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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 9th July 2023

14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday 8th July - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - Fr Bronco

Sunday 9th July - Mass - Qiu Bai Li Family

Monday 10th July - Without Congregation

Tuesday 11th July - Without Congregation - St Benedict

Wednesday 12th July - Please note no Mass today

Thursday 13th July - Without Congregation - St Henry

Friday 14th July - Without Congregation - St Camillus de Ellis

Saturday - Without Congregation - St Bonaventure

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 9th 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.

For the Dead:

Please pray for all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Margaret Booth, George McKeown, Thomas Green, Pat Heap, Bruce Kelly, Jane Page, George Rodgers, John Caulton, Maud Emerson, Raymond Miles, Martin Donlon, Margaret Eyre, Mary Caudwell, Richard Woolfrey, Gladys Crookes, Margaret Wright, Judith Eggleston, Agnes Hallam, Frank Holland, Dorothy Holden, Alice Hinshelwood, Jean Hynd, Michael West, Winifred Clarkson, John Turnbull, Ray Cashin, Oswald Doyle and Frank Flynn.*

May they rest in peace.

Tap to Donate

Offertory Collection:

Standing Orders received in June, approximately £2,150.00

Baskets

2nd July 2023 - Baskets: £408.86

Tap to donate:

2nd July 2023 - £tbc offertory, £tbc Mass books, £tbc church heating

The retiring collection for the The Holy See raised **£102.25**.

Thank you very much for your generosity.



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

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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.

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

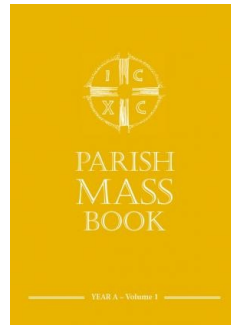
The Carmel Care Centre welcomes all members of the community to join us weekly on a Tuesday and Wednesday for lunch and activities, we are a caring and welcoming group with plenty of space for new members. To find out more please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email Janet at jkent@hallam-diocese.com. 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).





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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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)



The Sweet Yoke of Jesus

What does the yoke of Jesus refer to in the Gospel (Matthew 11:29)? The Jews used the image of a yoke to express submission to God. They spoke of the yoke of the law, the yoke of the commandments, the yoke of the kingdom, the yoke of God. Jesus says his yoke is "easy". The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting". Yokes were tailor-made to fit the oxen well. We are commanded to put on the "sweet yoke of Jesus" and to live the "heavenly way of life and happiness".

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a "meek" Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty.

In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit," and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the "Spirit" as opposed to the "flesh." In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those "who labour and are burdened" if they will accept his "easy yoke and light burden." By declaring that his "yoke is light," Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus' claim is: "My burden is light." Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that

it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Jesus humbled himself to lift us out of our misery and slavery to sin to raise us up to glory with him and the Father. Jesus came not to bruise the weak but to heal, to pardon and not to condemn, to restore us to abundant life by defeating sin, Satan, and death. It was love for his eternal Father and for each one of us that motivated Jesus to humble himself to death on the cross to rescue us from slavery to sin and death. The Lord Jesus shows us the true path of love and victory, freedom and joy, through the cross that defeated pride and hatred, greed and selfishness, guilt and condemnation.

We need to unload our burdens on the Lord. This "unloading" is the main purpose of our personal and family prayers and is one of the functions of Divine Worship in the Church. During our daily prayers in the evening, we ask God's forgiveness for the sins and failures of day and receive the consoling assurance that we are reconciled with God and our fellow human beings. During the Holy Mass in our parish Church, we place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to cool down the overheated radiators of our hectic lives. We also unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God during the Holy Mass.

We need to be freed from unnecessary burdens: Jesus lays the light burden of his commandment of love on us and yokes us with himself, giving us his strength through the Holy Spirit to fulfill that commandment. Jesus is also interested in lifting off our backs the burdens that suck the life out of us, so that he can place around our necks his own yoke that brings to us and to others through us, new life, new energy, and new joy. We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment, and rest for ourselves, but also to live the kind of life through which others, too, may find God's peace, God's refreshing grace, and the joy of placing their lives in God's hands.

*Lord Jesus, give me the child-like simplicity and purity of faith to gaze upon your face with joy and confidence in your all-merciful love. Remove every doubt, fear, and proud thought which would hinder me from receiving your word with trust and humble submission. **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 13th 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

For services throughout the week we strongly recommend Church Services TV. The link is below:

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