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Third Sunday of Advent

14 December 2025

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially:
Anne Craven, Terry Donnelly, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, Oliver Wragg, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, 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.* **Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).**

The Season of Advent

Our **UCM Advent appeal for Baby Basics Sheffield** (babybasics.org.uk) begins this weekend. Items needed to **fill our Moses Basket** in the weeks before Christmas are: **Baby Equipment:** Moses baskets & stands (please remove mattress), Change mats & Bags (clean, no rips or tears), Play gyms, Bouncy chairs, Baby Baths, Sterilisers (not electric), High Chairs, Newborn prams, Toddler & Double buggies, Buggy Boards, Cots, Cot-beds & Toddler beds. **Nappies:** Sizes 1-8 (4-7 most needed) all brands accepted. **Toiletries: Infant** - Baby wipes & cotton wool, Top to toe wash, shampoo & baby bath, Nappy Cream 0-2yr, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes. **Children** – Shampoo & conditioner (also for Afro/curly hair), Shower gel 3-5yr & 6yr+, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste. **Adult** - Shampoo & conditioner (also for Afro/curly hair), Shower Gel – for Women & Men, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Body lotion, Deodorant, Maternity Pads, Breast Pads, Sanitary Pads (NO Tampons).

The UCM also host a '**knit and natter**' on **Fridays after 10am Mass** for anyone who wants to join with others for a chat and a cuppa whilst knitting baby blankets and hats for the appeal. Thank you for your support.

A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's

Give rather than receive each day in Advent. All you need to do is: 1. Get a bag 2. Add an item into the bag from the list below each day 3. Deliver the bag to St Wilfrid's or leave them at the back of the church (*Any volunteers please to help deliver them?*). Items are used throughout the year. You can drop off items at the Centre, (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) and you can telephone 255 5720 for more information. The centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients, and the items that are needed include: Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, Clothing, incl. men's underwear (boxer shorts M/L/XL), women's pants - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, Food: boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat & fish: tuna, casserole, 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 & cuppa-soups. Alternatively, people might like to donate locally to the Handsworth Food Bank. Parcels can be brought to church each week and the UCM will deliver to the Food Bank or you can use the collection points in the local supermarkets.

On the **Saturdays of Advent** there is **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament & **Confessions** from **9.30am to 10.30am**, with Benediction at 10.25am.

There are **Confessions** available from **3.15pm to 4.00pm** this Monday & Tuesday, **15 & 16 December**. Hopefully, this will be of help to parents and children at school.

Bambinelli Blessing: this *Gaudete* Sunday, **13 & 14 December**, the ‘Baby Jesus’ from your crib will be blessed at the end of Mass.

There is a **retiring collection** this weekend of **13 & 14 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree and flowers** that will adorn our beautiful church for the celebration of the Christmas season.

St Joseph’s School Readings & Carols Service will be this Tuesday, **16 December**, at 2.00pm in church. All are welcome.

In preparation for Christmas, All Saints Catholic High School warmly invite you, your family and friends to attend their Advent Liturgy on Wednesday, 17 December, at 6.00pm. Refreshments will be available after the Liturgy. Any donations on the evening will be donated to our local charities.

Help with some of the **Christmas decorations** after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday, **21 December**, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph’s Church

Wednesday, 24 December, Christmas Eve

3.30 - 3.55pm *Carols before Mass*

4.00pm Vigil Mass

6.30 - 6.55pm *Carols before Mass*

7.00pm Mass during the Night

Thursday, 25 December, Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Intra-Parish Christmas Cards: cards may be left in the narthex (the porch) for fellow parishioners to collect or to collect on behalf of someone else. Please do not place any money in such cards. Thank you

St Wilfrid’s Centre is looking to recruit a new Director. Please see their website stwilfridscentre.org for the job description, person specification and application form. The closing date is midnight, Sunday, 4 January.

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Sunday 14 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Gaudete Sunday	8.45am Ian Selwood 10.00am Stan & Sheila Anderson
Monday 15 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	9.00am Intentions of Louise George 3.15 – 4.00pm Confessions
Tuesday 16 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Kath & Jim Foley 2.00pm St Joseph's School Readings & Carols Service 3.15 – 4.00pm Confessions
Wednesday 17 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 18 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	9.00am Intentions of Elaine & Tony Horsfield
Friday 19 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Intentions of Margaret Kelly
Saturday 20 December <i>Advent weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	9.30 - 10.30am Exposition & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Tess Lynch
Sunday 21 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Intentions of Norah Butler

**Please pray for Anne-Marie Watts *RIP*, for all who have died recently
& for those whose anniversaries occur around this time.**

Last week's collection was £661.72 (£350.40 in offertory envelopes and £311.32 in loose). Thank you.

The Piety Stall has Christmas cards and other festive items for sale.