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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 31st December 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 30th December - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - People of the Parish
(The Rosary before Mass at 6pm)
Sunday 31st December - 11:00am - Feast of the Holy Family (Thanksgiving)
Monday 1st January 2024 - New Year's Day - 11:00am - Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)
Tuesday 2nd January - With Congregation - 8:00am Kirk Edge Monastery
Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Wednesday 3rd January - No Mass
Thursday 4th January - With Congregation - 8:00am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery
Friday 5th January - With Congregation - 8:00am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery
Saturday 6th January - With Congregation - 8:00am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery

No Children's Liturgy

We just wanted to let you know that Children's Liturgy is taking a break over Christmas. We'll be back in touch soon with all the dates for Children's Liturgy running in the New Year. 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 31st 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:
William Shuck, Michael Faulkner, Madelaine Roche, Robert Hinshelwood, John Gibson, Winifred Fagan, Agnes Burley, Fr Foley, Scott Ralston, Jim Smith, Carmel McKenzie, Angelo di Mauro, Anthony Martin, Mark Jarwick, Jean Croft, Mae Rainsford, Agnes and Hugh Hynd, Evelyn Bradwell, Kathleen Birnie, Josie Maloney-Greaves, Cornelio Poblete, Mary Barry, Martha Brown, Mollie Littler, Andrew Varley, Charlie Lally, Spiridion Mizzi, Margaret Keable, Benjamin Leeroy James, Leslie Longden, Theresa Jackson, Wilfred Robinson, Gerard Young, Margery Melland and Christopher Walker

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 friends

In Gratitude

This is to thank all parishioners for their active and devoted participations during the Advent and Christmas season.

With heartfelt gratitude, I want to appreciate the dependable Choir and instrumentalists, reliable Altar servers, formidable team of stewards and welcomers, gracious altar decorators and helpers, dedicated readers, the children's liturgy team, SVP, the generous teas and coffees team, joyous cleaning team, ardent Eucharistic ministers, indefatigable finance and premises committee and resilient parish pastoral council.

We are a thriving parish because you give your all, talents, time, and resources. Thank You!

To the 'Happy, Chatty, brotherly Pangolins' Koinonia: faith commune over a pint. Thank you for the fruitfulness.

And thank you all for your great many gifts at Christmas. I am humbled and eternally grateful for your love and kindness.

May 2024 be a more exciting and fruitful year for us as a parish.
(Fr. MAU).

Offertory Collections

24th December 2023

Baskets

Offertory - £303.50

Tap To Donate

Offertory - £195.00
Heating Fund - £160.00

Many thanks for your generosity.

**The average monthly value of standing orders for the
1st January - 30th November 2023 was £2,144.00 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/>



The Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation for Confirmation 2024

Bishop Ralph Heskett will come to Sacred Heart Church to confirm candidates on Saturday 18th of May 2024 during the 6.30pm Mass. We would very much like to offer our young people in Year 9 and 10 (13/14-16 years old) the opportunity to prepare for this sacrament. Sessions are scheduled to start on 21st of February 2024. A registration form can be found on the parish website or by contacting Petra Klompenhouwer, one of the catechists on youthshc@gmail.com.



Cleaning Squad - The next regular monthly clean of the church will take place on Saturday, 6th January between 9.30 and 11.30am. At this time we will be taking down the Christmas trees and decorations and cleaning as well. 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.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Family Disco - Thank you to everyone who came to the disco, this was a wonderful celebration - we hoped you enjoyed it too. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped with preparation, crafts and running things on the night. We also raised almost £200 for the Parish. 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

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 Janet Kent on 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

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 4th January 2024 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.

The Christmas-Epiphany Season

<https://www.salvemariaregina.info/Prayers/Christmas-Epiphany.html#Index>

Prayer Resources for Download

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

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

January is the month of the Holy Name

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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

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