# The Parish of St Joseph & The Parish of St Charles Borromeo, Sheffield



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) 17 January 2021 Rev Fr Mark McManus *Parish Priest*, Rev Mr Simon Hegarty *Deacon* 

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Madge Wolstenholme, Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Leesa McManus, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, 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 one of the clergy or to the Office.

The **prayer to St Joseph** which Pope Francis has asked us to say frequently through the year:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Money Matters 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 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 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

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.

The toilets are not in use and the undercroft and sacristy are out of bounds unless you are authorised to enter.

### 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.

#### Please follow the directions of the stewards.

#### CONFESSIONS

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

At St Marie's: Mon-Sat, 11.30am-12.15pm.

Regulations permit only 30 people to attend a funeral.

## First Holy Communion 2020 & 2021

The 2020 Class: Thankfully, some preparation was undertaken before the pandemic began and our catechist Louise will be in touch with last year's group to establish what 'refreshers' and possible conclusion to preparation are required. I am mindful of a child's spiritual right to receive the Sacrament and, to avoid undue delay, to offer First Holy Communion on an individual basis at any Mass in the forthcoming months - though I am still hopeful we might yet manage something more communal around May.

The 2021 Class: Clearly preparation is going to be a challenge and I cannot yet offer a firm date for an actual celebration. To begin with we need to assess our numbers and so I invite parents of this year's Year 3 children (and above) who wish to make their First Holy Communion this year at St Joseph's or St Charles to e-mail me and I will send them a registration form. Given the difficulties of attending Mass, I cannot stress enough the need for families to engage in the process of preparing their child for this most Blessed Sacrament. I thank you all for your patience and understanding.

**Restored Lives** is an online course for the divorced and separated. The course supports and helps people to move forward from divorce and separation, or the breakdown of any serious relationship, to live a full life, free from past issues. A six session Zoom course commences Wednesday, 3 February, 6.00–8.00pm. £20 including handbook (unwaged free of charge). Booking essential - see booking form or contact stym@hallamdiocese.com 0114 2566407

Lord, inspire me to read your Scriptures and to meditate upon them day and night.

I beg you to give me real understanding of what I need that I in turn may put its precepts into practice.

Yet, I know that understanding and good intentions are worthless, unless rooted in your graceful love.

So I ask that the words of Scripture may also be not just signs on a page, but channels of grace into my heart. Amen.

Mass Intentions	
Monday 18 January	Peter & Celia O'Hara
Ordinary Time weekday	
Tuesday 19 January	10.00am
Ordinary Time weekday	Mary Vera Charlesworth
Wednesday 20 January	The Memorial Dead List
Ordinary Time weekday	
Thursday 21 January	Helen Hinchliffe
St Agnes	
Friday 22 January	10.00am
Ordinary Time weekday	Roy Dyson
Saturday 23 January	
Ordinary Time weekday	
Vigil Mass of Sunday	5.00pm
at St Joseph's	Kevin Hegarty
Sunday 24 January	9.00am
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the People
	10.00am
	Pauline Hart

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 Peter Cryan, for 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 £679.00** (£519.50 in offertory envelopes, £160.50 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

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