacon Tony or one of the stewards at Mass. Many thanks

Offertory Collection:

Standing Orders received in June, approximately £2,150.00

Baskets

2nd July 2023 - Baskets: £408.86

9th July 2023 - Baskets: TBC

Tap to donate:

2nd July 2023 - £30 offertory, £4 Mass books, £5 church heating

9th July 2023 - £31 offertory

Thank you very much for your generosity.

PARISH NOTICES

The Parish accounts have now been published for 2022 and are available to view on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

Cleaning Squad

The next regular monthly clean of the church will take place on SATURDAY, 29th JULY between 9.30 and 11.30am. Please come along to help if you can. With a good sized team, the church is spick and span in just over an hour! Newcomers are always welcome.

Teas & Coffees after Mass

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! **A few more helpers are needed** with Sunday teas. Please see or contact Gerard Strain on 07704251924.

SVP

if you are sick, elderly, lonely and you would like to be visited by a member of the SVP, please contact Fr Michael via the Presbytery Number: 0114 234358 or text SVP on 07342362226.

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.

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

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

Check out the [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).



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



The Reception of God's Word

What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Like the rabbis of his time, Jesus very frequently used parables - short stories and images taken from everyday life - to convey hidden truths about the kingdom of God. Like a skilful artist, Jesus sketched memorable pictures with short and simple words.

What can the parable about seeds and roots teach us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The Scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8; Psalm 1:3).

Jesus' parable of the Sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else.

Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is always willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word? What can make us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.

One lesson from this parable is clear: the harvest is sure to come. While some seed will fall by the wayside and some fall on shallow ground and never come to maturity, and some be choked to death by the thorns; nonetheless a harvest will come. The seed that falls on good soil, on the heart that is receptive, will reap abundant fruit. God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience?

Lord Jesus, faith in your word is the way to wisdom, and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open my eyes to your deeds, and my ears to the sound of your call, that I may understand your will for my life and live according to it.

Amen

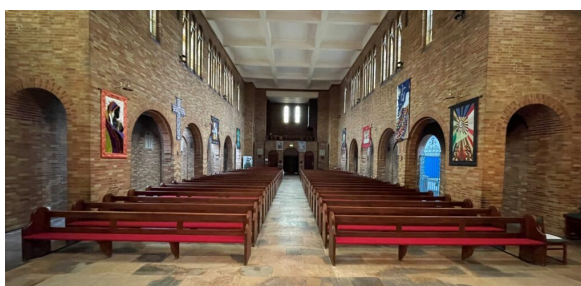


If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donations to Sacred Heart by 25%, simply by completing a Gift Aid Declaration. Through the Gift Aid scheme, the government gives the church 25p for every £1 you donate.

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.

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The Prayer Group will be meeting for prayer & reflection.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 20th July starting at 7.30pm.**

[Click Here to Join](#)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVFODThLcHYwLzIRSVUwK2IybjZHU09>
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

July is the month of The Most Precious Blood

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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