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**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**4 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.*

## **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 8.45am** [*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.*

**Bambinelli Blessing:** Next weekend we celebrate Gaudete ('Rejoice') Sunday, **10 & 11 December**, and you are invited to bring the 'Baby Jesus' from your crib to be blessed at the end of Mass (you can bring the whole lot if you want).

There will be a **retiring collection** next weekend of **10 & 11 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree, flowers** and decorations that will adorn our beautiful church for the celebration of the Christmas season.

On the **Saturdays of Advent** (10, 17 & 24 December) there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.55am.

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

Our **Children's Liturgy** resumed last Sunday at the 10.00am Mass. The children's liturgy is for any child who has started **Reception Class or is in Year One, Two or Three**. We follow a new safeguarding measure, which keeps a weekly record of which children and liturgy leaders attend. Before Mass you simply need to add your child's name and date of birth to a list that the liturgy leader will have at the back of church. Children who are taking part are invited to follow the procession to the altar at the beginning of the Mass before they then proceed to the undercroft. We thank our Children's Liturgy leaders for their service.

**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.

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.

**The St Vincent Furniture Project** is looking for volunteers to assist in its shop and collection services. If you are able to give some of your time you can contact them on 0114 2703990 or [infosheffield@svp.org.uk](mailto:infosheffield@svp.org.uk). They are also asking for any financial assistance so if you are able to gift they would be extremely grateful. We pray for the continued success. Also, the **SVP** has a here **Conference at St Joseph's**; anyone wishing to volunteer please contact Luisa Meco (Sunday Mass) or Fr M.

### **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, 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.

### **An Advent Prayer**

Lord God, we adore you because you have come to us in the past.

You have spoken to us in the Law of Israel.

You have challenged us in the words of the prophets.

You have shown us in Jesus what you are really like.

Lord God, we adore you because you still come to us now.

You come to us through other people and their love and concern for us.

You come to us through men and women who need our help.

You come to us as we worship you with your people.

Lord God, we adore you because you will come to us at the end.

You will be with us at the hour of death.

You will still reign supreme when all human institutions fail.

You will still be God when our history has run its course.

We welcome you, the God who comes.

Come to us now in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Caryl Micklem, *Contemporary Prayers for Public Worship*

<b>The Sacred Liturgy</b>	
<b>Sunday 4 December</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People <b>10.00am</b> Vin Tierney
<b>Monday 5 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Fr Paul
<b>Tuesday 6 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Cyril Jackson
<b>Wednesday 7 December</b> <i>St Andrew</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 8 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>10.00m</b> Steve George
<b>Friday 9 December</b> Advent weekday	<b>9.00 - 9.55am</b> Exposition <b>10.00am</b> Leanne Wainwright
<b>Saturday 10 December</b> <i>St Francis Xavier</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>10 to 10.55am</b> Exposition & Confessions <b>10.55am</b> Benediction <b>5.00pm</b> For the People
<b>Sunday 11 December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> Ian Selwood <b>10.00am</b> Emily Twynham

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

The sick & the dying

**This week St Charles' Sanctuary Lamp burns for:**

The people of Ukraine

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

**Last week's collection was £726.06** (£517.50 in offertory envelopes, £208.56 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

Last weekend's collection for the diocesan Needy Parishes Fund raised £2219.30. **Thank you.**

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