

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 10th December 2017 – Second Sunday of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 9th December, Vigil, 2nd Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday 10th December, Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Margaret Shaw
Monday <i>in the school (Shalom Room)</i>	9.00am	Sacred Heart November Dead List
Tuesday <i>in the presbytery</i>	9.00am	Sacred Heart November Dead List
Wednesday <i>in the presbytery</i>	7.30pm	Tom Tingle
Thursday <i>in the presbytery</i>	9.00am	Sacred Heart November Dead List
Friday <i>in the presbytery</i>	11.30am	Sacred Heart November Dead List
Saturday <i>in the church</i>	9.00am	Tom and Bridie Kinsella and Brian Moore
Saturday 16th December, Vigil, 3rd Sunday of Advent	6.30pm	Stuart and Bridget Bright
Sunday 17th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Deceased Brennan and McNamara Families

Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8am. Wednesday: 7pm. Rosary and Novena in the presbytery
Saturday: 8.45am Morning Prayer, 9am Mass, 10am to 11am Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacred Heart November Dead List 2017 is published in the blue folder in Our Lady's chapel.

JOHN REILLY died last week, his funeral arrangements will be announced in due course. May he rest in peace.
Please also pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
William Crawshaw, Tom Stevenson, Agnes Beatson, Ivy Palmer, Sylvia O'Connell, William Donlon, Catherine Winks, Kitty Firth, Noreen Dore, Nellie McNamara, Emma Wilmott, Julia Mary Flynn, Catherine Delaney, Lorraine McVeigh, Bridget Woodhams, Ann Hunt, Joan Greenhough, Thomas Nicholson, Pauline Taylor, John Edward Parker, Bryan Butcher, Eladia Shepherd, Bridie Kinsella, Donald Gordon and Margaret Ibbotson. May they rest in peace.

Please pray for all those who are unwell at home or in hospital.

Many thanks for last week's collection of £ 645.69 plus your regular standing orders of £ 429.00 per week.
Also all donations to Sacred Heart Food Bank and all other donations.

Mass information for 16th & 17th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Guidance notes for readings at Mass for next few weeks are in the church porch for readers to take and use.

Announcers: Lesley Murray (Saturday) Jayne Kirwan (Sunday)
Readers: Anita Gibson, Anita Larkin, Claire Brady (Saturday)
Rebecca Le Count, Connor McDonnell, Ailsa Rodgers (Sunday)
Eucharistic Ministers: Jayne Kirwan, Walter Mswaka*, Tina Varley (Saturday)
Mike Nadin, Juliet White*, Barbara Parker, Harry Priestley, Winefride Piasecki (Sunday)

Children's Liturgy: James,

Church Cleaning: Saturday, 16th December, 11am: Group 4: Rita & Derek Kaye, Melon Mirando, Anne Purdy, Angela Windle, Mary Ann Todd, Rita Gillott.

Journey in Faith: St Marie's, Tuesday evenings, 2722522. The programme is on the notice board.

St Vincent de Paul: Mondays at 7.30pm in the presbytery

Toddler & Baby Group: Tuesdays at 10am in the presbytery.

Choir Rehearsals: Next rehearsal **Tuesday 2nd January 7.30pm:**

Art Class: Wednesdays 10am in the presbytery: **Last one - 13th Dec. Next one 10th January.**

Contact Club: Wednesdays at 1.30pm in the Presbytery. Bingo and chat. All welcome.

Sewing Group: 2nd Sunday, 1pm to 3.30pm. today **10th December.** Please contact Sylvia Grayson

Youth Friendship: Years 6, 7 & 8. Fridays 6.30 – 8pm in the presbytery. **Xmas Party 22nd December.**

Session for new Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Sunday 14th January at 3pm in church, relating to assisting at Mass and bringing Holy Communion to people at home and in hospital. Please contact Fr Shaun about this.

Hallam 2018 Ordo & Yearbook: Copies and remittance envelopes at the back of church, price £3.75. Thank you.

Pastoral Renewal Exchange Copies of the November issue are at the back of church, please take one. This is the quarterly publication of inspirational articles chosen by contributors. Sacred Heart parishioners were invited to choose articles for it. The editor thanks you for what you sent in to him, some of the articles will be used in later issues.

Christmas Card Delivery to Parishioners : The bundles of cards are at the back of church ready for delivery. Please take some and add your name to the list on the notice board. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Carol Singing in Hillsborough Precinct Saturday 16th December 11am to 12 noon. All welcome.

Advent Liturgy of Lessons and Carols, Sunday 17th December, 4pm, St Joseph's Handsworth. See notice board

Advent Liturgy at All Saints Catholic High School Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm, an opportunity to reflect on the Advent journey and being ready to welcome God into our lives at Christmas. All welcome. Refreshments served.

Sacred Heart School Liturgies:

Key Stage 2 Advent Liturgy in church on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm.

Key Stage 1 Nativity on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm.

Sacred Heart Church Mass at Christmas:

Christmas Eve 5pm (children's) and 9pm (carols at 8.45pm)

Christmas Day 10.30am . Mass at Kirk Edge on Christmas Day at 8am (there is no longer a Midnight Mass at Kirk Edge).

Parish Christmas Tree Card [At the back of church] Do please pin on your Christmas greetings to friends and family in the parish instead of sending individual cards. Donations for the Food Pantry will be very welcome.

Schools Admissions Cap: The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap, which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. The government has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it. We need to tell them **there must be no u-turn on that promise** to Catholics. You can visit catholicnews.org.uk or search "Catholic Education" to write to the government. The Bishop's letter about this is on the notice board.

Knights of St Columba Advent Service, TODAY Sunday 10th December, 2.30pm, Carmelite Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Kirk Edge. Carols, readings and benediction. All welcome. Please see the poster at the back of church.

This Christmas St. Marie's will be joining the **Come Home for Christmas** outreach initiative. This welcomes people at Christmas, especially those who don't normally come to church. As part of this initiative we are asking you to invite friends, family, colleagues to a special event at St Marie's that will include Carols and Christmas Bible Readings, and mince pies and mulled wine. At Cathedral Masses this weekend, cards will be given out with an invitation to the Carol Service on **15th December at 7pm.** Poster at the back of church.

Christmas with the Tallis Scholars: Saturday 16th December, 7.30pm, St Marie's Cathedral. Please call 2233777 for ticket details. Poster at the back of church.

Extended Advent Confessions at St Marie's Cathedral: Mon 18th–Sat 23rd December: Confession times at the Cathedral will be extended to 11.30am-12.30pm from Monday, 18th December until Saturday, 23rd December, with two priests hearing Confessions each day. Come along and receive God's mercy and grace in the Sacrament of Confession.

Team Jingle Belles: On Tuesday 19th December, 19 members of Sacred Heart staff, running as Team Jingle Belles, will be taking part in the 5k GlowRun around Endcliffe Park, in aid of the Children's Hospital Charity. The team are hoping to raise at least £2,000 towards the £800,000 the hospital need in order to fund a SPECT CT scanner. Can you help our wonderful school staff reach their target? If so, to: <https://teamtheglowrun.everydayhero.com/uk/jingle-belles/members> from where you can donate to individual members of the team. All donations will then count towards the team total.

Epiphany Party with a children's entertainer and a shared lunch on **Sunday 7th January after Mass in the hall.**

Tickets will be issued, £2 per ticket, £1 for children, £5 a family ticket (to pay for the children's entertainer).

New Year pub lunch somewhere locally will be organised on a weekday around the end of January, for people to attend and pay for their own meals. More details to follow.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Fiona O'Farrell and Andrew Hartley. For non-urgent matters, please contact Fiona on 07955 234602, or in church after Mass on Sunday. For urgent matters go to the Hallam Safeguarding Team on 2566453.

Hospital Chaplaincy: for the Hallamshire and Northern General, ring 2714999 if you would like to see the chaplain.

School Job Vacancies are on the screen notice board at the back of church and also on the Diocesan website.

Bereavement Support: If you would like support at either Sacred Heart or St Marie's, please call the presbytery on 2343580 and your request will be passed to Sr Maire or Janina Klapas.

You are invited to join us for refreshments in the hall after Sunday Mass. Donations to the Food Bank

New to the Parish?

Please give us your contact details by phone or email, or use this as a tear off slip and put it in the collection basket for it to be passed on to Fr Shaun:

Your name and phone number

Your address and email

Further Announcements

Can you help? CAFOD in Hallam is desperate for new people to join our schools' team. It's a fun and rewarding role that allows you to share your faith and concern for social justice with children and young people. Full training and support is given so all you need is a confidence and ability to communicate with groups of children, plus some free time during the school day. If you're interested, please contact Jeremy Cain on hallam@cafod.ac.uk or 07710094454.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" Liverpool 7th to 9th September 2018

The bishops of England and Wales will hold a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool next year. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. Participants will engage in a series of sessions focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can accommodate 10,000 pilgrims - will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the second day of the Congress, which will include a Congress Mass, keynote speakers and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will conclude with Adoration.

If you would like to be one of six parish delegates for Saturday 8th September, then please give your name to our parish secretary Richard Cooper by email on sacredheart479@btinternet.com or telephone 0114 2343580. The diocese will be organising coaches to get to and from Liverpool.

Parish Emergency Food Pantry: The people who rely on the food pantry are very grateful for your support. The number of requests for help made at the door is currently running at about 50 per week. If you wish to contribute to the food pantry, there are three ways to do this: 1. Purchase cans and put them in the box at the back of church. 2. Make regular donations by standing order with a reference of "food pantry". The parish bank account details are: **HSBC, sort code 404107, account number 21094319**. 3. Donate by cash / cheque in an envelope marked "food pantry" and put it in the box at the back of church. **Please note:** all cheques should be made payable to "**Diocese of Hallam – Sacred Heart**". There are some marked envelopes at the back of church for this purpose. Many thanks for all your help, including new standing orders received. It really is much appreciated by local people in need.

Gift Aid: The tax the parish can reclaim from HMRC is an important source of income and we would like to encourage any taxpayers who do not currently make their offering under Gift Aid to consider doing so. It is the best way of increasing your offering without it costing you more, since currently, the government will increase each £1 of your personal offering by a further 25p. For the parish to reclaim the tax on your offering, you, the taxpayer, need to make a Gift Aid declaration and we, the parish, need to have a record of the date and amount of your offerings. Offerings can be by standing order, cheque or cash in a numbered offertory envelope. Your Gift Aid Declaration will cover all donations recorded by the parish, including for the Food Pantry. You will find Gift Aid declaration forms at the back of church near the hymn books. When you have completed the form, please hand it either to our the presbytery or drop it through the letterbox. Please be assured that the administration of Gift Aid is completely confidential. If you have any questions about about Gift Aid, please call Janina Klapas on 2312300. If you are considering making a gift to the Church in your will, information can be obtained by contacting the presbytery. Thank you for your continuing support. It is very much appreciated. Offertory envelopes are at the back of church. If you want to start using envelopes please let us know.
