

The Parish of St Joseph &

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Second Sunday of Advent (C)

5 December 2021

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Fr Frank Flynn, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Jimmy Cahill, Martin Humphreys, 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 one of the clergy or in at the office.*

Face coverings are required unless you have an exemption.

You should not come to church if you are unwell or somebody in your household has coronavirus symptoms, for example a cough or high temperature.

During Advent

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on the Saturdays of Advent**, 11 & 18 December from **9.30 to 10.30am**. *Why not come and spend some quiet time with the Lord?*

The **Piety Stall** has **Christmas cards** and other items and is open after the Saturday vigil Mass and from 9:15am to 9:55am on Sundays, i.e. between the morning Masses.

Bambinelli Blessing: next weekend, *Gaudete* Sunday, 11 & 12 December, you are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus' from your crib to be blessed at the end of Mass (you can bring the whole lot if you want).

There will be a **retiring collection** next weekend, **11 & 12 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree, flowers** and decorations that will adorn our beautiful church for the celebration of the Christmas Season (many of you will be aware of the significant increase in prices on such items these past 2 years).

A reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's Centre 2021

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 after 4 January when they reopen or at the church on the weekend of 1 & 2 January – but not before please** (*any volunteers please to help deliver them?*).

Bearing in mind the centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients and that items are used throughout the year, things that are needed include: **Toiletries:** Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, **Clothing**, incl. Men's and Women's underwear - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, **Food:** boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat (esp. ham), fish (esp. tuna), casseroles, 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. 255 5720 or helen@stwilfridscentre.org or download their Advent Calendar for daily suggestions at www.stwilfridscentre.org

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph's Church

Christmas Eve 4.30 pm [*Vigil Mass*]

Christmas Eve 7.00 pm [*Mass during the Night*]

Christmas Day 8.45am [*Mass at Dawn*]

Christmas Day 10.00 am [*Mass during the 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.

Money Matters: Thank you to everyone who has made a financial contribution in these difficult times, your continued generosity towards our churches is greatly appreciated. **To make a standing order or one-off payment the details you need please contact the office.** 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. **A box for any offering you wish is available as you enter the church. Thank you.**

Church Cleaning & Readers: If anyone would like to help with the cleaning of our church or would like to assist in the celebration of Mass by reading then please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you.

A prayer to Mary Immaculate

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit,

look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God.

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother,

you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

An Advent thought

This Advent-time we remember Mary and Joseph,
giving thanks for their faithfulness, courage and obedience,
stepping out into the unknown in the strength of your Spirit,
playing their part in the fulfilment of your plan
to bring your prodigal people home again.

We pray that their example
might be the pattern of our lives,
that when your gentle whisper
breaks through the clamour of this world
and into our small corner,
we might be ready to listen,
and having listened, to act.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 5 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am George Mullins
Monday 6 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Tuesday 7 December <i>St Andrew</i>	10.00am John Armstrong
Wednesday 8 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	Steve George
Thursday 9 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Freda Clarke
Friday 10 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	10.00am Anne Tobin
Saturday 11 December <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	9.30 to 10.30am Exposition & Benediction 5.00pm Joe O'Keefe
Sunday 12 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am Evelyn Tuffy 10.00am For the People

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

The sick & the dying

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Healthcare Workers & Carers

Please pray for Mgr John Moran, Evelyn Tuffy *RIP*, all who have died recently & for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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 £451.61 (£259.10 in offertory envelopes, £192.51 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!