

# SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017 – Third Sunday of Advent

Baptism today at 1pm: Grace Hetty McLaughlin, congratulations to her family.

### Mass Times and Intentions

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Vigil, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	6.30pm	Stuart and Bridget Bright
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday of Advent</b>	10.30am	Deceased Brennan and McNamara Families
Monday <i>in the school (Shalom Room)</i>	9.00am	Sacred Heart November Dead List
Tuesday <i>in the presbytery</i>	9.00am	Dominic D'Roza
Wednesday <i>in the presbytery</i>	7.30pm	Vivien Milner
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	Margaret Shaw
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, Vigil, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Advent</b>	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	10.30am	Tom Tingle
<b>Christmas Eve, Children's Christmas Mass</b>	<b>5.00pm</b>	For the People of the Parish
<b>Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (carols at 8.45pm)</b>	<b>9.00pm</b>	Mirando, Charlet, Francis, Kath, Marilena
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	Con Heffernan, Mary and Francis Bernes

Mass at Kirk Edge Monastery each day at 8am. There is no longer a Christmas Midnight Mass at Kirk Edge.

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 ROBERTS** died last weekend. His Funeral Mass will be held here on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 1pm, followed by cremation at Grenoside at 2pm. May he rest in peace. We offer his family our deepest sympathy.

Please also pray for Vivien Milner, who has died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Deborah Cohen, Ron Long, Josephine Howe, Terence James, Robert Williams, John Blackwood, Edmund Cape, Dennis MacInnes, Mary Coe, Stuart Bright, Fred Unsworth, Fred Ridgeway, Mary Donlon, Charlotte Neubauer, Patricia Westerman, Wilfred Murray, Albert Pickering, Dennis Neylan, Dominic D'Roza, Eileen Hutchinson, Anne Leach, Marie Hodgkinson and William Donlon. 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 £ 394.29, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> December, 4<sup>th</sup> 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:** Anita Larkin (Saturday) David Wilkinson (Sunday)

**Readers:** Pauline Maycock, Malcolm Fleet, Christine Trebicka (Saturday)  
Stephen Marlow, Mike Nadin, Janet Reader (Sunday)

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Annette Murray, Claire Brady,\* Mario Castellino (Saturday)  
Angela Day, Gerard Strain, Lisa Unwin, Jane Higgins, David Wilkinson (Sunday)

**Children's Liturgy:** Christmas Family Mass

**Church Cleaning: Group 1 - Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> December , 11am:** Anita Larkin, Joe McDonnell, Annette Murray, Lesley Murray, Charles Obiri, Jecinta Uwaoma, Chidimma Uwaoma

**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.

**Art Class:** Wednesdays 10am in the presbytery. **Next one 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Contact Club:** Wednesdays at 1.30pm in the Presbytery, **next one 10<sup>th</sup> January.** Bingo and chat. All welcome.

**Sewing Group:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 1pm to 3.30pm. Next one **14<sup>th</sup> January.** Please contact Sylvia Grayson 2969200

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

**Session for new Eucharistic Ministers will take place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**Knights of St Columba Advent Service, TODAY Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm**, postponed from last week, Carmelite Monastery, Kirk Edge. Carols, readings and benediction. All welcome. Please see the poster at the back of church.

**Advent Liturgy of Lessons and Carols, TODAY Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm, St Joseph's Handsworth.** See notice board

**Advent Liturgy at All Saints Catholic High School Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 1 Nativity on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

**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.

**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.

**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](http://catholicnews.org.uk) or search "Catholic Education" to write to the government. The Bishop's letter about this is on the notice board.

**Extended Advent Confessions at St Marie's Cathedral: Mon 18<sup>th</sup>–Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> December:** Confession times at the Cathedral will be extended to 11.30am-12.30pm from Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December until Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 £1,000 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://teamtheosglowrun.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.

**"Roll up, roll up" to a children's Epiphany Party on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January after Mass in Sacred Heart Hall, Ripley St.**  
**A clown will present a children's show and workshops with lunch in-between. Tickets are on sale at £1 each.**

If you are planning to come to the party and shared lunch, please see the sheet with suggestions for contributions to the shared lunch [on notice board at the back of church]. Please tick to show what you will bring or add your alternative. If you can help to set up the Hall, please call Janina on 0774 267 12698.

**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**

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**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 .....

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**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](mailto:hallam@cafod.ac.uk) or 07710094454.

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## **Further Announcements**

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### **Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress "Adoremus" Liverpool 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> September, then please give your name to our parish secretary Richard Cooper by email on [sacredheart479@btinternet.com](mailto: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 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.

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