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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 10th December 2023

The Second Sunday of Advent



Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 9th December - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

The Rosary before Mass at 6pm

Sunday 10th December- 11:00am Mass - ***Second Sunday of Advent***

Paul Robert Zahui & Marilyn McLoughlin

Monday 11th December- With Congregation - 8am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery - St Damasus

Tuesday 12th December - With Congregation - 8am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Wednesday 13th December - No Mass - St Lucy

Thursday 14th December - No Mass - St John of the Cross

Friday 15th December - With Congregation - 8am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery

Saturday 16th December - With Congregation - 8am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will take place during Sunday Mass. Whether you're new to children's liturgy or have been many times before, please check our webpage for details.

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:

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 10th December 2023

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, Mike Nadin & 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: Agnes Beatson, Ivy Palmer, Sylvia O'Connell, William Donlan, Catherine Winks, Kitty Firth, Nora Dore, Nellie McNamara, Emma Wilmott, Julia Mary Flynn (Senior), Catherine Delaney, Lorraine McVeigh, Bridget Woodhams, Ann Hunt, Joan Greenhough, Thomas Nicholson, Pauline Taylor, Martha Annie Hunt, John Edward Parker, Bryan Butcher, Eladia Shepherd, Bridie Kinsella, Donald Gordon, Margaret Ibbotson, Deborah Cohen, Ron Long, Josephine Howe and Gerry Ruane.

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection:

Baskets Collections:

19th November 2023 - £399.85

26th November 2023 - £467.88

3rd December 2023 - £210.48

Tap to donate:

3rd December 2023 - £85 Offertory

The retiring collection for RETIRED CLERGY raised £157.39.

Thank you very much for for your generosity.

The average monthly standing orders for January - September were £2,138.44 per month.

If you are able, please consider setting up a regular or monthly donation.
You can set-up a standing order with your bank or by using our tap-to-donate system:

Standing Order / Bank Transfer

You can make a donation or set up a standing order directly to our bank account using the details below. You can do this through your online/mobile banking or by asking in your bank branch.

Sort Code: 40-41-07
Account Number: 21094319

Tap to Donate Online

You can set-up a regular offertory donation using our Tap to Donate system (powered by Give a Little) in a couple of clicks from your phone, computer or tablet.

You can Gift Aid your donation by ticking the box when you donate. Please be assured that the card processing (Sum Up) is the same that is used by businesses across the UK to safely process card payments and it is bank grade secure.

In whatever way you support and donate, thank you very much for your generosity.

Tap to Donate

GIFT AID

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/>



Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Our local partners are actively responding and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need. As the conflict enters its ninth week, we are now also asking all parishes to do what they can to support our [Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal](#). Food, water and fuel are in increasingly short supply. Families need urgent help.

If you can, please donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

PARISH NOTICES

Cleaning Squad Christmas Clean

The trusty team of bucketeers will be taking up their mops and marigolds to give the church its Christmas clean this **SATURDAY. 9TH DECEMBER** from 9.30 to 11.30. Trees will also be decorated at this time. Please come along and help us to 'spruce' up our place of worship at this very special time. If you aren't able to come along at this time but you would like to help, you could donate some heavy duty black bin bags or some floor cleaning fluid which are always needed. Many thanks.

School Christmas Fair

We are very grateful to the school and Friends of Sacred Heart for letting us have stalls at the Fair. We raised £176.50 on the day. So, many, many thanks to those who donated the unused gifts, toys and cakes, and, we still have some things left and so we will be selling in the hall after Mass for the next 2 Sundays up to Christmas. Please come and support us and maybe get the gift you have been looking for! All the proceeds are being donated to this year's Advent Charity - The Rustenburg Project. Sr Maire will be happy to take further donations for this and, of course, explain to you what the money will be spent on. THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Parish Christmas Children's Disco – Sunday 17th December 2023. The disco is now **sold out** - thanks for everyone's support!

After 'The Letter' - Parish Proposed Action Plans

On Saturday 11th of November 2023 'The Letter' movie was screened in the Parish Hall. At the end of the movie, we spent time thinking about what actions we can take as a parish to look after our common home. Please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information

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!

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).

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St Wilfrid's Centre - Christmas Concert December 13th at 7pm

This will be a mix of Christmas Carols for everyone to join in with and a number of songs to listen to, performed by Sheffield Folk Chorale. The last concert they performed for St Wilfrid's Centre was excellent and everyone who attended said it was a really enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be served at the interval. Tickets are selling fast (see website for link to Yapsody), so don't miss out on the opportunity to join us for an enjoyable evening and the opportunity to support our work with vulnerable, isolated and homeless adults across the whole of South Yorkshire.

There is also a poster on the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information.

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.

St Vincent's Furniture Project

St Vincent's Furniture Project (the Furniture Store) has been helping locally in Sheffield for 36 years. We urgently need beds furniture and household equipment such as crockery, and bedding that is clean and in reasonable condition. We aim to provide decent living conditions for people who are often in desperate need. We collect and deliver the donated items for free, and we change lives. In the longer term might you be able to help us by volunteering, or with a standing order donation. You can make all the difference. Can you help? Reach us on 0114 270 3990 and www.svp.org.uk/sheffield-furniture-store Thank you!

Carmel Care needs Volunteers

Do you have a couple of hours to spare each week? Would you like to join our welcoming friendly team at Carmel Care? We are looking for volunteers who can help us serve lunch and chat to our guests.

For more information please contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

Free Wellbeing Course for Women

A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you. Starting for six weekly sessions from Wednesday 22nd November 2023 online at 10am.

Join us to explore;

Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time to benefit our health and well-being. Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience. Being more assertive and setting boundaries, communicating more effectively at home and work. Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you. Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in your life. Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions! For more information and to book in please contact

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024

The 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Ralph, will take place from Friday 28th June to Thursday 4th July 2024.

Further information is available at the back of the church and booking forms can also be downloaded from the pilgrimage website www.hallam-lourdes.com

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

We will be following a 4 week cycle, which includes an excellent new Bible Study course on the 4th Thursday of the month.

- 1st Thursday - Rosary
- 2nd Thursday - Lectio Divina
- 3rd Thursday - Evening Prayer
- 4th Thursday - Bible Study

Join us for the next meeting on **Thursday 14th of December starting at 7.30pm for 30-45min of prayer via zoom** (***Please note that there is a waiting room and you will be let in once the meeting starts***).

[Click Here to Join](#)

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9210301020?pwd=MVF0dThLcHYwLzlRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

If you wish to dial in using your phone please use one of the numbers below and use the meeting ID.

+44 208 080 6592; +44 330 088 5830; +44 131 460 1196; +44 203 481 5237; +44 203 901 7895;
+44 208 080 6591.

Meeting ID: 921 030 1020

Information on how to join a zoom meeting can be found here: <https://zoom.us/> under resources or support.

Prayer Resources for Download

A number of resources are available for download. Please click on the buttons below.

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

December is the month of The Divine Infancy

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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