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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 17th November 2024 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 16th November - 6:30pm Vigil Mass (Rosary at 6pm) - Frederick Byrne
Sunday 17th November - 11:00am Mass - People of the Parish
Monday 18th November - 08:00 am Kirk Edge Monastery - Dedication of the Basilica of St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 19th November - 08:00 am Kirk Edge Monastery
Wednesday 20th November - 10:00am Mass - John, Peggy, Anne Needham & Dorothy & John Webster
St Edmund
Thursday 21st November - 08:00am Kirk Edge Monastery - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 22nd November - 08:00am Kirk Edge Monastery - St Cecilia
Saturday 23rd November - 08:00am Kirk Edge Monastery - Dedication of the Cathedral

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will take place during the 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 17th November 2024

For the Sick:

We pray for all those who are sick, that God may grant them health and strength. We remember:

Barbara Beatson, Pip Carrington, Fr Michael O'Connor, Wesley, Sonia Holland, Robert Ainsworth, Ann Saunders, Leah, Emma, Paige, Loretta Carr, Catherine Bartlett, Babs Parker & John McConnon

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for all who have died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Mary Coe & Joseph Gerard Holland

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection

Baskets:

2nd & 3rd November - £342.13

The retiring collection for the Needy Parishes Fund raised £152.28

9th & 10th November - £354.87

Tap to Donate:

9th & 10th November - £105.00

The average monthly standing order donations for 1st January - 30th September was £2,233.56

"A branch of the Diocese of Hallam - A Registered Charity"

Many thanks for your generosity.

Donations and Gift Aid

If you are a taxpayer, you can increase your donations to Sacred Heart by 25%, simply by completing a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD). You only need to do this once.

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.** To be able to claim that 25p for every £1 you donate, the church needs to keep a record of how much is donated by each Gift Aider. All tax payers are encouraged to make their donations under gift aid and the information you provide is in the strictest confidence. There are a few options available to make your donations under gift aid.

Single Donations under Gift Aid

If you wish to make a single gift aided donation by cash or cheque, please use the envelopes available at the back of church for single donations. Alternatively, if you wish to make a single gift aided donation by debit or credit card please use the Tap to Donate tablet at the back of church and choose to gift aid your donation. This method may also be used for regular donations by using the tablet each time you wish to donate.

Regular Donations under Gift Aid

If you wish to make regular gift aided donations (e.g. weekly or monthly) by standing order, cheque or offertory envelope please complete a Gift Aid Declaration (GAD) form which is available at the

back of church.

Please note that you may choose the following donation options on the form:

- a) "past 4 years", which enables the parish to claim for previous as well as future donations;
- b) "future donations", which enables the parish to claim for future donations. Please do not select "today" since this is for one-off donations rather than regular donations.

You may also choose to make your donations by:

- a) Standing order - this is the preferred option since your donation is transferred directly from your bank account to the parish bank account.
- b) Cheque
- c) NE (offertory envelope)

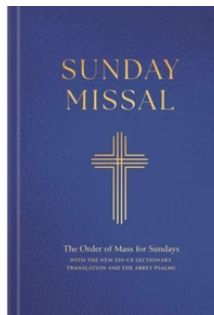
Please ensure the form is signed and dated and hand your completed GAD to Fr. Michael or leave it at the presbytery.

Once you have completed your form, if you selected to pay by standing order, please set up a standing order with your bank for the regular amount you wish to donate. This can usually be done via online banking or via a banking app or by visiting your bank.

The Parish bank details are:
Diocese of Hallam Sacred Heart Sheffield
Sort Code: 40-41-07
Account Number: 21094319

If you opted to donate by offertory envelope these will be provided to you in due course.
If you would like more information, please speak to Fr Michael or phone or email the parish administrator (details are at the top of this bulletin).

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



New Translation

You may remember Fr Michael and Deacon Tony mentioning that from the **first Sunday of Advent we will be using a new Lectionary** (the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments). This is part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations.

The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. We have purchased new Lectionaries for use in church, but the changes mean that **any missals that you have will not reflect the updated scripture text.**

Order Your New Missal & Support Sacred Heart

If you would like to purchase a new up-to-date missal you can support Sacred Heart at the same time. We are offering parishioners the opportunity to order a new hardback copy of the missal for £16.95. We expect to receive the books late November, in time for Advent. You can order your copy today using our online shop: <https://diocese-of-hallam-sacred-heart->

We are able to receive a bulk discount for ordering together which means that we can offer a great price for the missal and raise a little funds for the Parish at the same time.

Please order by 9pm Sunday 17th November so that we can place the order in time for Advent.



The eighth World Day of the Poor will be celebrated by the Catholic Church on Sunday 17th November, with the theme of "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sir 21:5).

The expression that gives the 2024 World Day of the Poor its theme is taken from the Book of Sirach (cf. Sir 21:5), which Pope Francis says is not sufficiently known and deserves to be discovered for the richness of its themes.

In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reiterates that "the poor hold a privileged place in God's heart" and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust.



November is the Month of The Holy Souls

November Dead List

There are now envelopes at the back of church for you to place the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray.

It would be a great help if you could print the names clearly, thank you.

Holy Mass will be offered for them throughout November and at all the quarterly memorial masses from November 2024 to October 2025.

Could you please return your envelopes to the church or presbytery.

The envelopes can either be given to Fr Michael or placed in the offertory baskets.

If you are using your own envelope, please mark it ' November Dead List'.

If you would like your names to be included on this list at the memorial mass on the 25th of November, could you please return your envelopes by Wednesday the 20th, thank you.

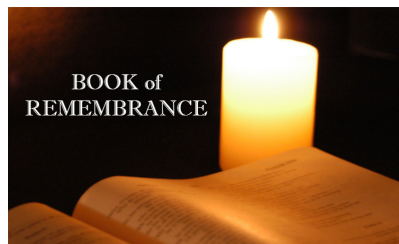
Ministries Mass

As Peter Holland completes his second year of formation he will be instituted by Bishop Ralph into the stable ministry of Lector. **This will take place on 23 November 2024, at 6:00 pm**, at a ministries Mass at St. Paul's, Cantley. Peter will begin reading in Mass, and assisting with catechetical teaching of the Word in the parish. Please pray for Peter as he continues his formation, preparing to serve in the Diocese. All are welcome to join this celebration.



The next Quarterly Memorial Mass will be on Monday 25th of November at 6 pm

At the last Memorial Mass in August, we prayed for the Holy Souls whose anniversaries occurred between August and October. As before all the names will be displayed at the Mass. We will pray for the people in our remembrance books whose anniversaries occur between the 1st of November and the 31st of January, any requested in the November Dead List Envelopes and all those whose remains are interred in our Memorial Garden. This is a special way for us to remember and honour our loved ones.



Remembrance Book

A while ago it was suggested that we purchase a new book as the current one has seen better days! Over a lot of years, many names have been added to the book and it won't be possible for any one person to transfer them all from old to new. We will keep the old book and have it displayed at the Quarterly Memorial Mass but we are asking you to both transfer and add all the names that you would like to put in the new book. **The new book is now being used for the Bidding Prayers and bulletin notice.** We ask that you PRINT CLEARLY the names of your loved ones.

We've noticed that at the moment not many have transferred the names over and it's essential that it's done so that loved one's anniversaries are remembered each week.



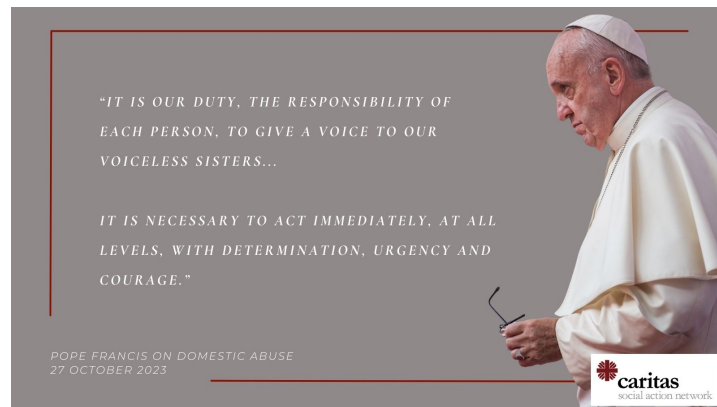
The Sacrament of Confirmation
Preparation for Confirmation 2025

Bishop Ralph will be coming to Sacred Heart on Saturday 24 May 2025 to confirm this years candidates. Registration for the Confirmation programme to prepare our young parishioners who want to be confirmed is open until 12 January 2025. A registration form and information letter can be found via this link: <https://forms.gle/KAQcWao4TQdCvysBA>



Red Wednesday – 20th November 2024

Red Wednesday is Aid to the Church in Need's (national and international) day for persecuted Christians. This year, ACN is focusing on the suffering of young Christians in priority countries, many of whom are orphaned and displaced due to targeted attacks against their Christian communities. Please click on the link for further information <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>



Stand Against Domestic Abuse

International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls: 16 Days of Supportive Actions

November 25th marks the **International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women & Girls**, launching **16 Days of Activism**, which concludes on **International Human Rights Day** on December 10th.

Catholic parishes are among the best placed to identify and support individuals who may be victims of domestic abuse. Parish priests, deacons, secretaries and safeguarding teams are at the frontlines of community and as such it is important that they are all equipped to spot the signs, know what support is available and to effectively signpost individuals. We encourage you to attend our webinar on 18th November to learn more and respond to the Pope's call to action, to help those stuck in an abusive and dangerous situation to escape and seek the support they need.

This summer, the National Police Chiefs' Council published their findings, estimating that 2 million women are victims of violence perpetrated by men each year across the UK. Yvette Cooper, the Home Secretary has described the levels of violence against women and girls as a **national emergency**.

Kindly share the invite and help us to raise awareness across the Catholic community.

You can view the agenda below for details and register for the webinar at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkdeqtrjguGtQo6idxRsMow3EuDE4jI72m#/registration>



Ask your MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law

Write to your MP to oppose the assisted suicide Bill. MP's will vote on the 29th of November on a Bill that, if passed, will legalise assisted suicide. This would greatly diminish the importance and innate value of every human person. Use this link to find your MP and write to ask them to oppose the Bill in the free vote. <https://righttolife.org.uk/ASThreat>

You can also use your smartphone camera to scan the QR code on the poster above if viewing on your PC or on the poster on the noticeboard in church.

Ask your MP to support investment in those who care and accompany people facing their last days, the palliative care nurses, doctors, and people who are home visitors. They do a wonderful job with compassion, but they need more resources. That is what we should be investing in, not in legislation that leaves us vulnerable and under pressure to seek an end to our life to avoid becoming a burden on others.



Diocese of Hallam
FORMATION AND MISSION



The Jesuit Institute and Hallam Diocese Formation and Mission team invite you to a new Programme on Spiritual Listening and Accompaniment open to all. It's a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship with God and explore your gifts through the synodal method of 'Listening in the Spirit.'

For further information get in touch with Formation and Mission by: Email: formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com or Phone: 0114 256 6410

Invitation to Hallam Week of Guided Prayer

We cordially invite you to participate in Hallam Week of Guided Prayer, aimed at enriching your spiritual journey through daily reflection and support from trained guides.

Registration is now open—please scan the QR code to sign up or contact Formation and Mission Team for help at formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com or 0114 256 6410



Annual Appeal 1st December

Caritas Hallam

Caritas Hallam provides a loving service to those within our communities, for instance 10,000 hours of counselling was delivered last year which included supporting children and their families in 24 of our schools, 100 referrals for domestic abuse, 15 wellbeing courses, relationship counselling and family therapy across the whole of the Diocese. Caritas is self funded and has to fundraise in order to generate all its own income, which is why this Parish Annual Appeal is so important.

Pope Benedict also wrote: As a community, the Church must practise love. Love thus needs to be organised if it is to be an ordered service to the community.

By donating via your Church on 1st December you can help someone in our Diocese to receive the professional mental health support they need.

You can donate by scanning the QR code below or on the poster on the noticeboard in church. If you would like to donate before then, you can visit the donate page on the website. <https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas/>



Thank you



The lucky winner for last Saturday's draw was Mary Kinsella, bonus ball number 18.

Good Luck for this Saturday

Sacred Heart School Open Days

Please see the poster below and on the church noticeboard for further information



Further Notices

Be Still and Know that I am God, 21st – 24th November 2024

Join Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, for this retreat exploring the human condition with practices common to mindfulness and to Christian contemplative prayer. The retreat will seek to reclaim those practices that share common ground with the tradition of apophatic prayer and theology rooted in the monastic and the Eastern Orthodox traditions. For more information and to register: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

Polish Commemoration Day at St Marie's Cathedral - Saturday 23rd November

On the 80th anniversary of battles during World War II in which the Poles took part and the 40th anniversary of the commemorative plaque in the Lady Chapel, there is a Polish Commemoration Day at St Marie's Cathedral on Saturday 23rd November. From 1.00pm, there will be displays of the Polish Community in Houlden Hall. A solemn Mass of Christ the King (in English with Polish hymns) will be held at 3.00pm in the Cathedral, followed by tea, coffee and cake served by the Polish Girl Scouts in Houlden Hall. The Deputy Lieutenant and the Polish Consul General in Manchester will be attending, as well as representatives of ex-servicemen's associations. This commemorative event is being organised by a group of second-generation Poles in Sheffield and all are welcome.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

The Holy Father has announced that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, something which happens every 25 years. The theme for Jubilee 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope," and it will be a year of hope.

Please pick up your Pilgrim Passport from the Church, which details designated pilgrimage places and all the events taking place across the diocese throughout 2025. The Jubilee banner displayed in Church shows the icon CAFOD commissioned from Ethiopia for the Jubilee Year, unveiled and blessed at Adoremus on 14 September, reminding us the Jubilee is a global event.

Deacon Tony is going on pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee, in February, to walk through the Holy Doors at St. Peter's Basilica, and will take particular prayer requests with him from the parish.

Jubilee Year Pilgrimage in Kent 15th - 19th September 2025

Pilgrimages have been organised by St Mary's Penistone, Sheffield over many years and the next is a five day stay in Kent with visits to the different National Shrines of St Jude and St Augustine.

There will be Masses at each Shrine with Fr Henry [St Mary's] celebrating. There will also be a tour of Canterbury Cathedral. A full free day is also included.

The cost per person including coach travel and half board en suite accommodation at a Best Western Hotel in Faversham is £495 [There is no supplement for single occupancy] Different pick up points can be arranged within the Diocese] For further information or to reserve places contact Brendan Lally of St Mary's [07949241108]

Mass for the Deaf and Hard of hearing

A "signed" Mass has been arranged by Caritas at St Marie's Cathedral Sheffield for Sunday Dec 15th at 3pm. This will be fully signed by Jennifer Harris (BSL interpreter) along with one of the priests of the parish. Prior to Covid, there was a well attended Mass for this group of people and we are hoping to schedule a number of such Masses throughout the Diocese. All are invited.

Looking forward to seeing everyone.

Mens' Spiritual Exercises, 31 March – 5 April 2025

A 5-day version of the Ignatian Exercises offered specifically for men (whether lay or ordained), this retreat will be preached by the Benedictine Monks of St Joseph's Abbey, France. Founded in 1988, this community has retained its charism of a specific apostolate to men and of engaging them through a shortened version of the Ignatian Exercises. One-to-one direction will be offered alongside the talks. Priests are welcome to attend and concelebrate or celebrate their own Mass. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-spiritual-exercises/>

A Holy Hour For Life (Adoration)

Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road, S7 1DX. Last Saturday of the month after the 10am Mass.

Spiritual Bouquet

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children and the Knights of St. Columbus are uniting in prayer for an end to the culture of death and for a flourishing of the culture of life. Let Life Flourish: A Spiritual Bouquet is a rallying call to all people of good will to pray with renewed faith for the protection of life from conception until natural death. During November, the SPUC and Knights of St Columbus ask you to pray for the work of SPUC and the KSC in defending the sanctity of life.

Safeguarding: For matters relating to the safeguarding of vulnerable persons in our parish, or for information relating to DBS recruitment procedures, please email safeguarding.sdhth@hallam-diocese.com or text / phone 0780 117 7483. Our Safeguarding Representative is Dominic Maloney. In emergency situations where vulnerable persons are at imminent risk of harm, please phone 999.

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!

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 2343580 or text SVP on 07342362226.

St Wilfrid's Centre's 2024 Christmas Card - NOW ON SALE!

To buy cards and other items, please visit our online shop: <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/online-shop>

Notre Dame High School Sixth Form Open Morning

Notre Dame High School in Sheffield has an upcoming Sixth Form Open Morning for any students in our parish, this Saturday 16th of November 2024 from 10.00 am - 12.00 noon. Please see the poster on the noticeboard at the back of the church for further information.

Teas & Coffees after Mass

Each Sunday after the 11 am 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.**

Church Maintenance

Church maintenance is carried out throughout the year by parish volunteers.

If you would like to offer your help please speak to Malc Fleet at the Vigil Mass on Saturdays or alternatively, you can send us an email at info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

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

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.

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
Occurs every Thursday**

The proposed schedule for the coming year is:

Week 1: Lectio

Week 2: Evening Prayer

Week 3: Rosary

Week 4: The Letter to the Romans (Bible Society) *Please see the information below

***Next week will be The Romans Course - please see below**

Explore the letter to the Romans

21st November 2024

There is also a meeting to add to the course for the 22nd of May 2025

Please ensure you have a copy of the participants guide.

Could you please download and print a copy by clicking on the following link:

[https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/content/resources/The Romans Course Official/PDF_guides/small_group_materials/participants_full.pdf](https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/content/resources/The_Romans_Course_Official/PDF_guides/small_group_materials/participants_full.pdf)

It would be a great help if you could download and print the guide but if you don't have access to a printer, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing us on info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

MS Teams Link: [Parish Prayer Meeting](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#) | [Meet-up-Join](#)

Prayer Resources for Download

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

[Parish Community Prayer Booklet](#)

The month of November is dedicated to prayer for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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

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