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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 8th December 2024 *Second Sunday of Advent*



Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 7th December - **6:30 pm Vigil Mass (Rosary at 6pm)** - Chinasa Ohajekwe
Sunday 8th December - **11:00 am Mass - *Second Sunday of Advent*** - Bill & Mary Donlon
Monday 9th December - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 10th December - No Mass - Our Lady of Loretto
Wednesday 11th December - **10:00 am Mass** - St Damasus I
Thursday 12th December - No Mass - Our Lady of Guadalupe
Friday 13th December - No Mass - St Lucy
Saturday 14th December - No AM Mass - St John of the Cross

Please see the noticeboard in church for dates & times of the Penitential Service and Christmas Mass times.

Please note, there are no longer any masses held at Kirk Edge Convent

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 8th December 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 Frain, Fr Michael Corbett, Grace Woods, Bill & Mary Donlon & Julia Mary Flynn

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection

Baskets:

30th November & 1st December - TBC

Tap to Donate:

30th November & 1st December:

Offertory - £140.00
Church Maintenance Fund - £100.00

The average monthly standing order donations for 1st January - 30th October was £2,226.80.

"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.



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 **Sunday 1st to Friday 6th December**

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

For further information please click here: [Leaflets Formation and mission](#)



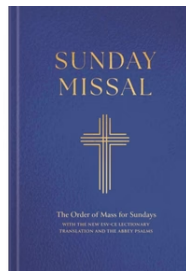
Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025 - Saturday 28th December, 12.30pm

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)!



Latest Edition of the Hallam Bridge

For the latest news from around the Diocese check out the Hallam Bridge. You can view the news and also subscribe to it here <https://hallam-diocese.com/bridge/>



New Missal Orders

Many thanks to everyone who ordered a new Missal. The books are available to collect at both the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses.

If you didn't get chance to order one online there will be Missals for sale on the door at the weekend Masses at the same price of £16.95. Payment by card is the preferred method, however we will also accept cash payments if you have the correct change.

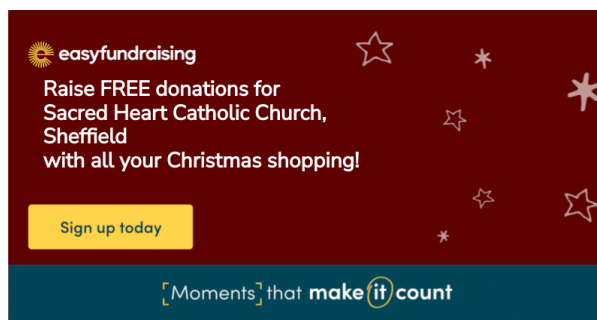


The Sacrament of Confirmation **Preparation for Confirmation 2025**

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>



Don't miss out on Christmas donations!



Please sign up to support Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sheffield on #easyfundraising today and raise FREE donations every time you online shop. With Christmas around the corner, it's the perfect time to join and turn your festive shopping into free donations for us! Over 8,000 retailers are ready to donate at no extra cost to you! It's quick, easy and will give our fundraising a boost. Plus, if you join today we could win a £500 donation:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/shccsheffield/40K0RZ/c2s/ivmwk6U/CE989/facebook/>



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!

Sacred Heart School Christmas Fair **Friday 6th December at 3.20pm**



The lucky winner for last Saturday's draw was Andrew Hartley bonus ball number 17.

Good Luck for this Saturday

Further Notices

The recent vote on the Terminally ill (End of Life) Bill

"Parliament recently voted on the Terminally Ill (End of Life) Bill which will proceed to the next stage.

The Bill will face much more scrutiny at its next stage. There will be future opportunities to campaign against it.

275 MPs voted against it and many of those voting in favour said that they have reservations and may not support it in future unless changes are made.

As the Bill passes through Parliament we can continue to act. We can continue to advocate and pray for the sanctity of life, the protection of vulnerable people from the risk of coercion to end their life or from being made to feel a burden and for more funding and access to end of life care.

Further updates are available at https://righttolife.org.uk/news#latest_news "

Handel's Messiah

Sheffield Bach Choir will be performing Handel's Messiah on Monday, 9th December, at 7p.m. in Sheffield Cathedral. Tickets £18, Concessions £15, Students £8, Children under 12, accompanied by a ticket holder Free

'Come & Sing' Messiah, Monday 16th December at 7.30 in St. James's Church, Norton, £15 including mulled wine & mince pie. Music can be hired for a small fee.

Advent retreat (age 15 to young adults) at Castlerigg Manor

Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on December 11th at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – director@castleriggmanor.co.uk. Sign up at castleriggmanor.com >> what's coming up.

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/>

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]

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 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>

CAFOD World Gifts

World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty. Please visit their website for further information: <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

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](#)



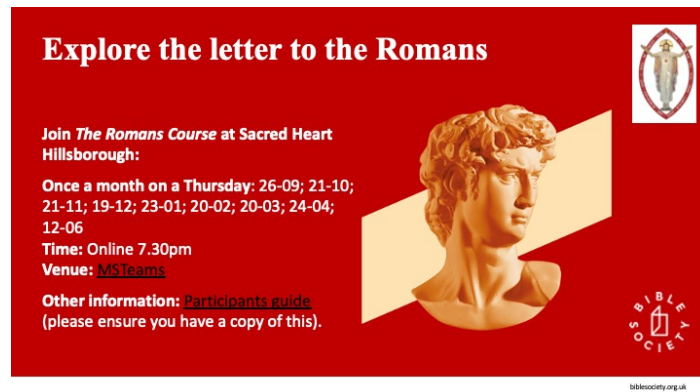
The Prayer Group will be meeting for prayer & reflection Occurs every Thursday

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

Please join us for the next parish prayer meeting on
Thursday, 12th December 2024
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (GMT)

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



The next Romans Course is on the 19th of December.

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

[Pray the Holy Rosary](#)

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

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