

**The Parish of St Joseph &
The Parish of St Charles Borromeo, Sheffield**
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First Sunday of Advent (C)

28 November 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, 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.*

During Advent

There will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on the Saturdays of Advent**, 4, 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: On 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** on the weekend of **11 & 12 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree, flowers** and decorations that will adorn our beautiful churches 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 underwear 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

Registration for First Holy Communion 2022 & Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

All applications should be received and completed by this Sunday, 28 November.

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.

November Memorial Dead List 2021 – 2022: If you would like to enrol a loved one on the list so that they will be included in these Masses please, write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into the offerings box in the church **before the end of the month**. Alternatively, you can hand it to me or e-mail me the details also.

St Joseph's Cemetery Maintenance Fund: we kindly ask in November, the month of the Holy Souls, for those with family and friends in St Joseph's cemetery, to make a contribution towards the cost of the upkeep. Thank you for your continuing support and particular thanks to those dedicated parishioners who give of their time and labour to care for our hallowed ground.

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.

Setting up your own business or tired of working from home? The Diocese has an office available for rent at a very competitive rate in Dykes Hall Road Sheffield. Situated within *Carmel Care* it would be an ideal base for a small medical practice, e.g. Chiropody. It would also suit a small business such as an accountant looking for a Covid-secure private office. For more info contact jyewdall@hallam-diocese.com

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.**

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 28 November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Vicky Kennedy
Monday 29 November <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Anne Tobin
Tuesday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	10.00am Intentions of Marie O'Hara
Wednesday 1 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 2 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	Joan Gerstel
Friday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	10.00am Meryl Biju - In Thanksgiving
Saturday 4 December <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	5.00pm Vin Tierney
Sunday 5 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am George Mullins

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 Joe O'Keefe & Anne Tobin *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 £606.67 (£385.46 in offertory envelopes, £221.21 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!