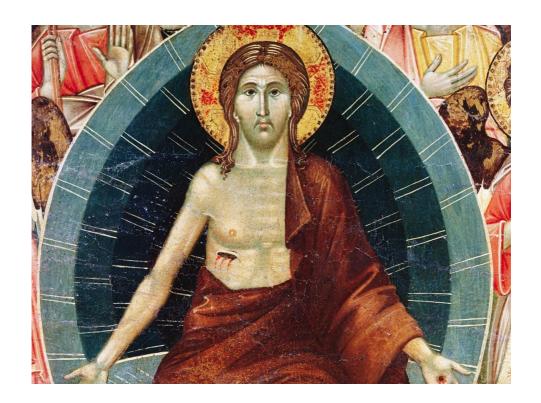
## The Parish of St Joseph & The Parish of St Charles Borromeo, Sheffield

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Seventh Sunday in ordinary Time (C) 20 February 2022 Rev Fr Mark McManus Parish Priest Rev Mr Simon Hegarty Deacon stjosephsdcn@outlook.com

Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Arthur Pidcock, Sheila Armstrong, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, 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, 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 in. Thank you.

**Church Cleaning**: Please consider giving some time to this important and valuable service. A group of dedicated and faithful people have enabled us to stay open over these past twenty-two months and for this we are all extremely grateful. *Can you give some time?* If you would like to go on the rota **please contact Pauline Williams** by phone or text, tel. 07914 969106 **or sign-up on the sheet at the back of church**. Thank you.

The **Piety Stall is once again open** and has a selection of items in anticipation of Lent and Easter. **Opening times are** after the Saturday vigil Mass and from 9:15am to 9:55am on Sundays, *i.e.* between the morning Masses. If you would like to help with the Sunday morning opening please speak with Cath or Fr M.

**First Holy Communion Preparation:** we meet this Sunday 20 February after the 10.00am Mass in the church, and then on the following Saturdays 26 February, 26 March and 30 April in St Joseph's school. The class in church will be at 10.50 - 12.00 while the classes in school will be from 09.30 - 12.00. Attendance at all classes is essential.

**Caritas Hallam** are offering **a free 6-week Wellbeing course** now from Wednesday 23 March at 1pm-2.15pm.. You are welcome to join in these sessions and for more information and booking please contact Janet Kent on 07927 657462 or email janetmariekent@gmail.com

**40 Days for Life** is an international campaign which raises awareness and prays for an end to abortion locally, through prayer, fasting and outreach. The Lenten campaign runs from 2 March to 10 April. Could you spare one hour to witness for the unborn? In 2020, the Royal Hallamshire Hospital performed 1431 abortions. If you would like more information or to get involved, please contact Rachel on 07368297872 or 40DforLsheffield@gmail.com

**St Patrick's Dance:** The Sally Glennon Duo will be performing live at St Theresa's parish hall on Friday, 11 March, from 7.30 to 11.00pm. Bring your own food & drink. Tickets are £3, with under-eleven's free; for further details and tickets tel. Cath on 2326628.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes**: Friday 24 June – Thursday 30 June (6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from Doncaster Airport. Insurance £33. Booking form and further details available from www.hallamlourdes.com or telephone 07724 650066. **N.B.** Everyone participating in the 2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. If it does not prove to be possible and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will be made.

## **Forthcoming dates:**

- 2 March, Ash Wednesday, with Masses at 10.00am & 7.00pm.

Ash Wednesday is a *Day of Fasting & Abstinence*: everyone aged 14 years and older must abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason). Regardless of age everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.

During his life on earth Our Lord undertook voluntary penance, e.g. the Forty Days in the desert, and he invited us all to do the same. Our penance can therefore be offered spiritually as a share in his own suffering, especially in his blessed Passion and Death. Christian penance is also an expression of inner conversion and a form of reparation for sin, it should be a personal action or sacrifice offered in love for God and neighbour. Following Christ means we must always practise some form of penance and devote ourselves in a particular way to prayer, self-denial and works of charity.

- Saturday, 5 March, A morning of Lenten Recollection with a Talk on 'Walking with the Lord,' at 10.30am, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11.05am with Confessions available, Benediction at 11.50am and concluding with Mass at 12 noon.
- From **6 March**, **after** the Lenten Sunday 10.00am Mass, there will be **Stations of the Cross**.
- From 7 March, on Mondays in Lent there will be Mass at 7.15am.
- From **8 March**, on **Tuesdays in Lent** there will be **Stations of the Cross & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**, from 7.00 to 7.45pm (concluding with Benediction). Confessions will also be available (*N.B.* except on 29 March).
- Also, on **Saturday, 19 March**, we will have **Mass at 10.00am** to celebrate the **Feast of St Joseph**, to offer thanksgiving and to pray for the needs of the parish.

Hallam Caritas Counselling Service: An opportunity has arisen to join the team of counsellors working across schools and parishes within the Hallam Diocese. If you are a qualified counsellor and are interested in finding out more, please contact Bernie Ware on 07980406198 or bware@hallam-diocese.com

**Hallam Safeguarding Training** *Understanding Mental Capacity*: there are 2 sessions on Saturday 5 March and Saturday 23 April, 10.00am-12.30pm (via zoom). This is particularly useful for anyone who visits the sick and elderly at home; however, it is open to all parishioners. Booking: Jo Pearson on 0114 2566453 or jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

Mass Intentions	
Sunday 20 February	8.45am
7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in	Roy Dyson
Ordinary Time	10.00am
	James K T
Monday 21 February	10.00am
Ordinary Time weekday	Private Intention (P)
Tuesday 22 February	10.00am
Feast of St Peter's Chair	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 23 February	November Memorial List
St Polycarp	
Thursday 24 February	10.00am
Ordinary Time weekday	Intentions of Norah Butler
Friday 25 February	10.00am
Ordinary Time weekday	Intentions of Marie & Raymond Bows
Saturday 26 February	
Ordinary Time weekday	
Vigil Mass of Sunday	5.00pm
	For the People
Sunday 27 February	8.45am
8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in	Ian Selwood
Ordinary Time	10.00am
	Jimmy Cahill

**Last week's collection was £523.41** (£361.50 in offertory envelopes, £161.91 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

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 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*