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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information 25th October - 1st November 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C



Thank you and Farewell to Fr Michael



This weekend we say a heartfelt thank you and farewell to Fr Michael as he celebrates his final Masses with us.

It has been such a joy to have Fr Michael with us, we have been truly blessed, his kindness, prayerful guidance, thoughtful homilies, sense of humour, and genuine care for everyone has meant a great deal to our parish community.

We will miss seeing him each week but know that he will bring the same spirit of faith and compassion to the Mother of God parish.

Please keep Fr Michael in your prayers as he moves on to his new parish.

We wish Fr Michael every happiness and blessings as he begins the next chapter of his ministry.

Just a reminder - after Mass on Sunday, everyone is warmly invited to join us for our World Food Celebration in honour of Fr Michael - a chance to share food and fond memories, and our thanks together as a parish family.

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 25th October - Vigil Mass: 6.30pm (Rosary at 6pm) - Father Michael
Sunday 26th October - 11am Mass - Eric Umeh (RIP)

Monday 27th October - No Mass
Tuesday 28th October - No Mass - St Simon and St Jude, Apostles
Wednesday 29th October - *No Mass
Thursday 30th October - No Mass
Friday 31st October - *No Mass
Saturday 1st November - No AM Mass - Blessed Virgin Mary

***Please note: There are no usual masses on Wednesday and Friday**

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 (up to the 26th October).

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, Roisin Hartley & Marilyn White*

May God bring them healing mercies.

For the Dead:

Please pray for Molly Dempsey, all who have died recently, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Winnie Kilner, Gerald Austin Butler, Kenneth Croft, Andrew Patrick Wilkinson & Lena Murray

May they rest in peace.

Collections

18th & 19th October

Baskets:

Offertory - £451.86
Altar Server's Albs - £20.00

Tap to Donate:

Offertory - £135.00
Altar Server's Albs - £45.00
Church Maintenance - £5.00

The average monthly standing order donations 1 Jan - 30 Sep was £2,050.60.

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

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

In whatever way you support and donate, thank you very much 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. If you would like further information, please email info@sacredheartsheffield.co.uk

Update for Fr Michael's Leaving Celebration

As part of our celebration for Fr Michael leaving, we'll be holding a special World Food Celebration after Mass in the parish hall on **Sunday the 26th of October** - a chance to share dishes from around the world and enjoy some time together.

We already have some lovely dishes being prepared from the Philippines, Africa, and India, but we'd love to add a few more flavours to the table, so if anyone is able to bring any European dish it would be greatly appreciated.

Please note there will be no facilities to heat up food.

Let's share food, friendship, and fond memories as we say thank you to Fr Michael for his care, kindness, and dedication.

Thank you to everyone who's helping to make the day special.

We hope that you will be able to join us to give Fr Michael the 'send off' he deserves.

God Bless

Farewell Message Book for Fr Michael

There is a book at the front of the church for anyone who would like to write a message to Fr Michael as he leaves our parish.

Please take a moment after Mass to share a note of appreciation, a memory, good wishes or a prayer for him.

Your kind words and prayers will be a cherished keepsake for him from his Sacred Heart parishioners.

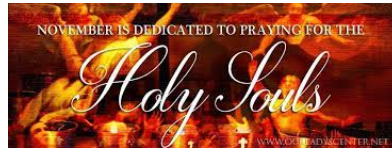
To give everyone more time to write a message, the book will be in church until the end of November.



World Mission Sunday

Last Sunday, parishes worldwide celebrated World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope which is located at the back of the church, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

There will be a retiring collection at this weekend's masses for World Mission Sunday.



November is the Month of The Holy Souls

November Dead List

There are now envelopes at the back of church for you to place the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives, Friends and all for whom you wish to pray.

It would be a great help if you could print the names clearly, thank you.

Could you please return your envelopes to the church or presbytery as soon as possible please.

The envelopes can be placed in the offertory baskets.

If you are using your own envelope, please mark it ' November Dead List'.



Church Cleaning Volunteers

The next regular monthly church clean will take on Saturday 8th November 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. Your help - even for a short while will make a big difference. Many hands make light work, and it is always a lovely chance to get to know people. If you have your own broom, mop, and bucket it helps ... but not essential if you don't have one.

Christmas Decorations in Church

Please join us on **Saturday the 13th of December at 9am** to put up the Christmas decorations in the church. This is always a joyful occasion and an opportunity to prepare together for the celebration of Christ's birth.

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

**AROUND THE PARISH
AND BEYOND**

Here are a few more notices of events happening this month. Please visit the Sacred Heart Church website for the Sacred Heart Dates to Remember and further notices in and around the Parish or click on the links: <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/latest-news/key-dates-for-the-year/> <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/latest-news/around-the-parish-and-beyond>

SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children)

Mother of God Church Abbeydale Road S7 1FL
After 10am Mass Sunday November 16th, there will be bacon butties, cakes and Christmas cards on sale, to raise awareness and funds for SPUC.
Please support this great cause.
If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation:
Bank details for SPUC Sheffield:
Natwest Bank
Account Number 52055477
Sort code 54-41-47

Service of Love and Prayers for Survivors of Abuse

Please see the details below:



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	

 CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL –
DONATIONS WANTED!

Sacred Heart Church, Hillsborough

Help us make this year's Christmas Craft Stall merry and bright! We're collecting Christmas-themed items and gifts to sell at our festive stall.



We're looking for:

- Handmade and festive crafts
- Christmas decorations and ornaments
- Seasonal gifts and gift sets
- Jewellery (new or handmade)
- Wrapping paper, ribbons, bows and cards
- Home-baked treats (nearer the date)



Your donations will help support our parish fundraising and bring festive cheer to our community.



Drop-off point: A box for donations will be available at the back of the church.

Deadline for donations: 23rd November.

🎁 Thank you for your kindness, creativity, and generosity this Christmas season! 🎄



The lucky winner for last Saturday's draw was Matt Davis, bonus ball number 19.

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 26th October 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 October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary

The month of November is dedicated to the Holy Souls

Pray the Holy Rosary

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