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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 29th December 2024 **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 28th December - 6:30pm Vigil Mass - (No 6pm Rosary) - Matthew Bowler (RIP)
Sunday 29th December - 11:00 am Mass - **Holy Family Sunday**
Catherine (Thanksgiving for healing)
Monday 30th December - No Mass
Tuesday 31st December - New Years Eve - St Sylvester I, Pope
Wednesday 1st January 2025 - New Years Day - 10:00am Mass - Stan
Mary Mother of God
Thursday 2nd January - Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Friday 3rd January - 10am Mass - Maggie Howgate (Birthday)
Most Holy Name of Jesus -
Saturday 4th January - No AM Mass

No Children's Liturgy

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.

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 29th December 2024

For the Sick:

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

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:

Chris Clegg, Sarah Anderson, Winifred Kelly, Peter Hartley, Hester Coe, Peter Metcalfe, Fr Tony Battle & Josie Greaves

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection

Baskets:

14th & 15th December - £411.88

21st & 22nd December - £459.05

Tap to Donate:

21st & 22nd December -

The average monthly standing order donations for 1st January - 30th November was £2,164.00

"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.



Christmas Offertory Collections:

As is customary in England and Wales, each year Christmas and Easter offerings constitute a personal offering in support of the priest. The Bishop has kindly extended this generous gesture to us all this challenging year. Please see below Bishop Ralph's message to us:

"All of the collections (including electronic giving) which are taken on each of the days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord together with its contributions made by Standing Order will constitute the personal offerings of the faithful for their priests at Christmas this year. God bless - from Bishop Ralph"

We know that times are still difficult but we would ask you to please be as generous as you are able this year to contribute towards the Christmas collections. We are blessed in these times of priest shortage to have, not only our own Parish Priest but that the Parish Priest we have is Fr Michael. Many thanks in anticipation of your continued generosity.

Please click here to give to Fr
Michael's Christmas collection
online

Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025 - Saturday 28th December, 12.30pm

The rite of the Opening of the Jubilee Year will take place on Saturday 28th December, at which Bishop Ralph will preside. The celebration will start at the Sheffield Anglican Cathedral at 12.30pm, from which there will be a procession to St Marie's Cathedral for the opening Mass. All from across the Diocese are encouraged to come and celebrate the beginning of this special year, in which all are invited "to an intense experience of the love of God" and "a lively experience of grace and hope" (Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 6)!



The Sacrament of Confirmation
Preparation for Confirmation 2025

Bishop Ralph will be coming to Sacred Heart on **Saturday 24th May 2025** to confirm this year's candidates. We invite young people in year 9 and above (13/14 years old or older), who want to complete their membership of the church to come forward for preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

Sessions will take place about once a month on **Saturday** afternoon starting **8th February 2025 at 1-4pm**. An online information session for parents/guardians is on **Wednesday 29th January 2025 at 7-8pm**.

Registration for the Confirmation programme to prepare our young parishioners who want to be confirmed is open until 12 January 2025.

A registration form including more information can be found on the website or by emailing: youthshc@gmail.com an information letter can also be found via this link: <https://forms.gle/KAQcWao4TQdCvysBA>



The lucky winner for last Saturday's draw was Paula McDonnell bonus ball number 8.

Bonus Ball Subscription

The next quarterly payment for anyone who paid for 13 weeks is now due.

Could you please make your payment to Malc Fleet on Saturday or Andrew Hartley on Sunday.

Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Good Luck for this Saturday.

Further Notices

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/>

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]

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.

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 Vincent's Furniture Project

Sheffield Furniture Store is a Community Support Project of the St Vincent de Paul Society England & Wales and has been operating in the Sheffield area since 1987. We collect then redistribute recycled furniture and household items to people who are disadvantaged because of poverty, deprivation and other circumstances in our community. Could you support our work with a donation of your unwanted furniture? We offer a free collection for those in the Sheffield area. 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!

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.**

All Saints Catholic High School have the following vacancies:

Teacher of English Part time maternity cover for 1 year

Library Manager 34 hours per week for 39 weeks per year

Required as soon as possible.

Please visit school website for application pack. <https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies/>

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@sacredheartssheffield.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

Please join us for the next parish prayer meeting on
Thursday, January 2nd 2025
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (GMT)

Meeting link: [Parish Prayer Meeting](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#) | [Meetup-Join](#)

**The next Letter to the Romans Course will be on
Thursday, 23rd January 2025
Time: Online 7:30 PM (GMT)**

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 December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

The month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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

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