

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



*First Sunday of Advent – Year A*  
*1 December 2019*

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Izzy Darby, Marie Montgomery, Sheila Clapham, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Freda Clarke, Rita & Vin Todd, Michael Egan, Jean Reardon, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Margaret Bradley, Margaret Wainwright, Helen Hinchliffe, Jimmy Cahill, Martin Humphreys, Eric Howsam, Susan De Couto, Jacqueline Wagland, Sr. Teresa Paschal, 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.

The **Hallam Diocesan Yearbook 2020** is available for the **discount** price of **£2.00** from the piety stall. *Hurry while stocks last!*

The next **Nightfever Sheffield** will be on **Saturday, 14 December**, at St. Marie's. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30-10pm.

**St. Charles Christmas Hamper Draw:** To participate is simple, bring in an item fit for a Christmas hamper and you get a ticket. The draw will take place on 15 December. All we ask is that all produce has a reasonable shelf life remaining and is unopened. Contributions are welcome.

### *During Advent*

There will be **Confessions available on Tuesdays, 3, 10 & 17 December** from **7.00 to 7.45pm** during Exposition, Rosary & Evening Prayer at St Joseph's and from **4.00 to 4.45pm at St Charles on Christmas Eve.**

**The God who speaks:** there will be **3 talks** on three of the principal biblical characters of the season of Advent at 7.00pm at St Joseph's:

**Thursday 5 December, *The prophet Isaiah***

Thursday 12 December, *John the Baptist*

Thursday 19 December, *Mary, the Mother of Jesus*

**Journey with Matthew:** Mgr John Ryan will lead an Introductory Presentation & Discussion, 9 & 16 December, 7.30pm at Our Lady & St Thomas, Meadowhead. Each session will last an hour-and-a-half.

Our traditional service of **Lessons & Carols** with St Joseph's Choir will take place on **Sunday, 15 December**, 4.00pm at St Joseph's Church, with seasonal refreshments afterwards. All are welcome.

**Bambinelli Blessing:** On *Gaudete* Sunday, 14 & 15 December, you are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus' from your crib to be blessed at the end of Mass (you can bring the lot if you want).

**St Joseph's School Readings & Carols Service** will be on **Tuesday, 17 December**, at 2.00pm in church and their **End of Term Mass** in church will be on **Friday, 20 December**, also at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

There will be a **retiring collection** on the weekend of **14 & 15 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree, flowers** and decorations that will adorn our beautiful churches for the celebration of the Christmas Season.

**Help with the Christmas decorations** after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 22 December would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## The Christmas Masses

**5.00 pm** [Vigil] at St Charles', *Christmas Eve*

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

*There will be sung carols before the night Mass*

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

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

*N.B. As permitted, the Gospel used at all the Masses will be from the 'Mass during the Night,' i.e. the Nativity of the Lord.*

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

This year's **Carol Concert in aid of St Wilfrid's Centre** is taking place at St Marie's on Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm. St Wilfrid's Centre and BeVox Community Choirs will be performing. Tel. 0114 2555720, email [helen@stwilfridscentre.org](mailto:helen@stwilfridscentre.org) or call in 10am-4pm. Tickets £6, visit <https://events.ticketsforgood.co.uk/events/CarolConcert2019>

### A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's

*Give rather than receive each day in Advent.* All you need to do is: 1. Buy a bag for life 2. Add an item into the bag from the list below each day in December 3. Deliver the bag to St Wilfrid's by 16 December or after 2 January. Items delivered before 16 December are included in a wrapped Christmas present and given to the clients after the annual Christmas party. Any other items are used throughout the year. You can drop off items at the Centre. (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) or leave them at the back of the church (*Any volunteers please, to help deliver them?*).

Bearing in mind the centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients, items that are needed include: **Toiletries:** Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, **Clothing,** incl. Men's underwear (boxer shorts M/L/XL), Women's pants - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, **Food:** boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat & fish: tuna, casserole, stewing steak, tinned vegetables: potatoes, peas & carrots, tomatoes, tinned rice pudding & custard, jars of pickles, Drinks: cordials, hot chocolate, Store cupboard items: brown sauce, salad cream (not glass), pot noodles & cup-a-soups. For more info: tel. 0114 255 5720 or [helen@stwilfridscentre.org](mailto:helen@stwilfridscentre.org)

There is a job opportunity to work as a counsellor, with children or adults, in the Diocese. To begin with sessional hours are available. Please contact Bernie Ware 07980 406198 or [bware@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:bware@hallam-diocese.com)

<i>Mass Times and Intentions</i>		
<b>Monday 2 December Advent Weekday</b>	<b>10.00am St Joseph's</b>	Ernest Hebblethwaite
<b>Tuesday 3 December St Francis Xavier</b>	<b>10.00 St Joseph's</b>  <b>7.00pm-7.45pm</b>	November Dead List  Exposition, Rosary, Evening Prayer & Confessions
<b>Wednesday 4 December Advent Weekday</b>		
<b>Thursday 5 December Advent Weekday</b>	<b>10.00am St Joseph's</b>	Derek Boone
<b>Friday 6 December Advent Weekday</b>	<b>9.00am</b>  <b>10.00am St Joseph's</b>	Exposition & Rosary  Deceased Members of the UNO Group  followed by Divine Mercy Devotions
<b>Saturday 7 December St Ambrose</b>		
<b>Saturday 7 December  Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5.45pm-6.15pm St Joseph's</b>  <b>6.30pm</b>	Confessions  Bernard Hodges
<b>Sunday 8 December Second Sunday of Advent</b>	<b>8.30am St Charles'</b>  <b>10.00am St Joseph's</b>	Intentions of Greg De Couto  For the People

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**  
Leslie Bowskill

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

**Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose  
anniversaries occur around this time.**

<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	<b>Total</b>
St Joseph's	£496.70	£449.45	£946.15

Tea & coffee are served after the 8.30am Sunday Mass at St Charles'.

**The Piety Stall** has Christmas Cards and gifts on sale together with 2020 Catholic diaries and Advent Calendars.