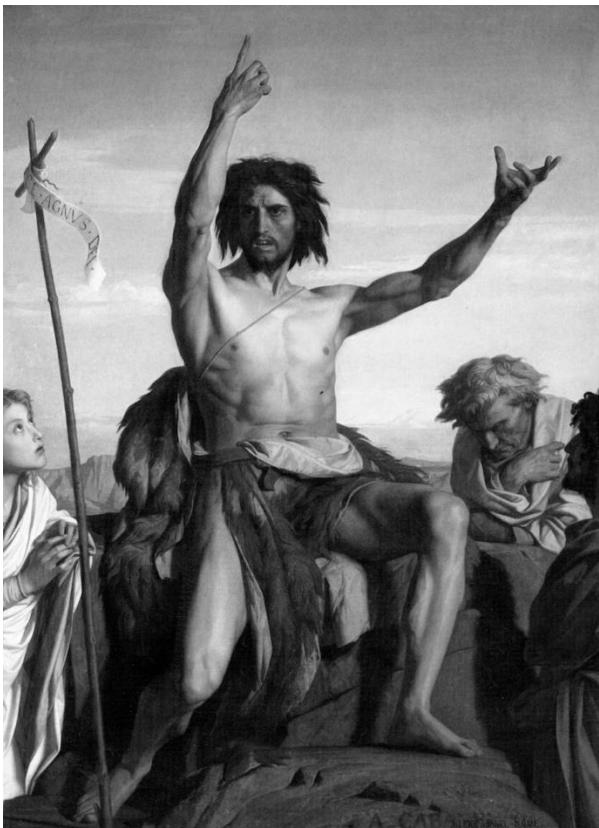


**The Parish of St Joseph &
The Parish of St Charles Borromeo, Sheffield**



Second Sunday of Advent (B)

6 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, 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 one of the clergy or to the Office.

Booking a place for Christmas Masses

In order to manage the demand and allow people to gather safely **you will need to book your place(s) for one of these Masses before Friday, 18 December.**

The Masses for the feast of The Nativity of the Lord will be as follows:

Thursday, Christmas Eve, at 4.00pm, 5.00pm & 6.00pm

***** The 4.00pm Christmas Eve Mass is now all almost fully booked*****

Friday, Christmas Day, at 9.00am & 10.00am

All the Masses will use the readings and prayers of the ‘Mass during the night’

- You can book your place(s) by contacting Marie O’Hara, on e-mail at mohara3@sky.com or by telephone on 07862 718803 (Mondays to Fridays 4.00 to 7.00pm, Saturdays 9.00am to 4.00pm)**

The Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family will be

Saturday, 26 December, at **12 Noon** &

Sunday, 27 December, at 9.00am & 10.00am

"When did we see you...naked and clothe you?"

Our deacon, Simon Hegarty, writes: I am arranging a collection of warm clothing and sanitary/hygiene items for refugees in our region distributed through the Yorkshire Refugee Foodbank. Therefore can I ask you to sort out any clean but unwanted clothing (please no rags, torn or soiled items - lets respect their human dignity) or perhaps purchase items to make a gift, bag them up and text or email me and I'll contact you in return to arrange a socially distanced collection. *Please do not bring donations to church.* I aim to make collections up to and including Tuesday, 16 December.

Items on the list are: *Coats, jumpers, hoodies, hats, gloves, scarves, jeans/trousers, clean, undamaged paired shoes, new and unused sanitary/personal hygiene items.* Thank you for your support.

07804 736 774 or email simonhegarty67@gmail.com

Christmas tree & flowers: Unsurprisingly, our decorations will have to be a little more ‘muted’ this year but we will still be able, please God, to adequately prepare St Joseph’s for the celebration of this great feast. If you would like to make a donation towards the tree and flowers then please leave an offering in a marked envelope or see Fr M or Marie O’Hara. Thank you for your support.

Car Parking: Drivers should note that the logs that previously marked part of the border of the presbytery lawn have been replaced with stones.

Money Matters 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. **Thank you** to everyone who has made a financial contribution in these difficult times, your continued generosity towards our churches is greatly appreciated. To make a standing order or one-off payment 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

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. **A box for any offering you wish is available as you enter the church. Thank you.**

Ethical concerns regarding vaccination: The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales issued a statement in September hoping to provide some clarity and assurance to people about Church teaching and moral issues regarding vaccination. You can see that document here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/covid-19-and-vaccination/>

Yesterday, 3 December, they made a further update here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/>

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.

The toilets are not in use and the undercroft and sacristy are out of bounds unless you are authorised to enter.

We thank our cleaners and stewards for volunteering their time and labour. Without them we simply could not open the church. **We will require extra stewards for the Christmas Masses**, please contact me if you can help.

Regulations permit 30 people at a funeral, 15 at a wedding and 6 at a baptism.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Monday 7 December <i>St Ambrose</i>	Intentions of J J Goldrick
Tuesday 8 December <i>Immaculate Conception of BVM</i>	10.00am Steve George
Wednesday 9 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	Dead List
Thursday 10 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	Ann Downs
Friday 11 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am The UNO Group
Saturday 12 December <i>Advent weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's</i>	5.00pm For the People
Sunday 13 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am Roy Dyson 10.00am Stan & Sheila Anderson

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 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*

Last week's collection was £454.00 (£349.00 in offertory envelopes, £105.00 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

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