

The Parish of St Joseph &

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The First Sunday of Advent

27 November 2022

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Fr Bill Bergin, Tom & 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.*

November Memorial Dead List 2022 – 2023: Beginning every year in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Memorial Dead List throughout the following twelve months. If you would like to enrol a deceased loved one on the list so that they will be included in these Masses, please write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into an envelope marked ‘Dead List’.

St Joseph’s Cemetery Maintenance Fund: we kindly ask in November, the month of the Holy Souls, for those with family and friends in St Joseph’s cemetery, to make a contribution towards the cost of the upkeep. Particular thanks must go to those dedicated parishioners who give of their time and labour to care for our hallowed ground and we have received a number of positive comments recognising the good work that is being done by them. Thank you for your continuing support

Our **Children's Liturgy** will be starting up again during the 10.00am Mass from this First Sunday of Advent onwards. The children's liturgy is for any children who have started **Reception Class or are in Years One, Two or Three**. From this week onwards we will be introducing a new safeguarding measure, which is to keep a weekly record of which children and liturgy leaders attend. Before Mass you will 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.

Starting in the season of Advent we will **resume our** usual practice of having **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** before the Friday morning, 10.00am Mass, on **Friday, 2 December**. Exposition will begin at **9.00am** and, as is customary, the Divine Mercy prayers are publicly recited before the Mass. A simple Benediction is given at 9.55am.

On the **Saturdays of Advent** (3, 10, 17 & 24 December) there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.55am.

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.

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: On Gaudete Sunday, **10 & 11 December**, 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** on the 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 (many of you will be aware of the significant increase in prices on such items these past 2 years).

Choral Director for the National School Singing Programme: the diocese is seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and appropriately qualified Choral Director who will be responsible for working within local diocesan schools to implement and develop the Schools Singing Programme (SSP). Contact hallam-diocese.com/job/choral-director/

The Sacred Liturgy

Sunday 27 November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am
Monday 28 November <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Intentions of Fr M McManus
Tuesday 29 November <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Eileen Vallance
Wednesday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 1 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	<u>1.00pm</u> Requiem Mass Mary Hanley <i>RIP</i>
Friday 2 December Advent weekday	9.00 - 9.55am Exposition 10.00am Margaret Robinson
Saturday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	10 to 10.55am Exposition & Confessions 10.55am Benediction 5.00pm Intentions of Reece Wilson
Sunday 4 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Vin Tierney

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 £575.62 (£340.00 in offertory envelopes, £235.62 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

There is a mandatory **second collection this weekend**, 26 & 27 November, for the diocesan **Needy Parishes Fund**. A number of parish communities are still struggling with their recovery after the pandemic.

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