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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 21st January 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 20th January 2024 - 6:30pm - Vigil Mass - People of the Parish
(The Rosary before Mass at 6pm)
Sunday 21st January - 11:00am - Sunday of the Word of God
Jim and Mary Connor (in Thanksgiving)
Monday 22nd January - **No** 8am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery - St Vincent
Tuesday 23rd January - **No** 8am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery -
Wednesday 24th January - With Congregation - 10:00am in Church - St Francis de Sales
David James Green
Thursday 25th January - Conversion of St Paul - Prayer intention for David James Green
Friday 26th January - St Timothy and St Titus - Prayer intention for Mary Groark
Saturday 27th January - **No** 8am Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery - St Angela Merici

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 21st January 2024

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: *Seamus Donaghey, Mary Green, Anthony Winterbottom, Kieran Bermingham, Carol Nicholson, Rosemary Beech, Elsie Simonite, Sheila Ward, Helen Hughes, Julia Mary Flynn; Frederick Askham, Minnie Dearing, Ernest Tingle, Rose Murray, Gerard Finnigan, Patrick Keoghan, Aberilda Cade, Kate Dunn, Kay Perks, David Green, Madeleine Somers, Ann Hutton, Catherine Sharp, Frances Tingle, Mary Groark, Stephen Hunter, Sheila Cauldwell, John Thomas Sands, Mary O'Hagan, Mary Kelly, Josephine Lewis, John Clements and Patricia Hartley.*

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection:

Baskets:

7th January 2023 - £473.99

14th January 2023 - £352.70

Tap to donate:

14th January 2023 - £136.00

The Retiring Collection for SPUC - The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's White Flower Appeal 2024 raised £182.97

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.**

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/>



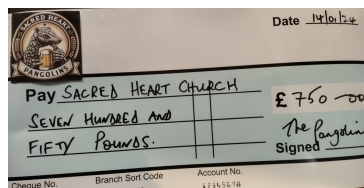
A big thank you to the members of the Pangolin Brotherhood.

The Pangolin Brotherhood consists of men (over 18) from the parish who meet up on the first Friday of the month for a get together at the Pangolin bar in Hillsborough from 3pm onwards.

Although the emphasis is on the social aspect of responsible drinking and the bonding that goes with it, over the past year they have been raising funds towards the purchase of the new Lectionary and last Sunday, a cheque for £750 was presented to Father Michael.

The new Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England, Wales and Scotland from Advent 2024.

The Brotherhood is open to new members so if you're interested in joining us please enquire.



PARISH NOTICES

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The week of prayer for Christian Unity starts from 18th-25th January. There will be an hour-long launch event for this national week of prayer at Hillsborough Baptist Church, Taplin Road, on Thursday 18th January at 7:30pm to which all are invited.

This Sunday the 21st of January there will be a 3-minute slideshow presentation that will be shown in all the congregations during this week for us to thank God for and pray for our Christian sisters and brothers in Hillsborough.

Quarterly Memorial Mass

So that we can regularly pray for our deceased relatives, friends and parishioners there will be a dedicated Mass every 3 months. At this Mass we will remember especially those names which people listed in the November Dead List Envelopes in addition to all the names written in our Book of Remembrance and those whose remains are interred in our Memorial Garden. The first of these dedicated Masses will be on Monday, 5th February at 6pm.

Cleaning Squad

The next regular monthly clean of the church will take place next Saturday, 27th January 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.

Sacred Heart School Playgroup

Please join us in our new playgroup from 9:15 (or from school drop off) to 11:30 in the school hall. All welcome to attend. Tea, toast and juice will be available. £1.00 contribution.

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.

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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

The Universe Catholic Weekly

Is true to its mission of being "a light to guide the world, and a mirror to reflect it" Keeping Catholics informed about their faith and bringing them ever closer to God. In order to keep our high standard going and maintain a strong weekly Catholic voice at a time when it is much needed in the world, please consider taking out a subscription. We have an excellent website full of trustworthy articles and an online shop with all subscribers receiving a 10% discount. Please click on the link for further information. <https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/>

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

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

UPDATE ON THE HEATING FUND

Thanks to the help of many parishioners generous and regular donations, we have managed to reduce the loan from the Diocese quicker than we anticipated. We are now down to the last £6,000! We just need ONE FINAL PUSH and maybe we could dig deep and see if we could repay this last portion as soon as we can. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

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 25th 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=MVF0dThLcHYwLzIRSVUwK2IybjZHUT09>

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](#)

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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