

The Parish of St Joseph
&
The Parish of St Charles Borromeo
SHEFFIELD



First Sunday of Advent – Year C
2nd December 2018

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound especially: Lol Hodges, Sonia Prince, Sheila Habershon, Freda Clarke, Rita & Vin Todd, Michael Egan, Jean Reardon, Georgina Shirt, Pauline Bell, Bernard Greenwood, Maria Tarnowski, Bernard Hodges, Elizabeth Barron, Margaret Bradley, Jimmy Cahill, Martin Humphreys, Eric Howsam, Ann Malone, Susan De Couto, Riley Ring Jacqueline Wagland, Gill & Stephen Westerman, Sr. Teresa Paschal, Michael Brookes, Tom Bryant. If you would like anyone included on this list, and the individual concerned or a family member has consented to it, simply write the person's name down and hand it to Fr McManus or to the Office.

<i>Mass Times and Intentions</i>		
Monday 3 December St Francis Xavier	7.15am St Joseph's	Margaret O'Hanrahan
Tuesday 4 December Advent Weekday	10.00am St Joseph's	November Dead List
	7.00pm St Joseph's	Exposition, Confessions
	7.50pm	Benediction
Wednesday 5 December Advent Weekday		
Thursday 6 December Advent Weekday	6.30pm St Charles	Exposition & Confessions
	7.00pm	Private Intention
Friday 7 December St Ambrose	9.00am St Joseph's	Exposition & Rosary
	10.00am	Private Intention followed by Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday 8 December The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Saturday 8 December Vigil	5.45pm-6.15pm St Joseph's	Confessions
	6.30pm	Peggy & Leonard Wray
Sunday 9 December Second Sunday of Advent	8.30am St Charles'	Private Intention
	10.00am St Joseph's	For the People

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Teachers of the Word of God**

**This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Migrants & Refugees**

Please pray for all who have died recently.

Last Week	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Total
St Joseph's	£519.51	£440.53	£960.04

Last weekend's collection for the Youth Service was £157.36. Thank you.

A time of change brings us an opportunity to welcome the new partnership between St Joseph's and St Charles'. Historically speaking, the two parishes are old friends and many members of the St Joseph's family trace their spiritual 'lineage' back to St Charles'. Please God, our communities will benefit from this collaboration and grow in holiness and grace. Please note, for any newcomers that the change of Mass times might have brought, that during Advent (and Lent) the Mass at St Joseph's is celebrated *Ad orientem* (facing east). This reminds us as a Christian community that we are all waiting in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ who will return to judge the living and the dead.

Please note we now have a new parishes e-mail address and all future digital correspondence for Fr McManus or the Office should be addressed to it. It is:

ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com

We hope to have a new website (and address) shortly.

The change of parishes has also brought **change to our parishes Sick List**. If anyone has gone 'missing' who should be on the list – our apologies - do please let us know. **N.B.** In order to comply with legislation we must be able to demonstrate consent for anyone to be included on the list. So, the individual concerned or a family member must consent to it.

On **Tuesdays in Advent** there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions at St Joseph's** church from 7.00pm until Benediction at 7.50pm. Begins Tuesday, 4 December.

On **Thursdays in Advent** there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions at St Charles'** church from 6.30pm until 6.55pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. Begins Thursday, 6 December.

Bambinelli Blessing: On *Gaudete* Sunday, 15 & 16 December, you are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus' from your crib to be blessed at the end of Mass.

There will be a retiring collection for the **Christmas flowers** to decorate our beautiful churches on *Gaudete* Sunday, 15-16 December.

A collection of **Advent Prayers** is available for you to take and use.

The Masses for Christmas will be:

5.00 pm [Vigil] St Charles', Christmas Eve

8.00 pm ['During the Night'] St Joseph's, Christmas Eve

8.30am ['At Dawn'] St Charles', Christmas Day

10.00 am ['During the Day'] St Joseph's, Christmas Day

Please invite members of your family and friends to attend Mass this Christmas.

Our service of **Lessons & Carols** with St Joseph's Choir will take place on **Sunday, 23 December**, 4.00pm at St Joseph's Church, with seasonal refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

St Joseph's Piety Stalls has a range of Christmas products for purchase and a reminder to purchase the paperback CTS Sunday Missal while stocks last - price £5.95.

First Holy Communion: New stock has arrived of *The Mass Illustrated for Children* priced £4.00. We highly recommend this book as part of your child's preparation.

Help with the **Christmas decorations** after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 23 December would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Items loaned for our Commemoration & Remembrance Sunday display can be collected from the parish office. Thank you again for your generosity.

The Sheffield **Walsingham** Association has a **pilgrimage to the Shrine on Saturday, 8 December**, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. A coach will leave Pond Hill at 7 a.m. and pick up at Handsworth, Dinnington & Rotherham, cost £17. Contact Francesca Flynn 0114 2686247 or francesca@fmflynn.plus.com

Knights of St Columba Advent Service: **Sunday 2 December 2.30pm** at the Carmelite Monastery, Kirk Edge. The service of carols, reading and Benediction will be led by Fr John Cooke.

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope.

Benedict XVI