

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



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**12 September 2021**

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**Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Jason Barron, Fr Frank Flynn, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, 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 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:** 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.**

**Holy Communion & Visiting the Sick:** If you or someone you know would like a visit please speak with Fr M or our deacon, Simon. Likewise, if you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and would like to resume (or begin) visiting someone regularly and taking them the Blessed Sacrament then please speak with one of the clergy.

**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.

**Altar servers:** If you would like to resume serving at holy Mass or would like to begin doing so (and you have already celebrated your First Holy Communion) then please speak with Fr M or our deacon, Simon

The **First Holy Communion Mass** for the Class of 2020-21 will take place on **Saturday, 2 October, at 10.00am**, here at St Joseph's Church. I kindly remind parents that Louise George is undertaking the preparation and that your support and active encouragement are vital in helping your child's faith to grow. Christian parents are called to teach our children all they need to know about how to live on earth and come to life in heaven. To avoid confusion, registration for this year's class (2021-22) will take place from the end of October; likewise, for Confirmation also.

**Restored Lives:** Caritas are offering a six session course for anyone feeling overwhelmed after the strains and stresses of a marital breakup. There is a £20 registration fee and the course starts this Thursday, 16 September, 7.00–9.00pm at The Presbytery, (Mother of God Church), 1 St Ronan's Road, Sheffield, S7 1DX. To book a place or for more information please contact Sue Tym on 0114 2566407 or [stym@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:stym@hallam-diocese.com)

This October, an **'Assisted Dying' Bill** will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life; we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to pray this Bill is defeated, write to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and share our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media. Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here: [parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/](http://parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/)

Study for the **Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)** in Hallam: Are you interested in studying for the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS), a nationally accredited course about the Catholic faith? The first module on the Old Testament, begins on 2 October for three consecutive Saturday mornings, 9am-12.30pm at the Hallam Pastoral Centre (in person, socially distanced). Modules on the New Testament, Sacraments etc. will be offered later in the year. For more details about the course please see the national CCRS website. Application forms are available at [formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com) The closing date for applications is 25 September.

### **Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows**

Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of your son Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping. We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with your son the sorrows of his passion. Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love. Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

| <i>Mass Intentions</i>   |  |
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| <b>Sunday 12 September</b><br><i>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                               | <b>8.45am</b><br>Celebrant's Intention<br><b>10.00am</b><br>For the People |
| <b>Monday 13 September</b><br><i>St John Chrysostom</i>  | <b>10.00am</b><br>Eileen Donegan   |
| <b>Tuesday 14 September</b><br><i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>   | <b>10.00am</b><br>Diana Durbin   |
| <b>Wednesday 15 September</b><br><i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>  | November Memorial Dead List  |
| <b>Thursday 16 September</b><br><i>Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>  | Celebrant's Intention  |
| <b>Friday 17 September</b><br><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>   | <b>10.00am</b><br>Private Intention  |
| <b>Saturday 18 September</b><br><i>Ordinary Time weekday</i><br><b>Vigil Mass of Sunday at St Joseph's</b> | <b>5.00pm</b><br>Ray Brolly  |
| <b>Sunday 19 September</b><br><i>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>                               | <b>8.45am</b><br>Joe Hynes<br><b>10.00am</b><br>For the People             |

**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 Mathew Cyriac & Diana Durbin 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 £621.11** (£411.00 in offertory envelopes, £210.11 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support!