

**The Parish of St Joseph
&
The Parish of St Charles Borromeo
SHEFFIELD**



*Third Sunday of Advent – Year A
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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Izzy Darby, Marie Montgomery, Sheila Clapham, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Freda Clarke, Rita & Vin Todd, Michael Egan, Jean Reardon, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Margaret Bradley, Margaret Wainwright, Helen Hinchliffe, 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 Fr McManus or to the Office.

St Joseph's 100 Club December Draw: 1st No 37, 2nd No 24, 3rd - No 85.

There will be a **retiring collection this weekend** towards the cost of the **Christmas tree, flowers** and decorations that will adorn our beautiful churches for the celebration of the Christmas Season.

St. Charles Christmas Hamper Draw: To participate is simple, bring in an item fit for a Christmas hamper and you get a ticket. The draw will take place this Sunday. All we ask is that all produce has a reasonable shelf life remaining and is unopened. Contributions are welcome.

This weekend will be the last **Children's Liturgy** at St Joseph's until after the holiday, resuming on the weekend 11 & 12 January. *We thank all those who help the children in this important way.* If you would be interested in helping, please speak to Fr M or one of the catechists.

Bambinelli Blessing: the 'Baby Jesus' from your crib will be blessed at the end of Mass today.

There will be **Confessions available on Tuesday 17 December**, from **7.00 to 7.45pm** during Exposition, Rosary & Evening Prayer at St Joseph's and from **4.00 to 4.45pm** at St Charles on Christmas Eve.

The God who speaks: talks on biblical characters of the season of Advent at 7.00pm at St Joseph's presbytery: **Thursday 19 December, *Mary, the Mother of Jesus.***

Journey with Matthew: Mgr John Ryan will lead an Introductory Presentation & Discussion, 16 December, 7.30pm at Our Lady & St Thomas, Meadowhead. The session will last an hour-and-a-half.

Extended Confessions at the Cathedral: 2 priests will be available Monday to Saturday, 16-21 December & Monday to Christmas Eve, 23-24 Dec., from 12.00 to 12.30pm (and also 4.45-5.15pm on the Saturday).

Help with the Christmas decorations after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 22 December would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

St Joseph's School Readings & Carols Service will be on **Tuesday, 17 December**, at 2.00pm in church and their **End of Term Mass** in church will be on **Friday, 20 December**, also at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

Vox Christi, a Jesus Youth band from India, are offering a Musical Worship Evening on 23 December, 5-7pm at St Patrick's School hall.

All Saints School Advent evening Liturgy on Wednesday, 18 December, at 7.00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Any proceeds on the evening will go to The SVP Furniture Store and St Wilfrid's Centre.

A **Carol Concert in aid of St Wilfrid's Centre** is taking place at St Marie's on Wednesday 18 December at 7.30pm. Tel. 0114 2555720, Tickets £6

A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's

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 by 16 December or after 2 January. Items delivered before 16 December are included in a wrapped Christmas present and given to the clients after the annual Christmas party. Any other items are used throughout the year. You can drop off items at the Centre. (Mon-Fri 9am–5pm) or leave them at the back of the church (***Any volunteers please, to help deliver them?***).

Bearing in mind the centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients, 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 & cup-a-soups. For more info: tel. 0114 255 5720 or helen@stwilfridscentre.org

THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

5.00 pm [Vigil] at St Charles', *Christmas Eve*

8.00 pm ['During the Night'] at St Joseph's, *Christmas Eve*

There will be sung carols before this Mass

8.30am ['At Dawn'] at St Charles', *Christmas Day*

10.00 am ['During the Day'] at St Joseph's, *Christmas Day*

As permitted, the Gospel used at all the Masses will be from the 'Mass during the Night,' i.e. the Nativity of the Lord.

Please do invite members of your family and friends to attend Mass this Christmas.

<i>Mass Times and Intentions</i>		
Monday 16 December Advent Weekday	10.00am St Joseph's	Bernard Dunn
Tuesday 17 December Advent Weekday	10.00 St Joseph's 7.00pm-7.45pm	Winefride Capitelli Exposition, Rosary, Evening Prayer & Confessions
Wednesday 18 December Advent Weekday		
Thursday 19 December Advent Weekday	10.00am St Joseph's	John Wilfrid Churchill
Friday 20 December Advent Weekday	10.00am 2.00pm St Joseph's with St Joseph's School	Exposition, Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotions November Dead List
Saturday 21 December Advent Weekday		
Saturday 21 December	5.45pm-6.15pm St Joseph's	Confessions
Vigil Mass	6.30pm	John Dakin
Sunday 22 December Fourth Sunday of Advent	8.30am St Charles' 10.00am St Joseph's	For the People Ernest Hebblethwaite

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
The Bereaved

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Expectant Mothers

**Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose
anniversaries occur around this time.**

Last Week	Gift Aid	Non-Gift Aid	Total
St Joseph's	£583.40	£427.24	£1010.64

Tea & coffee are served after the 8.30am Sunday Mass at St Charles'.

The Piety Stall has **Christmas Cards and gifts** on sale together with 2020 Catholic diaries and Advent Calendars. The **Hallam Diocesan Yearbook** is available for the **discount** price of **£2.00** from the piety stall.