

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



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Elizabeth Kennedy, Joan Gerstel, Eunice Mannion, 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, 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: 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.**

Our annual **Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour concludes this Tuesday, 22 June**, with *St Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death*, at 7.00pm in St Joseph's church. All welcome.

A foodbank collection update & redirection

Unfortunately, the Yorkshire Refugee Foodbank has lost the use of their depot. So, while things get organised please God, our collection this weekend, 19 & 20 June, will go instead to the Handsworth Foodbank to continue to help people locally. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Job Vacancy: With increased demands on our counselling service we need to expand our team of counsellors who work in our Diocesan schools and communities. For further info contact Bernie Ware 07980 406198 or bware@hallam-diocese.com

We received sad news this week of the recent death of **Peter Dolan RIP**, aged ninety-one years. Peter was a former Headteacher of St Joseph's School from 1968-1988 and he will doubtless be remembered by many. His funeral will be next Thursday, 24 June, at Blessed Trinity Church, Wickersley. *May he rest in peace.*

Hallam Lourdes @ Home, 25 June – 1 July: As last year, you can follow a number of Masses and events around the diocese during the period that the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes would have taken place. Bishop Heskett will celebrate a Diocesan Mass for our diocesan patronal feast on Sunday 27 June at 3.00pm at St Paul's, Cantley, Doncaster. For details of the full programme please visit www.hallam-lourdes.com or the Hallam Lourdes Pilgrimage Facebook page.

Changes to the spacing of the benches

Some greater flexibility in the assessment of the safe capacity of a church (i.e. it is possible to safely drop to 'one metre plus' with the mitigation of face coverings, etc.) means that we can begin to operate at 50% of our total seating capacity. This means, should the need arise, that we are now able to seat 3 individual people to a pew as a 1+2 arrangement of households/ bubbles, or a 1+1+1. Our benches are all over 3 metres in length.

Some general observations: Individuals are still asked to sit in the centre aisle pews as a priority and families/ bubbles are likewise asked to use the side aisles first.

- As a rule try to space yourself in a checkerboard pattern in relation to others.
- The presence of the pillars on the centre aisle means that a couple of benches remain out of use and a couple of the others can only be accessed from the right.
- The greater spacing of the benches and the need to keep people separated means baptisms are currently being celebrated at the foot of the sanctuary.
- Remember, in 'normal times' the benches would be arranged at about a metre apart. As we edge towards being a little closer to one another let us remain sensitive to the presence of others and patient with one another.

All other Covid measures remain in place, so do please keep using the hand sanitiser, wearing your face coverings and staying a 1m+ social distance when you are inside the church. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Mass 10 July: The recent extension of the current social restrictions to 19 July means that this Mass will take place under the current regulations. Alas, this means that the Mass will be a 'restricted' event and not open to other parishioners as would be usual. Other than the designated stewards and catechists at the Mass, the church will be reserved for the sole use of the children, their families and their limited number of guests. Further details will be sent to them.

Mass Intentions

Monday 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	10.00am Guy de Rouffignac
Tuesday 22 June <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i> <i>Week 9</i>	10.00am Sheila Clapham 7.00pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Wednesday 23 June <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	November Memorial List
Thursday 24 June <i>Birthday of St John the Baptist</i>	Les & Marlene Bryant
Friday 25 June <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Brian Mellors
Saturday 26 June <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's	5.00pm Mary & Patrick Gallagher
Sunday 27 June <i>Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</i> <i>Patron of the Diocese</i>	9.00am John Armstrong 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 Les Bryant & Peter Dolan *RIP*, 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 £495.00 (£354.50 in offertory envelopes, £140.50 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!