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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 12th January 2025

Baptism of the Lord

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 11th January 2025 - **6:30pm Vigil Mass** - (No 6pm Rosary) - Winifred Piasecki (RIP)

Sunday 12th January - **11:00 am Mass** - Baptism of the Lord - People of the Parish

Monday 13th January - No Mass - St Hilary

Tuesday 14th January - No Mass

Wednesday 15th January - **10am Mass**

Thursday 16th January - No Mass

Friday 17th January - **10am Mass** - St Antony

Saturday 18th January - No AM Mass - Blessed Virgin Mary

Obituary: Winifred Piasecki

The Sacred Heart Parish community mourns the death of Winifred, a lifelong and devoted member of this parish, who passed on the 8th of January 2025, surrounded by family. Winifred dedicated countless hours in service and generous contributions to the Church and the community.

May God grant her eternal rest. Amen

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 12th January 2025

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 Winifred Piasecki, all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Cora Rowden, Julifa Ruzol, Ken Collis & Andrew Pulfrey

May they rest in peace.

Collections

Baskets:

4th & 5th January - TBC

Tap to Donate:

4th & 5th January:

Offertory - £115.00

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.



Cleaning Squad

Volunteers Needed

Can you spare a little time **this Saturday, 11th January from 9:30am?** The volunteer cleaning squad are taking down the Christmas trees and decorations and cleaning the church as well (much needed after the heavy footfall over Christmas) and some extra pairs of hands would be hugely appreciated.

Getting the church spick and span doesn't take long with a good sized team - there's a range of ways to help - sweeping, mopping, dusting, tidying. Even if you can only spare 30 mins it would be a great help. 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. Please come along to help if you can.

Confirmation for Adults Programme

Thank-you to all who have given their name and email address as someone potentially interested in our new Confirmation for Adults programme. Now it is a new year, the Jubilee Year, it is time to get started. Please see the revised programme below. Our first meeting will be in the Presbytery at Sacred Heart Church this coming Wednesday evening, 7pm to 8.30pm. Deacon Tony has ten copies of the programme book 'The Catholic Faith Explained' by Stephen Wang to share with you. You can make a donation of £15.00 for the book if you wish. If you get a chance, do watch Sycamore: Session 2 - 'The Existence of God', before Wednesday, but don't worry if you don't have time. See you on Wednesday.



Sacred Heart RC Church, Hillsborough

Confirmation Programme for Adults

NOTE CHANGE TO WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

If you have never got around to being Baptised or Confirmed now is your chance. Whether you want to deepen the faith you already have, are exploring your faith for the first time, or are just curious, come and join our new programme, "The Catholic Faith Explained." Those who wish can be baptised or be received into the Church or Confirmed in June on the vigil of Pentecost.

We will be following the SYCAMORE programme: The Catholic Faith Explained, which is supported by a book by Fr Stephen Wang and by linked 30-minute videos if that format is preferred.

<https://www.sycamore.fm/videos/session-2-the-existence-of-god/>

Deacon Tony has 10 copies of the programme book for participants. Those who wish can make a suggested donation of £15.00.

We will have evening discussion sessions every other Wednesday, from 7pm till 8.30pm, which will be a mix of on-line and in person meetings. In person meetings will be in the Presbytery. Give Fr Michael or Deacon Tony your email and mobile number for a WhatsApp Group.

If you can't make every session because of work or family commitments please don't be concerned; you can keep up with the programme using the book and the on-line videos.

Date	Session Title	Linked Chapter(s)
Wed 15 January	The Existence of God/A God who Speaks	2 & 3
Wed 29 January	Who is Jesus	4
Wed 12 February	The Holy Spirit and the Church	5
Wed 26 February	The Bible	6
Wed 12 March	Faith and Prayer	7 & 8
Wed 26 March	Finding True Freedom and the Meaning of Love	9 & 10
Wed 9 April	The Community of the Church/The Sacraments	13 & 14
Wed 23 April	The Holy Eucharist/Forgiveness, Confession and Healing	15 & 16
Wed 7 May	The meaning of Vocation and Social Teaching	17 & 18
Wed 28 May	The Adventure of Prayer & The Hope of Heaven	19 & 20
Sat 7 June	Pentecost Vigil	



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 Jecinta Uwaoma bonus ball number 28.

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

A Year of Hope: An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome.

Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

SPUC

SPUC is the oldest grassroots pro-life organisation. The Sheffield SPUC branch meets quarterly to support their work to protect life from conception to natural death. If you would like to attend the upcoming meeting, it is Thursday 16th January at 7:30pm in the Upper Room at the Mother of God

Church, S7 1DX.

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.**

Free Wellbeing Course for Women

A free six-week course for a happier and more relaxed you.

Starting for six weekly sessions from Monday February 3rd at 6.30-7.30pm online.

Join us to explore;

- Emotional Self-care – Emotional self-care allows us to take time for the benefit of our health and well-being.
- Thinking about putting your own needs first - building your resilience.
- Being more assertive and setting boundaries – so that you can communicate better and more effectively at home and work.
- Stress and relaxation techniques – learning new skills for a more relaxed you.
- Build resilience and recover from trauma – To move forward in your life.

Come and join us for these relaxed, friendly and supportive sessions!

To book a place or find out for information contact Janet Kent 07927657462 jkent@hallam-diocese.com

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@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, January 16th 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)**

Explore the letter to the Romans

Join *The Romans Course* at Sacred Heart Hillsborough:

Once a month on a Thursday: 26-09; 21-10; 21-11; 19-12; 23-01; 20-02; 20-03; 24-04; 12-06

Time: Online 7.30pm

Venue: [MS Teams](#)

Other information: [Participants guide](#) (please ensure you have a copy of this).

biblesociety.org.uk

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 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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