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## PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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### Mass Information 2nd/3rd August 2025 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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#### **Mass Times & Intentions**

**Saturday 2nd August - Vigil Mass: 6.30pm (Rosary at 6pm)** - Derek Kaye  
**Sunday 3rd August - 11am Mass** - Tom & Bridie Kinsella and Brian & Maura Moore  
Monday 4th August - No Mass - St John Mary Vianney  
Tuesday 5th August - No Mass - Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major  
**Wednesday 6th August - 10am Mass** - Transfiguration of the Lord  
Thursday 7th August - No Mass - St Sixtus II and St Cajetan  
**Friday 8th August - 10am Mass** - St Dominic  
**Saturday 9th August - 10-11am: Confessions**  
St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

#### **Death and Condolences**

Our parishioner Lorretta Carr sadly passed away on Wednesday the 23rd of July. We offer our prayers for the repose of her soul and comfort for her family. May she rest in eternal peace and may perpetual light shine upon her. Let us honour her memory by keeping her in our thoughts, and in our prayers. Amen.

#### **Children's Liturgy**

No Children's Liturgy this Sunday - the team are taking a break over the summer and will be back in September.

#### **Confessions:**

Saturday 9th August - 10-11am

#### **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**

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#### **Prayer Intentions**

##### **For the Sick:**

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

*Wesley, Sonia Holland, Robert Ainsworth, Ann Saunders, Leah, Emma, Paige,  
Catherine Bartlett, Babs Parker & Joe Watt*

**May God bring them healing mercies.**

**For the Dead:**

**Please pray for Lorretta Carr, all who have died recently and all those whose  
anniversaries occur at this time:**

*James Marsden, Frances Mary Queenan, Olive Purdy, Nora Owens, Elizabeth Johnson &  
Mary Condon*

**May they rest in peace.**

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### **Collections**

#### **Offertory Baskets:**

19th & 20th July - £312.23

26th & 27th July - £423.36

#### **Tap to Donate:**

26th & 27th July:

Offertory - £117.00

Church Maintenance - £5.00

The total raised for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund was £155.20

The average monthly value of standing orders 1 Jan - 30 June 2025 was £2,160.50.

"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**

**In whatever way you support and donate, thank you very much for  
your generosity.**

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### **The Sick and Retired Clergy Fund**

Dear Friends in Christ,

For generations, the clergy of our diocese have been the bedrock of our communities. They have walked alongside us through every season of life – celebrating our joys, comforting us in our sorrows, and faithfully guiding us in our spiritual journeys. From baptisms to weddings, from moments of crisis to everyday pastoral care, their dedication and unwavering commitment have shaped countless lives and strengthened the very fabric of our faith. The need for this vital fund is growing, with our parish expected to contribute £4000. So, I am making this appeal to you on behalf of all the sick and retired clergy of our diocese.

Donations can be sent to:

Diocese of Hallam Sacred Heart Sheffield,

Sort Code: 40-41-07,

**Every contribution, no matter its size, makes a significant impact.**

Thank you for considering this appeal and for supporting our dedicated clergy.

Many thanks to all who have already made donations.

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### **Jubilee of Altar Servers on Saturday 20th September**

The Guild of St Stephen invites all Altar Servers from across the diocese with their family and friends to Holy Rood Church, Barnsley, on Saturday 20th September 2025 at 10.30am, for a Mass of thanksgiving for all Altar Servers. The National President of the Guild will be attending. Bring your Alb and Guild of St. Stephen Medal if enrolled. Put the date in your calendar.

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### **SACRED HEART FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME**

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the **2025/26 First Holy Communion programme** at Sacred Heart.

Fr Michael has written a letter inviting families to take part in this important journey of faith. The [letter can be viewed \[here\]](#) and includes key details about the programme, what to expect, and a list of important dates. We encourage all families with children in **Years 3 to 6** to consider taking part.

You can find full information and downloadable resources on our parish website:

📁 [www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/first-holy-communion/](http://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/first-holy-communion/)

The deadline to register is **31st October 2025**.

We also warmly invite you to share this information with any families you know who may be interested in enrolling their child — especially those who may not regularly attend Mass or receive our parish updates.

Thank you for your continued support in helping nurture the faith of the next generation.  
With every blessing,

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### **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill-update and action**

On Friday 20th June the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons by just 23 votes. It will enter the House of Lords for their consideration. Archbishop Vincent Nichols, President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has said: "The vote in the House of Commons in favour of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill is a watershed moment in the history of our country. It fundamentally changes society's long held values and relationships on matters of life and death.

The task is now clear: every effort must be made to limit the damage that will be done by this decision. This duty lies both on the House of Lords and on His Majesty's Government. The list of challenges is long. It has been well rehearsed in recent weeks by responsible bodies and

distinguished individuals, including the Public Commission on Palliative and End-of-Life Care whose recommendations have yet to be discussed. The appeal to personal autonomy, so much at the centre of the Parliamentary debate, cuts both ways: the provision of a choice to die cannot exclude the provision of properly resourced care for those who choose to live until a natural death.

As Catholics we will continue to play our part in the building of the common good. The decision of Parliament does not change our firm belief in the sanctity of life, never simply a burden, but always a gift of God, given and received. Our duties are clear: to live by the teaching given to us by God; generously to accompany with care and compassion those facing disability, isolation and suffering; to continue to put forward, with respect and clarity, the objective norms that inform our firm beliefs on how to live, and to die, well."

You can write to members of the House of Lords to express your concerns about the Bill, please visit <https://carenotkilling.org.uk/> for details.

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## **Further Notices**

### **St Francis Leprosy Guild - working for a world without leprosy**

Founded in 1895, St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity. Today, with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as our patron, SFLG supports work in 13 countries, caring for people who have been marginalised by leprosy. We aim to detect and diagnose people affected by leprosy as early as possible to stop the transmission of the disease and prevent life-changing disabilities occurring. **The Catholic community can help end leprosy in our lifetime.** Connected by our shared values and faith, with your support we can reach the most vulnerable and stop leprosy for good. To make a donation or learn more about St Francis Leprosy Guild, please visit our website **[www.stfrancisleprosy.org](http://www.stfrancisleprosy.org)** or contact us at **[parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org](mailto:parishes@stfrancisleprosy.org)** if you would like to discuss ways of supporting our work.

### **Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC)**

As you will know, in the space of just one week at the end of June, MPs voted to allow women to abort their baby up to birth for any reason, and to legalise assisted suicide. At SPUC we are as determined as ever to defeat abortion and assisted suicide. Life is under attack at every stage, but we must not give up. This is a rallying call to rise up and fight for a culture of life because every life matters. If you would like to express an interest in the work of the SPUC there are postcards to take and complete at the back of the church.

### **A Holy Hour For Life (Adoration)**

Please pray for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Mother of God Church, Abbeydale Road, S7 1DX. Last Saturday of the month after the 10am Mass.

### **Key Rings and Booklet for Sale**

There are some keyrings with images of the Sacred Heart Chapel mosaics which are for sale at the back of church. Donations of £1 gratefully received. Also, some booklets entitled 'A Pilgrim's Tale' which is one man's experience of visiting Lourdes. Again, donations gratefully received to raise some funds towards the Sick and Retired Clergy levy. Please either leave cash in the basket or donate online using the 'Sick and Retired Clergy' button. Thank you!

### **Family and Group stays at Castlerigg Manor this August**

Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups. A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/open/> or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

### **Youth 2000 Summer Festival**

Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August 2025. Taking place in this great Year of Jubilee, the Summer Festival will be a chance for young adults to encounter Jesus as our hope, the One who brings light to even the darkest places; illuminating every aspect of our lives. Come and join us as we explore faith, build relationships and find hope - all in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey! Information and tickets are now available.

### **National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse**

Join Bishop Ralph Heskett on the National Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. The service will be held at St. Theresa's Parish Hall on Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7.00pm. This is a service of love, prayer and reflection and everyone is welcome.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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.**

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## **The Prayer Group**

The prayer group are taking a break for the summer and will return in September.

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The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Pray the Holy Rosary

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