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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Times & Intentions

Mass Information w/c 6th August 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday 5th August - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - Derek and Rita Kaye - For Health
Sunday 6th August - 11:00am - People of the Parish
Monday 7th August - Without Congregation - St. Sixtus II Pope & Companions and St. Cajetan
Tuesday 8th August - Without Congregation - St. Dominic
Wednesday 9th August - No Mass Today - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Thursday 10th August - Without Congregation - St. Laurence
Friday 11th August - Without Congregation - St. Clare
Saturday 12th August - Without Congregation - St. Jane Frances de Chantal and 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 7th August

For the Sick:

We pray for all those who are sick, that God may grant them health and strength. We remember: *Mary Ahern, Barbara Beaton, 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 **Barry Parker** and all who have died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Harry Hibbert, Gerald Dawson, Christopher Smith, Thomas Reed Scott, Elizabeth Johnson, Alex Barker, Phyllipa Robinson, Annie Maunsell, Janet Hakin, Edward Cashin, William Cummins, Zigmunt Gegnielwicz, Eileen Vickers, Teresa Whitehouse, Lawrence Finn, Antonio Fergione, Mary Anne McGowan, Gary Wilkinson, Margaret Bessler, Patricia Murphy and Fr Bill O'Gorman.

May they rest in peace.

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

Offertory Collection:

Standing Orders received in July, approximately £2,136.00

16th July 2023 - Baskets: £297.90
23rd July 2023 - Baskets: £297.96

Tap to donate:

16th July 2023 - £56 offertory, £5 Heating
23rd July 2023 - £60 offertory

Thank you very much for your generosity.

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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.

Congratulations to Shradha Catherine Shaiju and Nila Shine who are receiving first holy communion at this Sunday's mass. May God strengthen their faith and their families. Amen

New Noticeboard!



Thanks to Malc, John and the Finance Premises team for organising a new noticeboard to reflect the weekend Masses and to help direct visitors to website for weekly Mass times.

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 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.

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.

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.

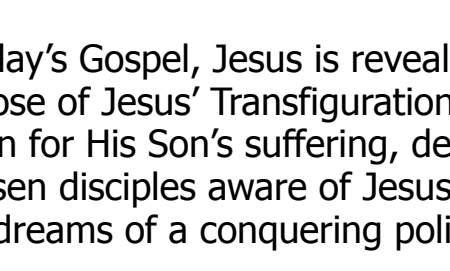
In Bethlehem pilgrims visit the Basilica of the Nativity: St Catherine's Church and the Shepherd's Fields. The Birthplace of John the Baptist in Ein Karim and the Church of the Visitation are also included.

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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THE EVIDENCE OF GRACE

(Fr. Michael's Homily)



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Today's feast marks a pivotal moment in Christ's earthly ministry: the manifestation of His radiant glory to Saints Peter, James, and John in the presence of the Old Testament figures of Moses and Elijah. As the Catechism explains, "Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary." (CCC 568).

In the Transfiguration account in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult his Heavenly Father to ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial.

Ultimately, the Transfiguration was meant to prepare the apostles and all faithful Christians for the life of glory. Christ promises to glorify both the souls and the bodies of all those who live and believe in Him. While we are on this earth, we begin to share in the life of God through His grace.

Yet our souls remain weakened because of sin. Our bodies are subjected to sickness, injury, and death. How comforting is the thought of a glorified soul and a glorified body. Even now, the souls of the blessed experience this glory as they see God face to face and contemplate His goodness. At the general resurrection, the bodies of the just will also be glorified. While we can scarcely begin to anticipate what this life will be like, Peter, James, and John were given a brief glimpse of it on the holy mountain.

I am invited to listen to Jesus, and Jesus manifests himself, and by his Transfiguration he invites us to gaze at him. And looking at Jesus purifies our eyes and prepares them for eternal life, for the vision of heaven.

This Feast of the Transfiguration is a perfect opportunity to contemplate the "things that are above." (Col 3:1) This life, with all its joys and sorrows, its beauty and ugliness, its triumphs, and its defeats, lasts for a blink of an eye in comparison with eternity. The Lord offers all of us the opportunity to be transfigured one day, as He was on the holy mountain, if only we truly follow Him. If we do so, on the glorious day of our resurrection, we shall all say: "Lord, it is good that we are here!"

You were transfigured on the Mountain, O Christ God, showing Your Disciples as much of Your glory as they could hold. Let Your eternal light shine also upon us sinners, through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Giver of Light, glory to You. Amen

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 month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
<https://www.salvemariaregina.info/Prayers/August.html>

PRAYER MEETING

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

August is the month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary

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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