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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 2nd July 2023

13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday 1st July - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - Ann Gaughan

Sunday 2nd July - Mass - Cajetan Ihefobi (RIP)

Monday 3rd. July - Without Congregation - St Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday 4th July - With Congregation - 8am Kirkedge Monastery, High Bradfield

Wednesday 5th July - With Congregation - 10am in Church - St. Elizabeth of Portugal - Mary Donnelly (Anniversary)

Thursday 6th July - Without Congregation - St Maria Gorreti, M

Friday 7th July - With Congregation - 8am Kirkedge Monastery, High Bradfield - Fr Bronek (Anniversary)

Saturday - Without Congregation - The Blessed Virgin Mary

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**

Congratulations: Light Nwanneka Anthony was baptised this weekend. Congrats to the family.

Prayer Intentions w/c 2nd 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 Ainsworth, Ann Saunders, Leah, Emma, Paige, Kevin Noone, Isaac Achemu, Loretta Carr & Catherine Bartlett. May God bring them healing mercies.

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For the Dead:

Please pray for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ron James, Maureen Mogan, Eleanor Baker, Tom O'Connor, Ellen Ward, Alice Selwood, Margaret Cotton, Anthony Baxter, Jim Oxley, Winifred Raynes, George Witczek, Mary Donnelly, Ellen Franklin, Freda Taylor, Anne Womack, Tom Green, Jean Marasco, John Stanley, John Edward Caborn, Maureen Taylor and Fr Bronek.

May they rest in peace.

The Book of Remembrance will be on display next weekend for us all to add and include the names of any deceased family or friend.

Tap to Donate

Offertory Collection:

Standing Orders received in May, approximately £2,150.00

Baskets

18th June 2023 - Baskets: £300.47

25th June 2023 - Baskets: £326.39

Tap to donate:

18th June 2023 - £120 offertory, £54 Mass books, £35 church heating

25th June 2023 - £95 offertory, £24 Mass books.

Our World Food Day Collection raised **£223.30** towards the next set of Mass Books!

Thanks to everyone who attended and for all the donations.



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

PARISH NOTICES

Congratulations to Chiedozie Ogbene: Premier League newcomers Luton Town have signed Republic of Ireland winger Chiedozie Ogbene from Rotherham United. Ogbene, 26, becomes the Hatters' first signing of the summer and will join on 1 July when his current contract ends. Nigeria-born Ogbene became the first player born in Africa to represent Ireland when he made his debut in June 2021 and has gone on to score four goals in 15 international games. He began his professional career at Cork City and played for Limerick before joining Brentford in 2017. After a spell on loan at Exeter City, he joined Rotherham in 2019 where he made 136 appearances in four seasons, scoring 14 goals. Chiedozie has been a parishioner at the Sacred Heart, Hillsborough for a couple of years now. We wish him well in this new endeavour!

Sacred Heart Celebrations - World Food Day: we celebrated our feast month in style this year and what better way to end it than coming together to share dishes of food prepared by our parishioners celebrating our diversity: from Fr Michael's renowned chicken jalfrezi; an amazing selection of dishes from the Philippines and Africa..... to quintessentially English scones, jam and cream! Many thanks to all who prepared and brought food. And a special thanks to Ray and the Team for organising such a wonderful occasion.

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! **A few more helpers are needed with Sunday teas during May and June. 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 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).

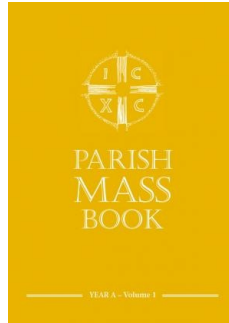


Are you able to help with some clearing?

On Saturday 1st July we will have a very large skip in the presbytery yard. This is to enable us to clear the garden of a lot of plant and shrub debris as well as clutter from the attic in the house. There is an awful lot of material to deal with! If we can muster a team together, then we can complete this task hopefully in a morning! Please come along if you are able, even half an hour would help. Thanks very much.

Please help to support the newly formed Friends of Sacred Heart - a parents group working to raise funds and organise social events for the school. The summer fair is open to all the community - please spread the word far and wide!





MASS BOOKS YEAR A

We are very grateful that thanks to a very generous donation, we were able to purchase a set of Mass Books for the second half of Liturgical Year A. These books run from this week until the Feast of Christ the King which is the last Sunday of the year before Advent. Currently, we do not have Mass Books for the other 2 Liturgical Years (a total of 4 separate books) and, of course, would like to be able to purchase these. If we buy 200 books, they cost **£4 each**.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of books that would be wonderful! **You can put cash in an envelope clearly marked Mass Books or [donate online - click here](#) or using the tablet at the back of church.**

Many thanks for this continued generosity!

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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Preparing people to lead extraordinary lives

An Opportunity to Deepen Your faith and respond to Your Baptismal Calling

The diocese is looking for participants to join the Loyola University Certificate in Pastoral Ministry which begins in September. The customized certificate consists of ten six-week modules delivered in an online format allowing participants the freedom and flexibility of study in their own home. Participants need to be serious about their own faith development, willing to serve in the local church and have competent computer skills. There will be an informal hybrid meeting for anyone who would like more information at the Hallam Pastoral Centre on 4 July at 7:00 PM. To book a place or to find out more please email your details to formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com

THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



To Find Our Lives

The liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the humblest among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church.

We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life.

The common theme of today's readings is the witnessing mission given to Christ's followers to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment in humble service, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works (acts) of mercy (charity).

Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behaviour expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behaviour expected of others towards the disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones," (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

Jesus emphasizes the supreme importance of following Him wholeheartedly, even if it means putting Him above family relationships. He challenges His disciples to prioritize their commitment to Him above all else.

We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunammite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others—not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned—as we receive Christ Himself. We need to be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him in them, especially those in whom we least expect to find Him. We, as individuals and as a community, are to look for opportunities to be hospitable—and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality. Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger – or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than the sending of checks for charitable causes is the giving of ourselves to people, primarily in the way we think about them, for from that spring will flow the ways we speak to them and about them, forgive their failings, encourage them, show them respect, console them, and offer them help. Such generosity reflects warmth radiating from the very love of God.

*Lord, no eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has conceived the things you have prepared for those who love you. Set us ablaze with the fire of the Holy Spirit, that we may love you in and above all things and so receive the rewards you have promised us through Christ our Lord. **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 Prayer Group will be meeting for prayer & reflection.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 6th July 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](#)

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](#)

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