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PARISH BULLETIN OF SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

Mass Information 27th December 2025 - 3rd January 2026
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Mass Times & Intentions

Saturday 27th December - Vigil Mass: 6.30pm (Rosary at 6pm) - Mary & Tom Green -

Thomas James Green's Anniversary R.I.P

Rosary Dedication for December - We pray for Mothers.

Please put any intention in the Rosary Box.

Sunday 28th December - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: 11am Mass

People of the Parish

Monday 29th December - No Mass - St Thomas Becket

Tuesday 30th December - No Mass

Wednesday 31st December - No Mass - St Sylvester I

Thursday 1st January 2026 - New Years Day: 10am Mass

Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Our Lady's Intentions

First Friday 2nd January - 10am Mass - St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen

Joel Fernandes

First Saturday 3rd January - 10am Mass - Most Holy Name of Jesus

Followed by first Saturday devotions at 10:30am

Priest's Own Intention

Mass Intentions

The Mass intentions for the weekend of 3rd & 4th of January 2026 will be for:

Saturday - People of the Parish

Sunday - Loretta Carr

Saint Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in our daily battle;
be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou,
O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God,
thrust down into Hell, Satan
and all the other evil spirits,
who prowl throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.



Congratulations to Adele and Oliver Palmer who will be baptised in our parish this weekend.

Wishing you many blessings on this sacred occasion.

Getting in touch

If your message relates specifically to Fr Paul - such as personal or pastoral matters please email him directly. For all other parish enquiries - please contact the Parish Office. Both email addresses can be found at the top of the bulletin.

This helps us to make sure your message reaches the right place quickly. Thank you.

Parish Bulletin Notices

If you have any **important** notices for the parish bulletin, please email them to the parish office by **Wednesday at the latest.**

The bulletin is printed and sent out electronically on a **Thursday**, so late submissions may not be included.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

No Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is taking a break over Christmas.

We'll be back in touch soon with all the dates for Children's Liturgy running in the New Year.

Confessions:

Fr Paul will be available to hear confessions by requesting an appointment by phone or emailing the parish office.

Baptism:

Parents and guardians are now invited to enquire about the baptism of their child/children. The time slots can be arranged on Saturdays & Sundays. Baptism registration forms are available to pick up from the back of the church. Please hand your completed form to Fr Paul.

Prayer Intentions

For the Sick:

Please 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, Joan Wilkinson & Craig Moss*

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:

Thomas James Green, Arthur Askham, Gertrude Neal, Maureen Fleet, Chris Clegg, Sarah Anderson, Winifred Kelly, Shelly Robinson, Peter Hartley, Hester Coe, His Holiness Benedict XVI Pope Emeritus,

Peter Metcalfe and Jean Croft

May they rest in peace.

Collections for the weekend 20th & 21st December 2025

Offertory - £521.40
Church Maintenance - £30.00

The average value of monthly standing orders Jan - Nov 2025 was £2,117.00

"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

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

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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



Christmas Offertory Collections:

As is customary, the Christmas collections this year will be treated as personal offerings in support of the priest. This means that **all collections over the Christmas period will go to Fr Paul as a token of gratitude for all that he has done and will do for the people of our Parish.**

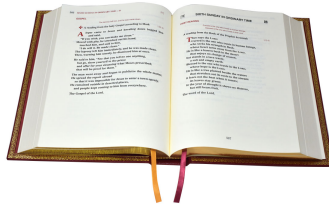
We know that times are still difficult, but we would ask you to please be as generous as you are able this year to contribute towards the Christmas collections. We are blessed in these times of priest shortage to have Fr Paul as our own Parish Priest.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued generosity.

Please see below Bishop Ralph's message to us:

*"All of the collections (including electronic giving) which are taken on each of the days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord together with its contributions made by Standing Order will constitute the personal offerings of the faithful for their priests at Christmas this year.
God bless - from Bishop Ralph"*

Please click here to give to Fr Paul's
Christmas Offering Online



Readers: Mark Your Calendars for Word of God Sunday

At our Masses on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th January 2026 we will celebrate 'Word of God Sunday', a day dedicated to the gift of Scripture, and its role in our life and liturgy. We will be taking this opportunity to express our gratitude to and re-commission our dedicated Readers of the Word.

Aspiring new and current Readers are invited to a morning of formation and reflection on Saturday, January 24th | 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Parish Hall & Church. We welcome new volunteers to join this essential ministry.

If you feel called to proclaim the Word of God, please speak to Deacon Tony, Malcolm Fleet at the Saturday Vigil or Darren McDonnell at Sunday Mass and attend the formation morning on Saturday, January 24th.



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.

The next session will be held on the 5th of January 2026. Please click on the link for further details: <https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/journey-in-faith-rcia/journey-in-faith-programme/>



The Sacrament of Confirmation 2026

We would like to invite young people in Year 9 and above (13/14 to 18 years old) who want to complete their membership of the church to come forward. We have a team of Catechists to help you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation.

If you wish to prepare for Confirmation this must be your choice. Being confirmed means that you are taking on your own growth in faith. Confirmation is a witness to your belief in Christ and His church. It is an important step so please do discuss this with your parents or guardians. The final decision must be yours and entered into freely. It may be that you do not feel ready to take this step yet. If so, do not worry. There will be opportunities to be confirmed in the future. There is an online application form to complete if you would like to be confirmed which can be found on the parish website and in the newsletter. Or contact youthsch@gmail.com for a link. Please note a parent or guardian should complete the application for you.

The preparation sessions will be in the Parish Hall and take place about once a month see the attached programme for the full schedule. You are expected to commit to the preparation and engage with each other and the catechists during the sessions. If you are unable to attend you or your parent/guardian will inform the catechists prior to your absence.

We would like to invite parents/guardians to an information session on Wednesday 7 January 2026 7pm to 8pm to hear about the programme you will follow, meet some of the Catechists and ask any questions they might have. This will be online and they will be sent a link nearer the time. Copies of the invitation letter, which includes an overview of dates are also at the back of the church.

Candidates will be officially enrolled Sunday 8 March 2026 at the 11am Mass.
A sending forth Mass with Candidates takes place on Saturday 2 May 2026 at 6.30pm.
Confirmation by Bishop Ralph will take place on Saturday 16 May 2026 during the Vigil Mass at 6.30pm.

Please click on the link below for further information:
<https://www.sacredheartsheffield.co.uk/sacraments/confirmation/>

Here is a link to the Registration form: <https://forms.gle/J4k4XLsYFERhoDHn7>
Registration closes on Friday 16 January 2026.

With God's blessing and best wishes,

Petra & The Confirmation Team



**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>

Closing of the Jubilee Year — Saturday 27th December at St Marie's Cathedral

The Holy Father Pope Francis, in the bull *Spes non confundit*, decreed that the Jubilee Year would close on Sunday 28th December 2025, feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, at a celebration of the Eucharist at which the diocesan bishop presides in the cathedral church.

Bishop Ralph will preside over the Rite of the Closing of the Jubilee Year 2025 at St Marie's

Cathedral on Saturday 27th December. The Mass will be at 3.30pm, and will be a Vigil Mass for the feast of the Holy Family.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and give thanks to God for all he has done during this special year of prayer, pilgrimage and conversion.



Job Advert

Director – St Wilfrid's Centre
Diocese of Hallam
Location: Sheffield
Salary: Competitive salary subject to experience
Contract: Full-time, permanent

For further information please see the job advert on the noticeboard in the church porch or contact St Wilfrid's Centre.

To Apply

Please download the application pack from www.stwilfridscentre.org or contact St Wilfrid's Centre 0114 2555 720
Closing date: Midnight 04-01-2026
Interviews: Week of 12-01-26
Caritas Hallam and St Wilfrid's Centre are committed to safeguarding and promoting equality, diversity and inclusion. An enhanced DBS check is required.



The lucky winner for last Saturday's draw was Annette Murray, bonus ball number 47.

Many thanks to everyone for your support.

Good Luck for this Saturday.



Sacred Heart Prayer Meeting

Please note: There will be no prayer meetings on the 28th of December and the 4th of January.

The Month of December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The month of January is dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus

Pray the Holy Rosary

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