

SACRED HEART CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH

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Sunday 24th December 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 23rd December, Vigil, 4th Sunday Advent	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday 24th December, 4th Sunday of Advent	10.30am	Tom Tingle	
Christmas Eve, Children's Christmas Mass	5.00pm	For the People of the Parish	
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (carols at 8.45pm)	9.00pm	Mirando, Charlet, Francis, Keith, Marilena	
Monday 25th December, Christmas Day	10.30am	Con Heffernan, Mary and Francis Bernes	
Tuesday	<i>in the presbytery</i>	10.00am	Andrew and Annie Kirwan
Wednesday	<i>in the presbytery</i>	7.30pm	Mary and Tom Green
Thursday	<i>in the presbytery</i>	9.00am	O'Hagan and Maloney families
Friday	<i>in the presbytery</i>	11.30am	Tony Brock
Saturday	<i>in the church</i>	9.00am	For a sick person
Saturday 30th December, Vigil, Holy Family	6.30pm	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday 31st December, Holy Family	10.30am	Margaret Shaw	

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

Please also pray for David Rawson and Margaret Smith, who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Monica Addy, Violet Brown, Charles Coyle, Muriel Bentley, Michael Buckley, Maureen Unsworth, John Whiston, Goronwy Evans, Teresa Szurko, Mary Maloney, Cyril Knott, Kathleen Marr, Fr Lawrence Alan Thompson, Annie Kirwan, Ken Collis, Arthur Horner, Lila Ellen Watkinson, Marguerite O'Neill, Graham Butterell, Margaret Eborall, Arthur Askham, Garbiel Angelo, Thomas James Green, Ian Douglas Sharrock, Teresa Walker, Joshua Kelly, Peter Hartley, Joyce Thorpe, Maureen Fleet, Chinnamma George, Kathleen Boxall and Tony Brock. 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 £ 567.45, 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 30th & 31st December, The Holy Family

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

Announcers: Claire Brady (Saturday) Darren McDonnell (Sunday)

Readers: Lesley Murray, Annette Murray, David Barrett (Saturday)

Brian Marsden, John Brennan, Jayne Kirwan (Sunday)

Eucharistic Ministers: Malcolm Fleet, Steve McGarry*, Enrico Castellino (Saturday)

Annie Reed, Chris Ashton*, Hazel Brownell, Monique Fournier, Chris Grant (Sunday)

Children's Liturgy: Begins again on **Sunday 14th January**

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

Journey in Faith: St Marie's Cathedral, Tuesday evenings, 2722522.

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 9th January 7.30pm:**

Art Class: Wednesdays 10am in the presbytery. **Next one 10th January.**

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

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

Youth Friendship: Years 6,7 & 8. Fridays 6.30 – 8pm in the presbytery..

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.

Pastoral Renewal Exchange: Copies of the November issue, for which Sacred Heart parishioners chose articles, are available at the back of church. Please take one.

“Roll up, roll up” to a children's Epiphany Party on Sunday 7th January after Mass in Sacred Heart Hall, Ripley St. A clown will present a children's show and workshops with lunch in-between. Adult tickets £1 each, children are free but get a ticket for them so we know numbers. 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.

Baptism preparation for first time parents: Sundays 7th, 14th, and 21st January at 9am in the presbytery. Please enrol.

First Holy Communion preparation programme begins on **Sunday 28th January** at 9am in the hall. Please enrol.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 30th June at 6.30pm for year 9 and upwards.

Other dates for your new diaries:

Saturday 28th April: Hillsborough Churches Family Fun Day in the Park

Saturday 19th May: One Sheffield Many 'Cultures Festival in Barkers Pool.

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.

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.

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

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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 or 07710094454.

Further Announcements
