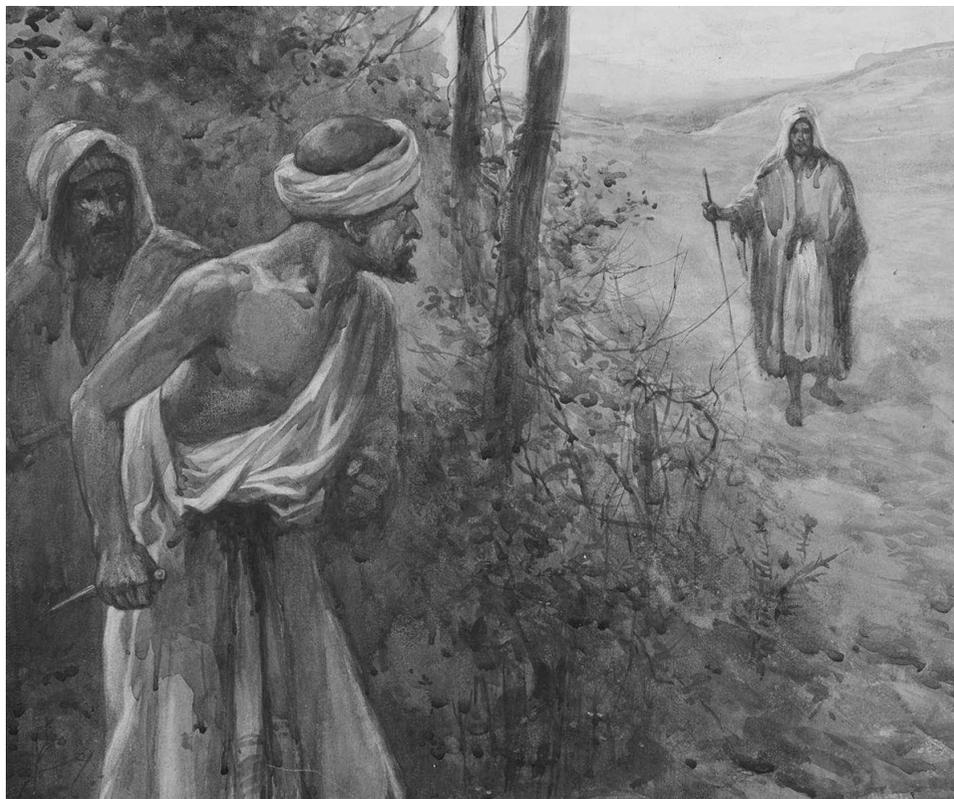


**The Parish of St Joseph &
The Parish of St Charles Borromeo, Sheffield**



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

4 October 2020

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: 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.

Polish Masses at St Charles: Bearing in mind the number of different groups who customarily use the church, the size of the church and the present demands regarding public health, *the bishop has decreed that the church of St Charles should temporarily serve only the Polish community.* I shall of course inform you of any future change and I apologise for any disappointment or inconvenience caused.

November Dead List 2020 – 2021: The celebration of a holy Mass is the simplest yet also the greatest means by which the Church on earth provides care and assistance for the dead – though we can also assist them in their ‘journey’ through the purification of purgatory by means of our prayers, offered sufferings and penances, especially when they have indulgences attached to them. Beginning in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Dead List throughout the year. *If you would like to enrol a loved one on the list so that they will be included in these Masses* please, write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into the offerings box in the church. Alternatively, you can hand it to me or e-mail me the details also. Finally, please mark the list for St Joseph’s or St Charles.

First Holy Communion: Given the current pandemic we have not yet celebrated our 2020 First Holy Communion and yet the time for registering for our 2021 classes is drawing near. Such an occasion is an important and memorable moment in our journey of faith and I would, in the circumstances, nonetheless like our children to have the best experience that we can safely manage (e.g. not making their First Holy Communion masked if possible). With this in mind – and seeking to maintain the identities of the two different groups - I would hope we might be in a position to celebrate these important events next year in March or April for this year’s group and May for next year’s group. Should any parent or child from this year’s group feel differently please feel free to contact me. Registration for the 2021 group will begin soon.

Reading & Altar Serving: Thank you to those people who have volunteered. I have regretfully concluded that, for the time being, it would be prudent to begin with the readers and just wait a little while longer before having altar servers. I think the current circumstance regarding an increase in Covid-19 cases means that while we should try to continue to move forward we should do so with care and caution.

FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

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

Money Matters: 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.

Thank you to everyone who has made a 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.**

Due to the Lockdown 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 first draw for September has been completed and the winning numbers are: 1st £70 #28, 2nd £20 #38, 3rd £10 #64.* Following this we will review the feasibility of renewals for 2021 and any credit can either be used toward the new year or refunded.

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.**

Please follow the directions of the stewards.

CONFESSIONS

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

At St Marie's: Mon–Sat, 11.30am–12.15pm.

Please note that **regulations permit 30 people to attend a funeral, 15 at a wedding and 6 at a baptism.**

Liturgy Times & Mass Intentions

Monday 5 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday 6 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am David Wray
Wednesday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 8 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 9 October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	10.00am Dead List
Saturday 10 October <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's</i>	5.00pm Fr Laurie Lister
Sunday 11 October <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Both Masses at St Joseph's</i>	9.00am For the People 10.00am Celebrant's Intention

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.**

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*

Last week's collection was £641.50 (£482.00 in offertory envelopes, £159.00 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.