

**The Parish of St Joseph &
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Third Sunday of Advent (C)

12 December 2021

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Sheila Armstrong, Ian Selwood, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Fr Frank Flynn, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Eileen Valance, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Sheila Habershon, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, Jimmy Cahill, Martin Humphreys, 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 in at the office.*

Face coverings are required unless you have an exemption.

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.

During Advent

There will be a **retiring collection** this weekend, **11 & 12 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree, flowers** and decorations that will adorn our beautiful church for the celebration of the Christmas Season.

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction on the Saturdays of Advent**, from **9.30 to 10.30am**. *Why not come and spend some quiet time with the Lord?*

The **Piety Stall** has **Christmas cards** and other items and is open *for the final time before Christmas* after the Saturday vigil Mass and from 9:15am to 9:55am this weekend, 11 & 12 December.

Help with the Christmas decorations after the 10.00am Mass next Sunday 19 December would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Bambinelli Blessing: this weekend, *Gaudete* Sunday, 11 & 12 December, the 'Baby Jesus' from your crib will be blessed at the end of Mass (you can bring the whole lot if you want).

A reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's Centre 2021

Give rather than receive each day in Advent. All you need to do is: 1. Buy a bag for life 2. Add an item into the bag from the list below each day in December. 3. **Deliver the bag to St Wilfrid's after 4 January when they reopen or at the church on the weekend of 1 & 2 January – but not before please** (*any volunteers please to help deliver them?*).

Bearing in mind the centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients and that items are used throughout the year, things that are needed include: **Toiletries:** Soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, **Clothing**, incl. Men's and Women's underwear - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, **Food:** boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat (esp. ham), fish (esp. tuna), casseroles, stewing steak, tinned vegetables: potatoes, peas & carrots, tomatoes, tinned rice pudding & custard, jars of pickles, Drinks: cordials, hot chocolate, Store cupboard items: brown sauce, salad cream (not glass), pot noodles & cup-a-soups. For more info: tel. 255 5720 or helen@stwilfridscentre.org or download their Advent Calendar for daily suggestions at www.stwilfridscentre.org

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph's Church

Christmas Eve 4.30 pm [*Vigil Mass*]

Christmas Eve 7.00 pm [*Mass during the Night*]

Christmas Day 8.45am [*Mass at Dawn*]

Christmas Day 10.00 am [*Mass during the Day*]

N.B. As permitted, the Gospel used at all the Masses will be from the 'Mass during the Night,' i.e. the Nativity of the Lord.

Money Matters: 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 please contact the office.** 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.**

Church Cleaning & Readers: If anyone would like to help with the cleaning of our church or would like to assist in the celebration of Mass by reading then please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you.

St Wilfrid's Centre Exhibition: Throughout the whole of December, the Sheffield Central Library are hosting a large exhibition about St Wilfrid's Centre in their foyer, '*Our Past, Our Present, Our Future and Our Thanks*'. There are 16 display boards of text and pictures to mark their 30th Anniversary and the contribution that individuals, staff, volunteers, clients and parishes have made. The library is open 10am - 5pm, Monday to Friday and 10am - 4pm on Saturday. Please support the Centre by encouraging anyone you know to go and have a look at the exhibition. From 13 December, there will be a display case at the Millenium Gallery exhibiting pieces of pottery made by their clients to celebrate the anniversary.

St Wilfrid's Centre Vacancies: have three vacancies currently advertised on their website www.stwilfridscentre.org/vacancies

- Senior Administrator
- Cook and Catering Supervisor
- Cafe Manager and Volunteer Coordinator

Also, if you would be interested in volunteering at the centre, there are currently vacancies in the cafe and kitchen. No experience is required. If you are interested, please contact Louise@stwilfridscentre.org

<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Sunday 12 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am Evelyn Tuffy 10.00am For the People
Monday 13 December <i>St Lucy</i>	10.00am Intentions of Marie O'Hara
Tuesday 14 December <i>St John of the Cross</i>	10.00am Bishop Gerald Moverley
Wednesday 15 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 16 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	Intentions of the Whyte Family
Friday 17 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Roy Dyson
Saturday 18 December <i>Advent weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of the Sunday</i>	9.30 to 10.30am Exposition & Benediction 5.00pm Mgr. John Moran
Sunday 19 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Stan & Sheila Anderson

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns 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 £528.00 (£367.50 in offertory envelopes, £160.50 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!