

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



*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Leesa McManus, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Freda Clarke, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Margaret Bradley, Margaret Wainwright, 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.

You must book a place if you wish to attend the Sunday, 6 September, 10.00am Mass in St Joseph's church.

This is because Bishop Heskett is ordaining Simon Hegarty to the Permanent Diaconate. Understandably, Simon has invited a limited number of family and friends and this means that places in the church are restricted.

- You can book (preferably) by e-mail at ssjosephandcharles@gmail.com or phone 0114 2693175 and leave a message with your name, number and booking request.

- If you are part of a family/ social-bubble and will be sitting together then you need to tell me how many are in your group.

- If I do not contact you then your booking has been successful. Booking closes by 12 Noon, Friday, 4 September or when fully booked.

Obviously, we will not be able to have the celebration that we would have wanted and present regulations do not permit the serving of refreshments after Mass. God willing, we will manage a suitable little something at a future date. Please remember Simon and his family in your prayers and Bishop Heskett also.

Money Talk

Our impressive collections are still being boosted by one or two people kindly adding their three- or four-month offerings that have amassed while they have been unable to come to church. Overall, **our income is DOWN approximately £7000.00**. This is a difficult and challenging time for many of us and it will remain so for some time it seems. However, through prayer and charity we can all make a spiritual contribution to our community life and those experiencing financial difficulty should be encouraged to remember this and not feel under any obligation to give what they cannot afford.

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution in these difficult times, your continued generosity towards our churches is greatly appreciated. If you want to set up a standing order or send a one-off payment the details you need are:

To Diocese of Hallam St Josephs Handsworth,
Sort Code 40-41-07, Account Number 61094351 or

To Diocese of Hallam St Charles Borromeo Sheffield,
Sort Code 40-41-07, Account Number 41095064

St Joseph's **Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes**: if you didn't manage to collect your new box of envelopes please speak with Fr M or one of the stewards at the end of Mass and they will give it to you. Likewise, if you would like your **Gift Aided Offertory Donations Thank-You Letter** for

the tax year ending, 5 April, 2020. Gift Aid makes a significant contribution to our income and, if you are a taxpayer who does not use the scheme but would like to know more, then please contact Fr M. Thank you for your support.

CONFESSIONS

At St Joseph's: by appointment, please speak with Fr McManus.

At St Marie's there are new times: Monday–Saturday, 11.30am–12.15pm in St Joseph's Chapel. For everyone's safety, there will be a protective plastic screen in place. Please stand while making your confession.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

We are required by HM Government to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, this includes churches. There are exemptions to this requirement:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-safer-travel-guidance-for-passengers#exemptions-face-coverings>

You MUST NOT attend Mass if:

- You are unwell.
- Somebody in your household has coronavirus symptoms, for example a cough or high temperature.

We thank our cleaners and stewards for volunteering their time and labour. **Without them we simply could not open the church.** I am anxious that we do not overburden people and that our opening is sustainable. **New volunteers are always welcome.**

MASS IN CHURCH

The social-distancing rules mean that only every third bench in our church is available for seating. **Once those 27 benches are full of 2 or more people then the church is full. When the church is full you may not enter the church.** However, if you wish, you may remain outside as the main doors of the church will still be open and you can follow Mass there. As people leave the church you may then enter by the porch to receive Holy Communion.

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

We will **record your name and telephone number** should you need to be contacted with regard to HM Government's 'test & trace' system.

Please note that **HM Government regulations continue to only permit 30 people to attend a wedding or a funeral.**

The toilets are not in use and the undercroft and sacristy are out of bounds unless you are authorised to enter. A box for any offering you wish is available as you enter the church. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Monday August 24 <i>St Bartholomew</i>	Alison & Baby River Young - poorly
Tuesday August 25 <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am K V James
Wednesday August 26 <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday August 27 <i>St Monica</i>	Bernard Hodges
Friday August 28 <i>St Augustine</i>	10.00am Dead List
Saturday August 29 <i>Beheading of St John the Baptist</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's</i>	5.00pm Private Intention
Sunday August 30 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Both Masses at St Joseph's</i>	8.30am For the People 10.00am Michael Egan

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

For the Sick & the Dying

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Healthcare Workers & Carers

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

The **Hallam News** is **online** at: <http://www.churchpaper.co.uk/>

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. *St Alphonsus Ligouri*

Last week's collection was £563.46 (£353.00 in offertory envelopes, £210.46 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!