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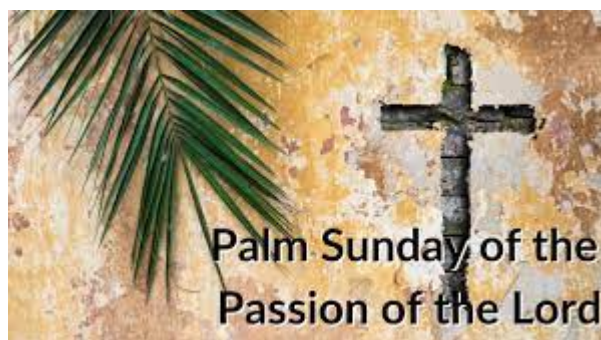
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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 24th March 2024



Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 23rd March 2024 - **6:00pm - Adoration**

6:30pm Palm Sunday Vigil Mass - People of the Parish

Sunday 24th March - 11:00am Palm Sunday Mass - Joe & Delia Egan

6:00pm Stations of the Cross

Monday 25th March - 08:00am Mass at Kirkedge Monastery

6pm Penitential Service in Church

Tuesday 26th March - 10am Mass - People of the Parish

Wednesday 27th March - **11:00am CHRISM MASS (In the Cathedral)**

Thursday 28th March - 07:30pm Maundy Thursday

Friday 29th March - 03:00pm Good Friday

Saturday 30th March - **10am Morning Prayers**

07:30pm Easter Vigil

Please see the poster on the noticeboard for full details of all the Holy Week Activities.

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 24th March 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, 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: George Francis Turner, Sadie Buckley, Patrick Ward, Chantal Marie Dominique Ivah, Joseph Haley, Patrick Smith, Mona Price, Michael O'Neill, Gordon French, Margaret Towey, Mae Woods, Rosemary Sayles, Madelaine Eyre, Pat Shaw, Winifred Richmond, Kenneth Larkins, Stanley Howard, Sandor Beres, Mr Geens and Ocholi Umameh

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection

Baskets

10th March 2024 - £424.65

17th March 2024 - £448.63

Ring of Coins

10th March 2024 - £58.02

17th March 2024 - £45.08

The retiring Collection for Hallam Support for Life raised £45.24

Tap to donate

17th March 2024

Offertory - £135.00

Church Maintenance Fund - £30.00

Lenten Appeal - £40.00

The average monthly donations by standing order for January & February was £2,199.

Many thanks for your generosity.

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.

Diocese of Hallam Sacred Heart Sheffield
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 our online donation page or using our donation tablet in church.

You can Gift Aid your donation by ticking the box when you donate. Please be assured that the card processing 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/>

Praying Together

Saturdays at 10 a.m - Morning Prayer of the Church

Sundays at 6 p.m - Stations of the Cross

Saturday 23rd March at 6 p.m - Adoration

Sunday 24th March at 10:15 a.m - Meditation Based on the Our Father led by members of the Online Parish Prayer Group.

Individual Prayers

The Cross will be used to stick on intentions using post it notes. Please write down your own intentions on the post it notes and help us to cover the Cross. These intentions to be added as a general intercession in the Bidding Prayers.

Holy Week Volunteers List

There is a list on the blue noticeboard in church for anyone available and willing to volunteer to read, minister and washing of feet during Holy Week.



Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Children

Congratulations to all of the children who made their first confessions this week.

Please pray for the children and their families as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Lenten Confessions

The Parish Penitential Service and Lenten Confessions will take place on Monday 25th March at 6:00pm. This sacrament of reconciliation is a powerful means to bring about ongoing renewal and conversion. The purpose of the sacrament is not just about forgiveness but also about a sacrament of healing and empowerment.

Diocesan Consultation Documents

Following the Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of the 2nd/3rd March, an Extraordinary Parish Council was formed consisting of members of all active parish groups. This group met on Thursday evening for the first time to begin examining the documentation and its implications for our parish. A wider consultation, involving all parishioners, will begin after Easter.

Cleaning Squad

The next regular monthly church cleans will take place on **Saturday, 13th April and then Saturday 25th May 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! If you can bring your own broom, mop and bucket it helps..... but not essential if you don't have one! Newcomers are always welcome.

Furniture Needed

A family have just moved to Sheffield and need furniture. If you have any type of furniture that you no longer need then the family would very much appreciate it. If this is something that you can help with, please speak to Father Michael or email us at info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk with the details.

Good Friday's Hillsborough Churches' Together Event

This begins at 11:45am with the Salvation Army band playing at the Cross. We are asking congregations to organise their own "Ice lolly stick prayer requests" before this event and then to bring these along to stick in a pot at the foot of the cross - to be shared out among the leaders at the end, for their congregations to pray over / include in their prayers when gathered. We conclude at 12:45pm at Trinity Methodist Church for refreshments – everyone is welcome to enjoy fellowship with refreshments and hot cross buns.

Hillsborough all Churches Family Fun Day 11th of May 2024 1pm - 4pm.

A reminder for the date of the Fair 11th May to be marked in the calendar and a call for volunteers.

Over 10 years now, all Churches in Hillsborough have annually come together to run a Family Fun Fair which relies more on volunteers and the financial contributions each church contributes towards the successful organisation and running of the event.

The team of organising volunteers is getting small and this year we are looking for anyone who may be happy to get involved and take on the roles below or join the organising committee.

- Assistant chief steward
- Health & Safety
- Social media / promotion skills
- A Lead from Sacred Heart as Moses would like to pass on the role to someone else..
- And if anyone has a van they can use on the day that would be great!

There will be a call out for anyone who would like to volunteer on the day after we sort out the registration process but if you would like to help please email your contacts to the Parish or use the following inquiry link on the website. <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/contact/>

<https://facebook.com/events/s/hillsborough-churches-family-f/7329246103855439/>

Save the date: Saturday 8th June 2024 - Parish Pilgrimage in honour of the Sacred Heart.

The Feast of The Sacred Heart this year falls on Friday 7th June. In order to mark the occasion this year we are planning to have a Parish Pilgrimage to Kirk Edge on SATURDAY 8th JUNE. The day will begin with a walk to the Monastery from Church. During the day there will be an opportunity to participate in prayerful activities; enjoy a picnic lunch and the day will end with an open air Mass in the grounds of the Convent. There will be transport available for those who cannot walk. We will begin planning in earnest for the event after Easter and are looking for volunteers to get involved in planning and organising the day. If you are interested in getting involved, please email Ann on the church email. We will be particularly interested in recruiting members of the Children's Liturgy Team to provide activities for the children. We will, of course, be praying for fine weather!! Further details to follow.

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! **A few more helpers would be very much appreciated**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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!

On Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th of February there was an appeal by Kevin from the SVP Furniture Project. Kevin gave out several donation/gift aid forms. If you would like to donate to this cause could you please return the completed form to the church and we will forward them on to him. Many thanks for your support.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Friday 28th June – 4th July 2024

Have you considered travelling on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in this Year of Prayer ? All are very welcome to join Bishop Ralph, clergy and parishioners from around the diocese on the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The organisers ask anyone who is interested to send their Booking Forms in as soon as possible so that plans can be made. Any outstanding information can follow later. Booking forms available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com . Enquiries 01302 247910 or 07724 650066. Fare £879pp - 6 nights Full Board (excl. Ins.) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes.

Job Vacancies

All Saints Catholic High School have various teaching vacancies. Please visit the school website for more details and application forms. <https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Lenten Charities

Several members of our congregation have developed their own charities which we hope to be supporting this year using the bucket collection at the end of weekend Masses. There will be details

of these in weekly bulletin updates.

If you wish to donate online you can do this via the tap to donate machine in church or by clicking on the button below.

So far you have generously donated £713.93.

Thank you for all your support!

[Click Here to Donate](#)

Church Maintenance Fund

Church maintenance is carried out throughout the year by two parish volunteers. They are able to carry out any minor work but for more serious issues we have to hire professionals which comes at a cost to the parish.

If you would like to make any donation towards the cost of maintaining the church please either pass it directly to Fr Michael or put it in the Offertory basket at Mass. Please mark any donations '**For The Church Maintenance Fund**' - please include your name and address so we can claim Gift Aid. You can also donate **online** by clicking the button below or by using the **donation tablet** at the back of church.

If there are any skilled tradesman out there who we might need to call upon, could you please give your details to Father Michael.

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 not be meeting next week due to the Mass on Maundy Thursday.

The next meeting will be on the 4th April 2024.

Further details to follow

Prayer Resources for Download

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

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

March is the month of St Joseph

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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

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