

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



*The Epiphany of the Lord – Year C
6 January 2019*

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Melody McKie, Sheila Clapham, John Carroll, Beryl Nairn, Lol Hodges, 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, Margaret Wainwright, Helen Hinchliffe, 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 7 January Christmastide Weekday	7.15am St Joseph's	Private Intention
Tuesday 8 January Christmastide Weekday	10.00am St Joseph's	The Dead List
Wednesday 9 January Christmastide Weekday		
Thursday 10 January Christmastide Weekday	7.00pm St Charles'	The Dead List
Friday 11 January Christmastide Weekday	9.00am St Joseph's 10.00am	Exposition & Rosary Special Intention (TL) followed by Divine Mercy Devotions
Saturday 12 January Christmastide Weekday		
Saturday 12 January	5.45pm-6.15pm St Joseph's	Confessions
Vigil	6.30pm	Jeff Mason
Sunday 13 January The Baptism of The Lord	8.30am St Charles' 10.00am St Joseph's	For the People The Intentions of Sheila Clapham

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Sick and Housebound Parishioners

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Vocations to the Priesthood

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

Last Week	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Total
St Joseph's	£564.60	£408.28	£972.88

Our Crib Offerings will be donated to help the Homeless.

The **new Hallam Yearbook 2019** is available at the discount price of £2.50 (but you can give £3.75 if you want).

Tuesday Exposition, Rosary & Evening Prayer will resume on 15 January 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

Thank you for your generous cards, gifts and Christmas offerings and for all your kindnesses and encouragements over the year. They are much appreciated. Fr Mark McManus

Thank you to St Joseph's Choir for their singing at the service of Lessons & Carols and at the Christmas Night liturgy. As usual, they enhanced our celebration of the sacred liturgy. Should you be interested in joining the choir please speak with Fr McManus or Christopher Edge. Additions to our Tenor and Bass voices would be particularly welcome.

St Joseph's Childrens' Liturgy resumes on the 12/13 January. **Thank you** to all those who help the children in this important way throughout the year. If you would be interested in helping please speak to Fr McManus.

As always, our beautiful churches have looked splendid over the Christmas season. **Thank you** to all who helped prepare, decorate, maintain and clean them.

The next **St Joseph's First Holy Communion preparation meeting for the children:** will be on **12 January**, 10 to 12 noon, in the Year 4 classroom at St Joseph's School. The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's at the 10.00am Mass, Sunday, 19 May.

Bishop Heskett will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at St Joseph's on **Saturday, 15 June, 2019**, at 6.30pm and at 8.30am at St Charles' on **Sunday, 16 June, 2019**. If you are in **Year 8 or above** and would like to register please collect a registration form from the sacristy.

Dates for your diary:

6 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting & Abstinence; Masses with St Joseph's School at 10.00am and at 7.00pm at St Charles'.

9 March, Preparing for Lent, a morning Recollection at St Joseph's Church, with a Talk at 10.00am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 10.45 with Confessions available, Benediction at 11.45am and concluding with Mass at 12 noon.

St Joseph's 100 Club: half-yearly subscriptions are due this month. Please see Dominic after the weekend Mass you attend. Thank you for your continued support.

The **UNO & Over 60's Group:** next meeting will take place on Tuesday 8 January at 1.15pm in St Joseph's undercroft.

St Vincent's Vacancy - Assistant Shop Manager 7.5 hours per week. Further details are on the notice boards. Closing date is Friday 25th January.

The mystery of Jesus shown to us

The word epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning ‘manifestation.’ In time it came to be the name for feast celebrating the visit of the *Magi*, the ‘wise men from the East.’

This manifestation of the epiphany of God – his being shown to the world – is hidden behind the tiny fingers and toes of an infant, and who cries for his mother’s milk like any other infant in the world.

From the beginning of the Church, saints and scholars have meditated on the richness of this mystery. Here are a few reflections from some of the Church’s great saints:

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux

Give me, therefore, I pray Thee, this gold, this incense, and this myrrh. Give me the gold of Thy holy love; give me the spirit of holy prayer, give me the desire and strength to mortify myself in everything that displeases Thee. I am resolved to obey Thee and to love Thee; but Thou knowest my weakness, oh, give me the grace to be faithful to Thee!

St Alphonsus Liguori

For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honour of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man.

St John Chrysostom

Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see: heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, one whom the whole universe cannot contain now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness: incense for God, gold for a king, myrrh for one who is to die.

Peter Chrysologus

Truth, by which the world is held together, has sprung from the earth, in order to be carried in a woman’s arms.

St Augustine