

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



1st Sunday in Lent (B)

21 February 2021

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Eunice Mannion, 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 **prayer to St Joseph** which Pope Francis has asked us to say frequently through the year:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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

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.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Renewal in Lent

God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire,
help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.
Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right
and to be eager in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new life through penance.
Keep me from sin, and help me live
by Your commandment of love.
God of love, bring me back to You.
Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works.
May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness,
open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast
of the Resurrection of Jesus.
Lord, during this Lenten Season,
nourish me with Your Word of life
and make me one with You in love and prayer.
Fill my heart with Your love
and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ.
Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness.
Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.
Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.
Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.
Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace.
Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.
Amen.

Mass Intentions

Monday 22 February <i>St Peter's Chair</i>	Richard Conlon
Tuesday 23 February <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Pauline Briddock
Wednesday 24 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	Thersiamma James
Thursday 25 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	Helen Hinchliffe
Friday 26 February <i>Lenten weekday</i>	10.00am Ray Brolly
Saturday 27 February <i>Lenten weekday</i> Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's	5.00pm The Keenan Family
Sunday 28 February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	9.00am For the People 10.00am John Carroll

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 Eileen Elliott, Danielle O'Hagan 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 £398.00 (£298.00 in offertory envelopes, £100.00 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!

**FACE COVERINGS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH
UNLESS YOU HAVE AN EXEMPTION THIS IS NOW LAW**