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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information 27th September - 4th October 2025
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 27th September - Vigil Mass: 6.30pm (Rosary at 6pm) - People of the Parish

Sunday 28th September - 11am Mass - Michael Joyce

Monday 29th September - No Mass - St Michael, St Gabriel & St Raphael

Tuesday 30th September - No Mass - St Jerome

Wednesday 1st October- 10am Mass - For Peace in Nigeria

St Therese of the Child Jesus

Thursday 2nd October - No Mass - Holy Guardian Angels

Friday 3rd October - No Mass

Saturday 4th October - No AM mass - St Francis of Assisi

Fr Michael Leaving

As many of you know, Fr Michael will be leaving us to begin his ministry in the Mother of God parish at the end of October. We want to take a moment to thank him sincerely for all he has given to Sacred Heart Parish.

He has shared in our joys and sorrows, celebrated our sacraments, and encouraged us to live our faith more fully. His kindness, his words of encouragement, and his presence have touched many lives in our community.

We will miss him very much but we are grateful for the time he has spent with us, and we know that he will bring the same dedication and warmth to his new parish family.

May the Lord bless you Fr Michael in this new chapter of your ministry.

Thank you for everything. You will always have a place in our hearts and our prayers.

Save The Date & Leaving Collection for Fr Michael

As Fr Michael prepares to leave our parish for his new appointment, we would like to show our gratitude for his ministry among us.

We will be having a celebration on Sunday the 26th of October and we will shortly be arranging a leaving collection. Further details will be shared soon.

This will be our way of thanking Fr Michael for his care, kindness, and dedication.

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. 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

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 & Roisin Hartley*

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:

Rose Sheehan, Essie Manning, Charlie Deakin, Mary Kelly, Ingrid Bowler & Jane Fletcher

May they rest in peace.

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Making donations go further

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 further information, please email info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

Collections

Baskets:

13th & 14th September:

Offertory - £593.20

20th & 21st September:

Offertory - £ 409.77

Tap to Donate:

20th & 21st September:

Offertory - £227.00

The total retiring collection for Education Sunday raised £43.47

The total retiring collection for Evangelii Gaudium raised £190.39

The average monthly standing orders 1 Jan - 31 Aug was £2,133.13.

"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

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



New Altar Server Albs

We are truly blessed as a parish to have such a wonderful group of Altar Servers, both new and long-standing. We now have more than 30 active servers—what a joy!

This blessing does bring a small challenge, though: our stock of albs is running low. Some are now worn out, and we don't have enough sizes to suit everyone.

Each new alb costs £40 to make (including fabric and labour). We would be very grateful if you could consider contributing—whether towards part of an alb, a whole one, or even several. Every donation will help our servers continue to look their best in their service at the altar for years to come.

To contribute to the new altar server albs online you can click on the the link below: <https://givealittle.co/c/68YBWue6Ag14OefcheQK69>. or via the tap to donate tablet at the back of the church.

Any donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you and God bless.

**AROUND THE PARISH
AND BEYOND**



Church Cleaning Volunteers

The next regular monthly church clean will take place this Saturday 27th September

at 9.00 am

The church cleaning squad get together once a month on a Saturday, **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!

We also have confirmed dates for the rest of this year as follows:

Monthly church clean - 8th November at 9.00 am
Helping to put up the church Christmas decorations - 13th December at 9.00 am

Newcomers are always welcome. Please come along to help if you can.



Ministries Mass – Saturday 4th October, 6.30pm

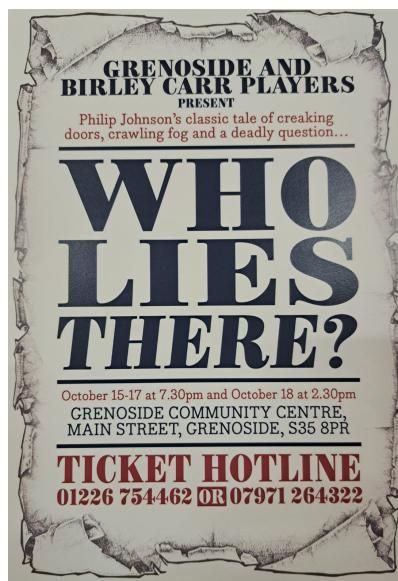
**Vigil Mass of the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacred Heart, Hillsborough**

We warmly invite you to a special Mass for the **Institution of the Ministries of Lector and Acolyte**, with Bishop Ralph as principal celebrant.

- **Lucas Borges & Michael Watkins** will be instituted as **Lectors** – after a year of study and pastoral formation, they are entrusted with proclaiming the Word of God and preparing to teach and preach as future deacons.

- **Peter Holland** will be instituted as an **Acolyte** – after three years of formation, he is entrusted with service at the altar, assisting the bishop and priest in the celebration of the Eucharist. Peter will now move into his final year of formation.

Please join us in prayer and celebration for these candidates and their families as they take this important step in their diaconal journey. Refreshments & snacks will be served afterwards in the Parish Hall.



One of our regular readers James Meagher is swapping church for chills...

He is appearing in Grenoside and Birley Carr Players' theatre show Who Lies There?
If you would like an evening of Victorian murder mystery, it will be at Grenoside Community Centre
Oct 15 to 18. Tickets available by calling [07971 264322](tel:07971264322)

Pangolins & Pangolettes Fish & Chips & Quiz Night **Friday 17th October from 6.45pm**



Join us for a fun evening of delicious suppers and a lively quiz with great prizes to be won!
Ticket options (include quiz entry):

- £13.50 Fish supper
- £12 Sausage supper
- £12 Cheese & onion fry supper
- £6 Kids meal (fish bites / sausage /cheese & onion fry)

There is also a ticket option for the quiz entry only (no food) which is £5.00

Buy your tickets here:

<https://sacred-heart-pangolins.sumupstore.com/>



This October the Church and global organisations will meet for a major conference to celebrate the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis publishing 'Laudato Si'. On 1 October, Pope Leo XIV will lead a celebration of hope for our common home.

Find out more about the Raising Hope Conference events and ways to join at:

<https://raisinghope.earth/conference/>

Dates to Remember for Sacred Heart Hillsborough Sept 2025 - Aug 2026

Oct 04	Mass with Bishop commissioning the Deacon trainee's (including Pete Holland)
Oct 05	Youth Mass
Oct 09	Pastoral Council meeting Hall 7.30pm
Nov 15	Day of the Poor - Volunteer Mass Diocese
Nov 30	Start of Advent
Dec 01	Parish Council Meeting
Dec 07	Youth Mass
Jan 25	Word of God - readers commissioning
Feb 07	Youth Day - Confirmation Candidates & Altar Servers in secondary school
Feb 08	Youth Mass & Enrolment Young Confirmation Candidates
Feb 18	Ash Wednesday – start of Lent
Feb 19	Pastoral Council meeting Hall 7.30pm
Mar 02	Parish Council meeting
Apr 02	Start of Easter Triduum – Maundy Thursday
Apr 04	Adult Enrolment as part of Easter Vigil -tbc
Apr 12	Youth Mass
May 09	Young people Sending Forth
May 16	Young People Confirmation Saturday -tbc
Jun 01	Parish Council meeting
Jun 06	Parish Pilgrimage (feast of the Sacred Heart on 12 June 2026)
Jun 07	Corpus Christi - Ministers of Holy Communion commissioning. FHC Preparation before Mass
Jun 14	Youth Mass. ALSO FHC
Jun 21	FHC
Jun 28	FHC Party & altar server recruitment
Jul 05	Altar Servers Enrolment
Aug 02	Youth Mass

To be confirmed:

- Catechist training day and (re)commissioning
- Adult formation programme – RCIA
- Bishop date for young people and RCIA confirmation



Sacred Heart RC Church, Hillsborough 'Journey in Faith' Programme for Adults 2025-26

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 explorer's programme, "The Catholic Faith Explained." Those who wish can be baptised or be received into the Church or Confirmed at the Easter Vigil.

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 on YouTube if you prefer that format (www.sycamore.fm/videos). Each Chapter sub-heading has a 'Sycamore Short' video associated with it (www.youtube.com/c/SycamoreSeek). Deacon Tony will order copies of the book

for participants. Those who wish can make a suggested donation of £15.00.

We will have evening discussion sessions on the Monday evenings shown below, from 7pm till 8.30pm, in the downstairs of the Presbytery next to the Church. Give Deacon Tony or Peter Holland 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.

Monday Dates	Session Titles	Linked Chapter(s)
27 October	The Existence of God/A God who Speaks	2 & 3
10 November	Who is Jesus	4
24 November	The Holy Spirit and the Church	5
8 December	The Bible	6
15 December	Faith and Prayer	7 & 8
5 January	Finding True Freedom and the Meaning of Love	9 & 10
19 January	The Heart of Christianity/Creation, Fall and Redemption	11,12
26 January	The Community of the Church/The Sacraments	13 & 14
9 February	The Holy Eucharist	15
23 February	Forgiveness, Confession and Healing	16
9 March	Single life, marriage, ordination, consecration	17
23 March	Social Teaching of the Church	17 & 18
30 March	The Adventure of Prayer & The Hope of Heaven	19 & 20
Sat 4 April	Easter Vigil	

Please visit the Sacred Heart Church website for further notices in and around the Parish or click on the link: <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/latest-news/around-the-parish-and-beyond/>



The lucky winner for last Saturday's draw was Clare Farrington, bonus ball number 22.

Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Good Luck for this Saturday.



Sacred Heart Prayer Meeting

The next weekly parish prayer meeting is on Sunday 28th September 2025. The details are as below:

19:30 - 20:30 (GMT)

Occurs every Sunday until 30/09

Meeting link: [Sacred Heart Prayer Meeting](#) | [Microsoft Teams](#) | [Meet-up-Join](#)

We will cycle around:

Rosary

Lectio

Evening Prayer this year.

We hope you can join us.

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows
The month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary

Pray the Holy Rosary

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