

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



First Sunday of Advent (B)

29 November 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.

The public celebration of Mass in St Joseph's church will resume on
Friday, 4 December, at 10.00am
and at the weekend on
Saturday, 5 December, at 5.00pm &
Sunday, 6 December, at 9.00am & 10.00am

Booking a place for Christmas Masses

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

Friday, **Christmas Day**, at 9.00am & 10.00am

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

• 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 variable numbers of individuals, families and 'bubbles' at each Mass will require that we assign set places.

• **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)

• If you are attending Mass with someone who forms part of your 'Christmas bubble' then do please book your places together.

• There will be a handful of places set aside at each of these Masses for those who turn up on the day (ideally, I really don't want to turn anyone away) but these should not be relied upon. Once the church is full you can only follow Mass from outside.

• Should there be the need then I shall add a further Mass.

• Please pass on this information to anyone you think will be interested but who does not have access to the internet. Thank you.

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

November Dead List 2020 – 2021: Please submit any names by the end of this month.

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

Sheila Armstrong & Family would like to thank everyone who attended John's funeral, and also give their thanks for the Masses, cards and phone calls that they received. Your care and support is much appreciated. Finally, they wish to record their thanks to Fr Mark and Fr Tony for a lovely service.

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.**

The **100 Club** monthly draws between March-June were not drawn - these draws will now take place monthly between Sept-Dec 2020. June marks the time up to which all subscriptions had been paid as some people pay annually and others bi-annually. *The draw for April has been completed and the winning numbers are: 1st - #54 £70, 2nd - #2 £20, 3rd - #9 £10.* We will review the feasibility of renewals for 2021 and any credit can either be used in the new year or refunded.

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 to attend a funeral & 15 for a wedding.

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Monday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	Marie O'Hara's Intentions
Tuesday 1 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	David Mannion
Wednesday 2 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	Dead List
Thursday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 4 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am John Armstrong
Saturday 5 December <i>Advent weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's</i>	5.00pm Philip Robinson
Sunday 6 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	9.00am For the People 10.00am Vin Tierney

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 David Mannion & Dorothy Walsh *RIP*, 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 £407.00 (£257.00 in offertory envelopes, £150.00 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

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