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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information w/c 9th March 2025



1st Sunday of Lent

Mass Times & Intentions

8th March 2025 - **6:30 pm Vigil Mass** - Rosary at 6pm - Audrey Byrne

Sunday 9th March - **First Sunday of Lent - 11:00 am Mass** - Catechumens of the Parish
Stations of the Cross at 6pm

Monday 10th March - **Quarterly Memorial Mass at 6pm**

Tuesday 11th March - No Mass

Wednesday 12th March - **10 am Mass** - People of the Parish

Thursday 13th March - No Mass

Friday 14th March - **10.00 am Mass** - The Sick and Lonely

Saturday 15th March - **10.00 am Morning Prayer of the Church**

Blessed John Ann (Amias)

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 9th March 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 all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Stanley Shaw & Stewart Hutchison.

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collections

Offertory Baskets

1st & 2nd March - TBC

Tap to Donate

1st & 2nd March - £130.00

The monthly standing order donations for January 2025 was £2,186.00.

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

If you would prefer to donate by standing order, the Parish bank details are:

Diocese of Hallam Sacred Heart Sheffield
Sort Code: 40-41-07
Account Number: 21094319

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.

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

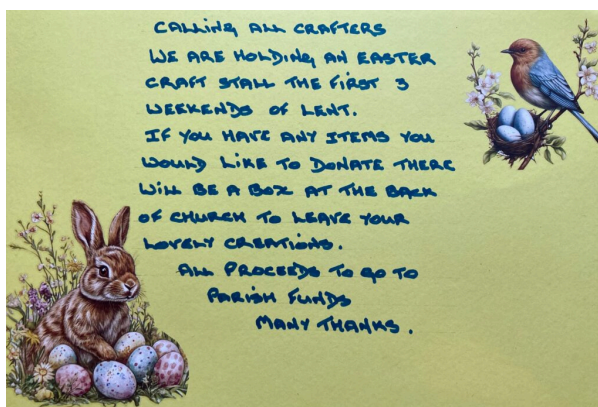
general description, 'Retired and Sick Clergy' may not mean a great deal but if we think of our own Fr Shaun Smith who has been retired for almost 7 years, it gives us a context to work with. How would Fr Shaun manage without the support of this fund? Any ideas for fundraising would be welcomed. Many thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

Easter Craft Stall

All proceeds will go to the Parish Funds.

The craft stall will be open after the weekend masses, with chocolate treats, jewellery, etc and there will also be a spot the ball raffle with prizes of £25, £15 and £10.

Please see the poster below. If you have any questions please chat to Annette Murray after the Saturday Vigil Mass or email info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk



Parish youth event this Saturday 8th of 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.



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.



The Big Lent Walk 2025

You may have seen that CAFOD are running their big Lent Walk again to raise funds but also to give a focus during Lent. If you were thinking of signing up, our parishioner Matt Davis has set-up a Parish team that you can join. This pulls together the fundraising totals for everyone part of the Sacred Heart.

If you would like to join the team, please click on the link below:

<https://parishes.walk.cafod.org.uk/teams/sacred-heart-sheffield-parish-cafod-big-lent-walk>



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



Christian Life Community

"Christian Life Community (CLC) is for people who want to understand more deeply how God is at work in their everyday lives. We meet regularly in small (house) groups to pray and share, supporting one another through the ups and downs of ordinary life. In listening to one another we grow to understand ourselves, deepen our relationship with God and discover more clearly how each one of us is uniquely called to respond to God's love."

CLC is a way of life inspired by the spirituality of St Ignatius. We embrace this way of life as a means of enabling us to bring together our faith and our lives so that we are aware of God working in every aspect of them. Some of us come to CLC without any prior experience of Ignatian spirituality; others come after discovering Ignatian spirituality in various ways, such as weeks of guided prayer or retreats.

There are three main aspects of CLC:

- Living Prayer – making time, preferably daily, to spend time in prayer. This can be as little as 5 or 10 minutes.
- Sharing Community – in the CLC meetings each person shares how God has been and is at work for them. We are a spiritual family and support each other and encourage perseverance in deepening in our union with God.
- Loving Service – we are companions of Christ in the mission to establish God wherever we live and work.

<https://clcew.org.uk/home-page/about-clc/>

We are looking to establish a Christian Life Community locally, currently we have three interested people and are looking for another 2 or 3 to make a group.

Please contact Petra Klompenhouwer via youthshc@gmail.com if you want to know more and/or want to join.



Church Cleaning Volunteers

The next regular monthly church clean will take place on Saturday 29th March at 9.00 am (Please note the new start time)

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 an hour that would be great. If you could 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.



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 Pat Deakin, bonus ball number 53.

Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Good Luck for this Saturday.



All Saints Catholic High School have the following teaching vacancies.

Curriculum Leader for Religious Education. Hours Full time Contract Permanent Salary MPR / UPR + TLR 2a (£3,391) Teacher of Religious Education. Hours Full Time Contract Permanent Salary MPR / UPR. Both start Dates from 1 September 2025

Please visit school website for job application pack.

<https://www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies/>

For further information, please see the posters on the noticeboard in the church porch.

Further Notices

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day Collection

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities experiencing the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call us on 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10 or scan the QR code on the poster on the noticeboard in church.

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.

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.

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.

The Diocesan Building Committee meet eight times each year, normally on a Tuesday morning typically for around one hour. The Committee consider building projects submitted by the parishes and scrutinise tenders. The Committee can award contracts up to the value of £40,000 and make recommendations to the full board of Trustees on projects above this amount.

We are seeking two people with a background in either architecture, planning, surveying or the building industry. If you are interested and would like to know more about this please email nfo@sacredheartsheffield.co.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.

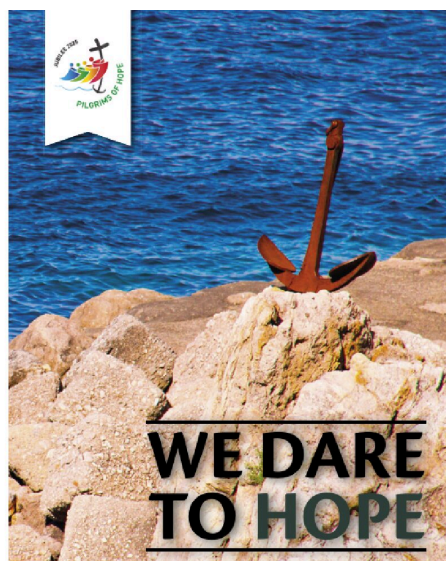
Many thanks to all those who have already made generous donations and gratitude in anticipation of further offerings.

[Click Here to Donate](#)

Parish Lenten Retreat

Online

The next online meeting is the 13th of March 2025
Please see below for further details



"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure"
(Hebrews 6:19)

Sacred Heart Hillsborough Parish
Lenten Retreat

ONLINE Thursday Evening 7.30-8.30pm

6, 13, 27 March & 3 April 2025

Booklets can be found on the [Hallam Diocese Website](https://www.hallam-diocese.com/)

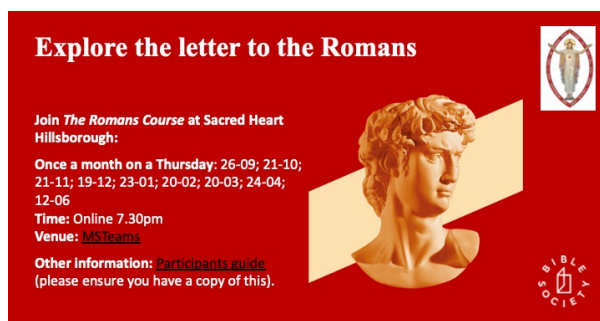
20 March 2025 we will continue our exploration of the Letter to the Romans

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

You can download a copy of the booklet "We dare to hope" by clicking on the link below:

<https://hallam-diocese.com/we-dare-to-hope-lent-resource/>

Please note that we will continue with the Letter to the Romans on the 20th of March.



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

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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 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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