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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 30th July 2023

17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday 29th July - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - Ann Pendington

Sunday 16th July - 11:00am - Barry Parker

Monday 24th July - Without Congregation - St. Ignatius Loyola

Tuesday 25th July - Without Congregation - St. Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori

Wednesday 26th July - With Congregation - 10am In Church - James Marsden

Thursday 27th July - Without Congregation - St. Oswald

Friday 28th July - Without Congregation - St. John Mary Vianney

Saturday 29th July - Without Congregation - The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major & The Blessed Virgin Mary

Children's Liturgy

No Children's Liturgy this Sunday - the team are taking a break over the summer. **Interested in getting involved?** Speak with Fr Michael after Mass. 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 30th 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 Bartlet.

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 Holland, Rudolf Macko, John Donlon, Martin Strain, James Marsden, Patrick Judge, Sadie Horton, Olive Purdy, Patricia Abdulla, Nora Owens and Josie Unwin.

May they rest in peace.

Please pray for Pete Holland's brother, Mark, who died earlier this week. Please keep Pete and all the family in your prayers. May God grant Mark eternal rest.

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

Offertory Collection:

Standing Orders received in June, approximately £2,150.00

9th July 2023 - Baskets: £376.73

16th July 2023 - Baskets: TBC

Tap to donate:

9th July 2023 - £31 offertory

16th July 2023 - £56 offertory, £5 Heating

The retiring collection for **Sea Sunday** raised £143.90.

Thank you very much for your generosity.

Tap to Donate



CONGRATULATIONS to PETE HOLLAND

We are delighted to announce that Pete has completed the first year of his journey towards becoming a Deacon and has now been accepted on to the Permanent Diaconate Formation Programme.

Pete has taken part in a rigorous application process followed by a year of prayer, study and discernment and he will now begin 3 years of academic study and pastoral training. To mark the

occasion for Pete and the other successful candidates on the programme, a Mass for Candidacy to the Permanent Diaconate will take place at **BLESSED ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH in ASKERN** on the **7th September 2023 at 7pm**.

The Mass will be presided over by Bishop Ralph, Fr Michael (as Director of Deacons) and Fr Sixtus the Parish Priest. It would be wonderful for Pete if members of our parish were able to attend the Mass. Your support would be very much appreciated! Please keep Pete and his family in your prayers.

PARISH NOTICES

March for Life 2023 March For Life UK happens in London on Saturday 2nd September. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it is often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. For further information please call Rachel on 07368297872.

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 this **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!

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.

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 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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SAVTE **Carmel Care Centre**

Conversation Group
Carmel Care Centre
(Women only)
Starting Monday April 24th!

Practise speaking English for FREE in a welcoming and friendly conversation group for women.

Mondays
10:30am - 12:00am

Carmel Care Centre,
172 Dykes Hall Road
Hillsborough
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For more details call or message:
Janet on 07927 657462 or
Kerry on 07593 736770

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THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



The Surpassing Treasure of God's Kingdom

Today's readings teach us that Faith in Jesus as our God and Saviour and sacrificing everything in life to do the will of God are equivalent to discovering and possessing the most valuable treasure or the pearl of great price. In other words, keeping a personal relationship with Jesus, remaining in a state of grace, and sharing his view of life are the most beautiful and the most precious things in the world.

In the Gospel, a man finds a treasure hidden in the field and this causes him to do what is necessary to make it his own. But to make it his own, he sells all he has; he has complete faith that this treasure and this field are worth giving up everything. What are we willing to give up acquiring life in the Kingdom? Giving up everything doesn't mean we must sell all our possessions, but it does mean entering an exchange that may be even more difficult to do. The exchange is simply this: give up everything that impedes your relationship with Christ and exchange it for complete commitment to Him.

Making that complete commitment to Christ will involve honestly looking at the spiritual life one is living and quite possibly involve radical changes and sustained effort. Courage, trust, discipline, and perseverance are needed to acquire that land beyond any price that can be named . . . The Kingdom of Heaven. But unless the infinite value of the Kingdom is discerned, is understood, then the actions, commitment and effort involved to obtain it will fall short. The more valuable something is, the higher the price and the greater effort needed to obtain it. This is true in real estate and is true, to a much greater degree, for the field with treasure in it.

Jesus teaches us that God's Kingdom, is something of extraordinary value, like a hidden treasure or a costly pearl. Possessing that treasure demands from us a total commitment if we are to preserve it. The Kingdom of God is God's reign in our hearts, in our lives, in our homes, in our society, and in our world. Only those who develop a searching mind and a heart willing to give up everything for the great treasure of God's Kingdom will be rewarded.

We should live every moment in view of our precious goal. Most of the time, we are chasing false treasures such as money, social status, or worldly pleasures.

We need to take all precautions to keep our greatest treasure safe: We will be able to keep safe the treasure of our personal relationship with Jesus by accepting him every day as our God and Saviour, by allowing God to have total control over our lives through our loving obedience to His will, by asking Him daily for the strengthening and guidance of His Holy Spirit.

*His Kingdom beckons us now, Let's make a fresh vow and enter in. **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 taking a break in August.

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 7th September starting at 7.30pm.**

A new structure for the Prayer Meeting will be adopted in September. Further details on this will be published in during August.

[Click Here to Join](#)

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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