

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

20 December 2020

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Madge Wolstenholme, Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Leesa McManus, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, 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 one of the clergy or to the Office.

The Masses for the Nativity of the Lord
Thursday, Christmas Eve, at 4.00pm, 5.00pm & 6.00pm

***** All the Christmas Eve Masses are now fully booked*****

Friday, Christmas Day, at 9.00am & 10.00am

***** There is still plenty of room at the 9.00am Mass but there are only a handful of places left at the 10.00am Mass *****

Booking a place for Christmas Masses

Our bishop has recommended that people consider making any day of the Christmas Octave, up to 1 January, their Christmas Mass.

You MUST NOT come to church if: You are unwell or somebody in your household has coronavirus symptoms, for example a cough or high temperature. **Please follow the directions of the stewards.**

Thank You

Thank you to all the members of our parishes who contributed to the 'regular' life of our communities activities in the first part of the year. Some activities have continued quietly unseen such as the laundering of the church linens or the recording of the collections and gift-aid and for all these we are thankful. This year however, we must particularly record our thanks to all those people who have helped to keep things running during the many months of the pandemic.

We thank our deacon Simon, who has begun his sacred ministry in difficult circumstances, and our parish secretary Marie who, despite being unable to work in the office, has given so much of her time to the parish, especially in the cemetery. Indeed, a number of people – not all of them parishioners or even Catholics – have done a great deal of work in the cemetery and the fruit of their labour is clear for all to see. Our care of both the living and dead is a sign of our Christian faith and it has been much appreciated by many.

Also greatly appreciated by us all, has been the vital and necessary work of our church cleaners and stewards without whom we could not publically function. Their regular and dedicated physical preparation of the church is at heart of our public worship. Our non-physical connectivity has been facilitated by our website and Facebook administrators and, as they perhaps point us to future developments, we thank them for their unstinting efforts in helping to keep us all together and informed.

Finally, we thank all those who participate in our Christian communion through prayer and we rejoice in the many simple acts of kindness that have been undertaken by you all since the beginning of this pandemic.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Monday 21 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	John Dakin
Tuesday 22 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Frances Smyth
Wednesday 23 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	Requiem Mass of Freda Clarke <i>RIP</i>
Thursday 24 December <i>Christmas Eve</i> <i>Masses of Christmas at St Joseph's</i>	4.00pm John Dakin 5.00pm Thomas Conway Snr 6.00pm Intentions of Christine Hynes
Friday 25 December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i>	9.00am For the People 10.00am Kevin Hegarty
Saturday 26 December <i>St Stephen</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's</i>	<u>12 Noon</u> (N.B. No 5.00pm) For the People
Sunday 27 December <i>The Holy Family</i>	9.00am Roy Dyson 10.00am Freda Clarke

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Persecuted Christians

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
The Homeless

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

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

Last week's collection was £507.09 (£408.00 in offertory envelopes, £99.09 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Monday 28 December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	Michael McManus
Tuesday 29 December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	10.00am Charles & Sheila Maloney Also today Requiem Mass of Margaret Bradley <i>RIP</i>
Wednesday 30 December <i>Christmas octave</i>	Charlie Kelly
Thursday 31 December <i>Christmas octave</i>	Mgr Peter Moran
Friday 1 January <i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	11.00am The Hegarty Family
Saturday 2 January <i>Ss Basil & Gregory</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i> <i>at St Joseph's</i>	5.00pm For the People
Sunday 3 January <i>The Second Sunday of</i> <i>Christmas</i>	9.00am John Armstrong 10.00am Dorothy Walsh

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Good Health for our Families

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Exiles & Refugees

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*

*I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas
and also the blessings of good health
for you and your loved ones in the coming New Year,
may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and homes.*