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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 23rd February 2025

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 22nd February 2025 - **6:30pm Vigil Mass** - (No 6pm Rosary) - Walter Donnelly

Sunday 23rd February - **11:00 am Mass** - Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Monday 24th February - No Mass

Tuesday 25th February - No Mass - St Ethelbert

Wednesday 26th February - No Mass

Thursday 27th February - No Mass - St Gregory of Narek

Friday 28th February - **11:00 am - Funeral Mass: Winifred Piasecki**

Saturday 1st March - No AM Mass - St David

Funeral

The funeral for Winifred (Winefride) Piasecki will be held on Friday 28th February at 11:00am.

Winifred was a lifelong and devoted member of this parish, who dedicated countless hours in service and generous contributions to the Church and the community.

Kindly keep her family in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant to her, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.
Amen

No Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is taking a break for Half-term. 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 23rd February 2025

For the Sick:

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

Pip Carrington, Wesley, Sonia Holland, Robert Ainsworth, Ann Saunders, Leah, Emma, Paige, Loretta Carr, Catherine Bartlett, Babs Parker, John McConnon & Pam Williams

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:

Walter Donnelly, Josie Loomes, Jack Brennan, Jacqueline Robinson, Marjorie Sharley, Elsie Askham, Konstantina Fthenaki & Paraska (Pat) Kowalski

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collections

15th & 16th February

Baskets - TBC

Tap to Donate - £55.00

The average monthly standing order donations for 1st Jan - 31st Dec 2024 was £2,133.33.

"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.

Sick and Retired Clergy.

Each year, the Diocese has instructed parishes to have 2 collections to support our sick and retired clergy. I think we are all very much aware that there is an aging population of priests in the Diocese and each year more money is needed for their upkeep. In recent years, the collections in parishes have not raised enough to cover the fund needed and as a consequence, the Diocese has now directed the amount each parish needs to contribute each year. The levy for our parish is £4,145 and currently we have raised £367.38. The balance of £3,777.62 is due to be paid by June 29th 2025. So, we will need to raise some funds. We will have a further collection and there is now a button on the tablet and the website so that money can be donated for this fund at any time. In its general description, 'Retired and Sick Clergy' may not mean a great deal but if we think of our own Fr Shaun Smith who has been retired for almost 7 years, it gives us a context to work with. How would Fr Shaun manage without the support of this fund? Any ideas for fundraising would be welcomed. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

Pangolins

The Pangolins are a group of men in the parish that help out, doing things like stewarding and general help in the parish. The main thing is encouraging a social get together on the **first** Friday of every month at the Pangolin bar on Middlewood Road, by the Hillsborough Park tram stop. There's usually someone there from 3.30 until 6pm so just come along & join in. A great opportunity to grow the social side of our parish. If you need any information see Malc on Saturday or Darren or Conor on Sunday after mass.

Pangolettes

Following on from above we also have the Pangolettes, a group of ladies in the parish who also meet at the Pangolin bar on the **second** Friday of every month from around 4pm. If you are interested in joining us please see Ann on Saturday or Barbara on Sunday after mass.



Church Cleaning Volunteers

The next regular monthly church clean will take place this Saturday 22nd February between 9.00 and 11.00am (please note the change of time for this month).

The church cleaning squad get together on the last Saturday of the month but we need more volunteers. With a good sized team, the church is spick and span in just over an hour! If you can spare a couple of hours once a month 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.



Parish youth event on 8th March 2025

If you would like to attend, please complete the form below so we know who to expect as well as who to contact in case of any unforeseen circumstances.

Please note this session is NOT suitable for children in Primary School.

Link for the form: <https://forms.gle/i7RdNE3A3uqtsnHZ6>

There is a poster on the noticeboard and also flyers & forms are available at the back of the church.



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	



Attention to new Readers of the Word of God

If you missed the November training for existing Readers or you are a new Reader then you are invited to a training session for new readers in the Church on Saturday 1st March from 10.00 until 12.00 noon. This will include an introduction to the Liturgy of the Word at Mass, the practical skills required for reading in church, use of the sound system, and an introduction to the new Lectionary and Bible translation. This will equip parish readers to more effectively proclaim the texts they read. If you love the Word of God and are confident in reading aloud in public then come along, undertake a short training session, and add your name to the roster for the Masses you normally attend.



Quarterly Memorial Mass Monday 10th March at 6pm

At the last Memorial Mass in November, we prayed for the Holy Souls whose anniversaries occurred between November and January. The next memorial mass will be held on Monday the 10th of March at 6pm. We will pray for the people in our remembrance books whose anniversaries occur between the 1st February and 30th April, any that were requested in the November Dead List Envelopes and all those whose remains are interred in our Memorial Garden. As usual there will be lists of names on the noticeboard at the mass, the names will be taken from our new remembrance book so if you need to transfer any names from the old book or add new names please could you do this as soon as possible. The old remembrance book will also be on display. This is a special way for us to remember and honour our loved ones.

Assisted Suicide Bill

On Friday 29 November of last year MPs narrowly voted to support Kim Leadbeater's dangerous assisted suicide Bill at its 2nd Reading. There are concerns about how the proposed law may endanger vulnerable, frail, elderly, disabled and terminally ill people, especially with pressures on the health service and adult social care. The principles also do not respect the sanctity of life, which recognises life as a gift from God. The Bill also fails to support more ethical alternatives like palliative care which is chronically underfunded. But this is only the first step - there's still time to stop it in its process through Parliament.

An analysis published in The Independent shows that at least 36 MPs who supported the Bill made it clear they did so only to allow further debate, or they had concerns that mean they won't commit to supporting the Bill at Third Reading. With the vote passing by a margin of 55, just 28 MPs switching their stance to oppose the Bill would ensure it's defeated at Third Reading. With more awareness of the serious risks, many MPs could change their position. If enough do, we can defeat this Bill at its 3rd Reading and stop it from becoming law.

Please contact your MP now using this simple tool asking them to vote NO at 3rd Reading - it takes less than 30 seconds: <https://righttolife.org.uk/c6gk>

Assisted suicide committee bias

Committee stage of Kim Leadbeater's assisted suicide Bill has begun, raising serious concerns about its conduct.

- The Committee has been 'stacked' with a higher number of MPs who support the Bill
- Nearly twice as many witnesses supported assisted suicide than the number who opposed it
- Important voices have been excluded, including the Government's chief Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisor, the British Geriatrics Society and a number of disability rights groups, senior palliative care doctors and legal experts with relevant expertise.

MPs must be aware of the serious issues in the scrutiny of Kim Leadbeater's Bill. It's vital they know your concerns and vote against it at Third Reading.

Please take action now and visit www.righttolife.org.uk/ASBillAction to write to your MP - it takes just 30 seconds!



**Hallam Formation and Mission with The Jesuit Institute present
Listening with the Heart**

This is a series of 5 sessions, (one in person and 4 on-line) to explore LISTENING WITH THE HEART through prayer, reflection, discussion and practice.

WHEN? Day 1. March 8, 2025 10 am-5 pm In-person Day 2. Thursday 13 March 7-9 pm On-line Day 3. Thursday 20 March 7-9 On-line Day 4. 27 March 7-9pm On-line Day 5. 3 April 7-9 pm On-line. Please see the poster on the church noticeboard for further details. Book using the QR Code below.

If you would like to find out more contact the Formation & Mission Team. formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com



Save The Date

Hillsborough Churches Fun Day Saturday 10th May

As you know each year Hillsborough Churches host a fun day in Hillsborough Park. This year the plan is for the fun day to take place on the afternoon of Saturday 10th May.

As usual it will be fun filled with an opportunity to try out your circus skills, get a glitter tattoo and tea and cake 😊.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this and more broadly lots of opportunities to volunteer.

Further details regarding the event will follow shortly.



The lucky winner for last Saturday's draw was Darren McDonnell, bonus ball number 1.

Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Good Luck for this Saturday.

Further Notices

A Holy Hour For Life (Adoration)

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

The Messy Family Project

Calling all overwhelmed and busy parents! Come join us for a faith-filled weekend at St Vincent's Mission Hub! Mike and Alicia Hernon, of the famous Messy Family Project, are coming all the way

from the USA, to lead couples during an exclusive workshop, on the Four Disciplines of a Family! The main event is on Saturday 15th March (11-3pm) (Childcare is available on a pre booking basis only). There will also be a Date Night for married couples on Friday March 14, (7:30-9:30pm) with cheese and wine and a talk from Mike and Alicia, on How to Keep Your Love Alive. The evening will end with Eucharistic Adoration. <https://stvincentsmissionhub.org/events-and-info>

Jubilee Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: - Friday 27th June - 3rd July 2025

Bishop Ralph invites you to join him on the Jubilee Year 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Booking forms available to download at <https://www.hallam-lourdes.com/> Enquiries 01302 247910 or email lourdesoffice@hallam-diocese.com. Fare £899pp - 6 nights' Full Board (excl. Ins) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. This year we hope to welcome pilgrims from every parish in the diocese. All are very welcome to join us - pilgrims who need help due to medical issues/mobility, volunteer helpers, doctors, nurses, clergy, and general pilgrims. There is also a poster on the noticeboard in church for further information.

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]

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year

You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

40 Days for Life

From 5th March, Sheffield's 40 Days for Life campaign invites you to join other Christians in praying and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. Come and join us to peacefully witness for the sanctity of human life. If you'd like to join, please sign up at www.40daysforlife.com/en/broomhall or call Rachel 07368297872 or Andrew 07943893945. Hurt by Abortion? Abortion impacts families and the wider community. Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a life-affirming charity that offers a healing ministry to anyone hurt by abortion. Please consider supporting the work of Rachel's Vineyard UK by donating to Rachel's Vineyard Birmingham, Sort Code: 30-96-28, Account No: 2467 4268.

Cycling Pilgrimage - July 2025

The cycling pilgrimage will take place during the summer school holidays 2025, with planned arrival in Walsingham on Friday 25 July to coincide with our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. For more details please contact us. "For all of us, may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope" (Pope Francis). There is a poster and further information on the church noticeboard. For more details and booking, please TEXT us: 07350 585998 OR Email: gocyclinghallam@gmail.co

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 online Wellbeing Course for Men

Starting 4th March Tuesdays 6.30 - 7.30 online

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

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 our life.

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

For more information and to book in please contact

Janet Kent on 07927657462 or

email jkent@hallam-diocese.com

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

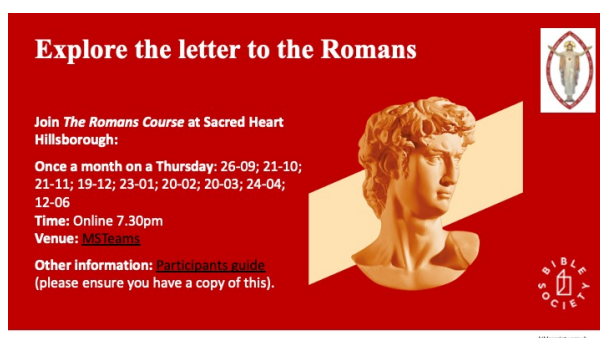
The proposed schedule for the coming year is:

- 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, 27th February 2025
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (GMT)

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

**The next letter to the Romans will be on
Thursday, 20th March 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

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 February is dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to 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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