

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



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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jonathan Dempsey, Fran Ashworth, Andy Mitchell, Leesa McManus, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Freda Clarke, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Margaret Bradley, Margaret Wainwright, 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.

Last week's collection was £967.50 (£717.15 in offertory envelopes, £250.35 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

Money Talk

This week's collection and other recent impressive totals are invariably boosted by one or two people kindly adding their three- or four-month offerings that have amassed while they have been unable to come to church. Overall, **our income is DOWN approximately £6000.00**. This is a difficult and challenging time for many of us and it will remain so for some time it seems. However, through prayer and charity we can all make a spiritual contribution to our community life and those experiencing financial difficulty should be encouraged to remember this and not feel under any obligation to give what they cannot afford.

Many of the running costs of our churches have remained unchanged. Recent necessary works at St Joseph's for example, saw the 11 leaking or fractured radiators in the church replaced (together with new valves and, in parts, piping) during the lockdown at a cost of £4,700. Ironically, during an autumn and winter when we might have to leave the church doors open during Mass(!) the heating system has supposedly improved. You can imagine my frustration. You will recall that the St Joseph's church ceiling has also to be repaired and that will cost £25,000.00.

Thank you to everyone who has made a contribution in these difficult times, your continued generosity towards our churches is greatly appreciated. You might want to consider setting up a standing order or sending a one-off payment. Please quote your name as a reference and, if you usually donate by envelope, please also include the envelope number. The details you need are:

To Diocese of Hallam St Josephs Handsworth,
Sort Code 40-41-07, Account Number 61094351 or

To Diocese of Hallam St Charles Borromeo Sheffield,
Sort Code 40-41-07, Account Number 41095064

St Joseph's Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes: if you didn't manage to collect your new box of envelopes please speak with Fr M or one of the stewards at the end of Mass and they will give it to you. Likewise, I would ask you to do the same if you would like your **Gift Aided Offertory Donations Thank-You Letter** for the tax year ending, 5 April, 2020. 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.

FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have reminded us of the following HM Government guidance:

'Face coverings are currently mandatory on public transport and in shops and in supermarkets. **People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church.**'

You MUST NOT attend Mass if:

- You are unwell.
- Somebody in your household has coronavirus symptoms, for example a cough or high temperature.

We thank our cleaners and stewards for volunteering their time and labour. **Without them we simply could not open the church.** I am anxious that we do not overburden people and that our opening is sustainable. **New volunteers are always welcome.**

MASS IN CHURCH

The social-distancing rules mean that only every third bench in our church is available for seating. We can accommodate a minimum of 2 people on each of those 27 benches. **Once those 27 benches are full of 2 or more people then the church is full. When the church is full you may not enter the church.** However, if you wish, you may remain outside as the main doors of the church will still be open and you can follow Mass there. As people leave the church you may then enter by the porch to receive Holy Communion.

The three sections of the benches will be allocated for seating thus:

Centre aisle: For individuals only. (Funerals & Weddings excepted)

2 individuals must sit at the opposite ends of the bench.

Side aisles: For households or 'social bubble' groups (families, etc).

On these benches you are asked to fill up the bench from the wall first.

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

We will **record your name and telephone number** should you need to be contacted with regard to HM Government's 'test & trace' system.

Please note that **HM Government regulations continue to only permit 30 people to attend a wedding or a funeral.**

The toilets are not in use and the undercroft and sacristy are out of bounds unless you are authorised to enter. There are no pieces of paper available for you, e.g. newsletters or Mass sheets, so you might want to bring a missal if you have one. A box for any offering you wish is available as you enter the church. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

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| Monday August 3 <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> | Celebrant's Intention |
| Tuesday August 4 <i>St Jean-Marie Vianney</i> | 7.00pm Jeff Mason |
| Wednesday August 5 <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> | Celebrant's Intention |
| Thursday August 6 <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i> | Dead List |
| Friday August 7 <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> | 10.00am In Thanksgiving for Health (MH) |
| Saturday August 8 <i>St Dominic</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's</i> | 5.00pm Monica Doyle |
| Sunday August 9 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Both Masses at St Joseph's</i> | 8.30am For the People 10.00am Andy & Kathleen Halligan |

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

For the Sick & the Dying

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Healthcare Workers & Carers

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

The **Hallam News** is **online** at: <http://www.churchpaper.co.uk/>

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*

CONFESSIONS

At St Joseph's: by appointment, please speak with Fr McManus.

At St Marie's there are new times: Monday–Saturday, 11.30am–12.15pm in St Joseph's Chapel. For everyone's safety, there will be a protective plastic screen in place. Please stand while making your confession