

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



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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jonathan Dempsey, Fran Ashworth, 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.

**Last week's collection was £872.00** (£458.00 in offertory envelopes, £414.00 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

**Money Matters:** At this difficult time, when some parishioners may well have a drop in income and will need to be more careful about expenditure, no one should feel under any obligation to give what they cannot afford. However, many of the running costs of our churches remain unchanged, therefore if you do feel able to continue making your weekly offering you might want to consider setting up a standing order or sending a one off payment. Please quote your name as a reference and, if you usually donate by envelope, please also include the envelope number. **Thank you** to those who have already posted donations or enquired about bank transfers, your continued generosity towards our churches is greatly appreciated.

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.*

**HM Government strongly advise that those who are aged 70 or older and those who are vulnerable or shielding should not return to places of worship until after 1 August.**

**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. **If over the next few weeks you feel ready to volunteer then please do not hesitate to contact me.** Likewise, if you gave your name earlier and I have not yet contacted you then it means that I have mislaid your details – my apologies. Please don't let my fumbling efforts put you off.

This week sees the end of the academic year and schools (& parents!) will enter the holiday period after a trying few months. We pray that all the members of St Joseph's School community will have a blessed summer and that they will remain safe and well. Short services of prayer & blessing for our Year 6 leavers will be held by Fr M this week.

## MASS IN CHURCH

The social-distancing rules mean that only every third bench in our church is available for seating. We can accommodate a minimum of 2 people on each of those 27 benches. This gives a minimum number of 54 individuals who can attend Mass, though some benches containing households or 'social bubble' groups can obviously contain more. **The crucial number here is 27. 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

### *What does this mean for seating in the church?*

Any attempt to claim or think of 'my place' must be abandoned for now.

**The three sections of the benches will be allocated for seating thus:**

**Centre aisle:** For individuals only. (Funerals & Weddings excepted)

2 individuals must sit at the opposite ends of the bench.

**Side aisles:** For households or 'social bubble' groups (families, etc).

On these benches you are asked to fill up the bench from the wall first.

**Please follow the directions of the stewards.**

### *Do I need to book?*

Not at present BUT we will **record your name and telephone number** should you need to be contacted with regard to HM Government's 'track & trace' system.

Remember, you can choose to attend one of any of the 5 Masses next week – there is no Sunday obligation. I suspect the weekdays will have fewer people and therefore carry less risk. Perhaps one of those would be a good day for you to come?

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

Please **remember that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to not apply at present.** This means you do not have to come to any Mass for now. Live-streamed Masses will continue to be broadcast. **We are very fortunate** - half of the churches in the diocese are still closed – **and we must continue to do all that we can to respect the health and safety of each other.**

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
<b>Monday July 13</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	Dead List
<b>Tuesday July 14</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	<b>7.00pm</b> Michael Egan
<b>Wednesday July 15</b> <i>St Bonaventure</i>	Private Intention
<b>Thursday July 16</b> <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	In Thanksgiving
<b>Friday July 17</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Margaret & Graham Baller
<b>Saturday July 18</b> <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>  <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> <i>At St Joseph's</i>	<b>5.00pm</b> Marguerita Ashforth
<b>Sunday July 19</b> <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Both Masses at St Joseph's</i>	<b>8.30am</b> For the People  <b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Fr Adrian Tomlinson

**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*