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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

18 December 2022

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially:
Fr Bill Bergin, Ton & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Leonard & Mary Cooper, Sonia Prince, Fr Michael O'Connor, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Madge Wolstenholme, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, John Carroll, Lol Hodges, Rita & Vin Todd, Georgina Shirt, Maria Tarnowski, Elizabeth Barron, 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 in. Thank you.*

Last weekend's **retiring collection** for the Christmas tree and flowers was £195.66. Thank you. **N.B.** If you missed last week's collection because of the snow you have an opportunity to contribute this week.

The **Piety Stall** has **Christmas cards** and other festive items for sale.

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph's Church

Christmas Eve 4.00 pm [*Vigil Mass*]

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

Christmas Day 8.45 am [*Mass at Dawn*]

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

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

Help with the Christmas decorations after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday, 18 December, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

St Joseph's School Readings & Carols Service will be on **Tuesday, 20 December**, at 2.00pm in church and their **End of Term Mass** in church will be on **Thursday, 22 December**, also at 2.00pm. All are welcome.

On Christmas Eve there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.55am. This is a great opportunity to find an oasis of silence and peace amidst all the bus

Children are welcome to come dressed as **one of the nativity characters** such as shepherds or sheep, angels or kings at any of our Christmas Masses.

The **Children's Liturgy** will take place this Sunday, 18 December, at the 10.00am Mass and will then take a break for the school holidays.

We are in need of new or additional **Readers to proclaim the Word of God at the Saturday, 5.00pm Mass**. This is an important apostolate and liturgical service, please consider if you could take part in this way at this or any other of our Masses. Thank you.

A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's 2022

Give rather than receive each day in Advent. All you need to do is: 1. Get a bag 2. Add an item into the bag from the list below each day 3. Deliver the bag to St Wilfrid's - after 4 January - or leave them at the back of the church (Any volunteers please to help deliver them?). Items are used throughout the year. You can drop off items at the Centre, (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) and you can telephone 255 5720 for more information.

The centre has a 7 to 3 ratio of male to female clients, and the items that are needed include: Toiletries: soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, deodorant, incl. toothbrushes, combs, hairbrushes, Clothing, incl. men's underwear (boxer shorts M/L/XL), women's pants - all sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, Food: boxes/tins of individually wrapped chocolates. Other items useful throughout the year include: tinned meat & fish: tuna, casserole, 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.

A consultation by St Joseph's School to join St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust: Across the country, in line with government policy, the movement of individual schools to come together under the umbrella of a multi academy trust continues to gather pace. In response, our diocese has created a new Catholic multi academy trust called St Clare CMAT. This initial phase has been completed and it has opened with its first 12 schools. As you may know, the Governing Body of St Joseph's school has been exploring the proposal for the School to progress towards joining the St Clare Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT), along with other Catholic schools in the Diocese of Hallam.

After careful consideration and discussion, the Governors of St Joseph's School, mindful of the need to continue to ensure the best possible Catholic education for all our children, are now undertaking a consultation with parents and carers, with staff and our wider parish community, (you can read their letter on the parish or school websites). They want to hear our views on the next steps for our school, as this 'consultation process both celebrates and underlines our shared vision and purpose and helps us to take the next steps together.'

You can email cmat@st-josephs.sheffield.sch.uk or offer your views in person at an information meeting to be scheduled in the school. The consultation will close on Friday, 13 January, whereupon the Governors will meet thereafter to consider how those views should inform and enable the School's future.

The Sacred Liturgy

<p>Sunday 18 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i></p>	<p>8.45am For the People 10.00am Stan & Sheila Anderson</p>
<p>Monday 19 December <i>Advent weekday</i></p>	<p>10.00am Eileen Vallance</p>
<p>Tuesday 20 December <i>Advent weekday</i></p>	<p>10.00am Intentions of Fr James Shryane 2.00pm St Joseph's School Readings & Carols</p>
<p>Wednesday 21 December <i>Advent weekday</i></p>	<p>November Memorial Dead List</p>
<p>Thursday 22 December <i>Advent weekday</i></p>	<p><u>2.00pm</u> Ron Ashworth</p>
<p>Friday 23 December <i>Advent weekday</i></p>	<p>9.00 – 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Ray Brolly</p>
<p>Saturday 24 December <i>Vigil Mass of Christmas</i> <i>Night Mass of Christmas</i></p>	<p>10 to 10.55am Exposition & Confessions 10.55am Benediction 4.00pm Bill Pollock 7.00pm Intentions of Christine Hynes</p>
<p>Sunday 25 December <i>The Nativity of the Lord</i> <i>Christmas Day</i></p>	<p>8.45am For the People 10.00am Kevin Hegarty</p>

This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Orphans

This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Grieving parents

**Please pray for all who have died recently & for those whose
anniversaries occur around this time.**

Last week's collection was £382.43 (£200.00 in offertory envelopes, £182.43 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.