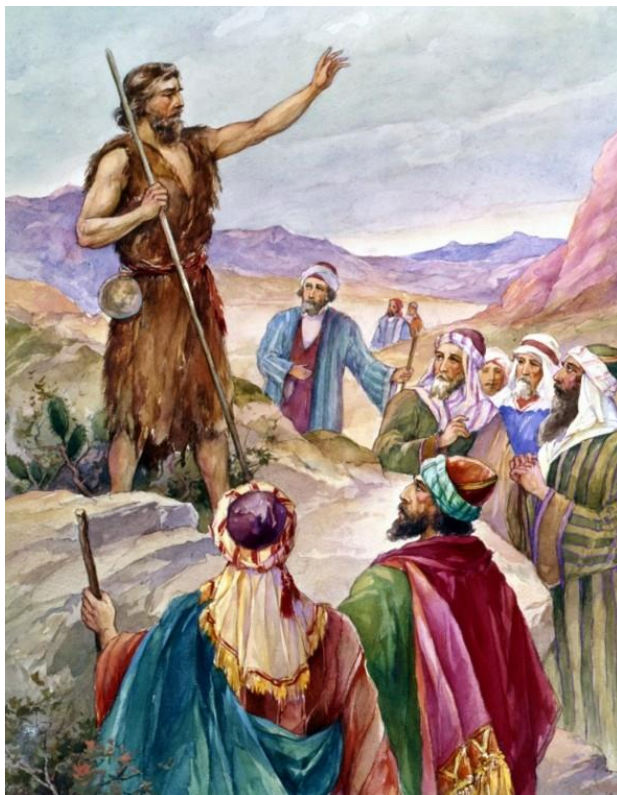


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**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**10 December 2023**

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially: Harley Bond, Eileen McManus, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie & Brian Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joanne Marklew, Lol Hodges, Margaret Dakin, Madge Wolstenholme, Tom & Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Sonia Prince, Reece Wilson, Jason Barron, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Pat Collett, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Jonathan Dempsey, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, 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**

**Sunday, 24 December, Christmas Eve**

**4.00 pm Vigil Mass**

6.00 - 6.55pm *Carols before Mass during the Night*

**7.00 pm Mass during the Night**

**Monday, 25 December, Christmas Day**

**8.45am Mass at Dawn**

**10.00 am Mass during the Day**

Please note that **THERE WILL BE NO 8.45AM MASS ON SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER**, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. There will be a Mass at 10.00am as usual.

On the **Saturdays of Advent**, 16 & 23 December, there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.50am.

There will **also** be **Confessions** available from **3.15pm until** they are **finished** on **Monday & Tuesday, 18 & 19 December**. Hopefully, this will be of help to parents and children at school.

**Bambinelli Blessing**: next weekend, on *Gaudete Sunday*, **16 & 17 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).

Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year means that **help with** some of the **Christmas decorations after the 10.00am Mass** next Sunday, **17 December**, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

**St Joseph's School Readings & Carols Service** will be on Tuesday, **19 December**, at 2.00pm in church. All are welcome.

**St Wilfrid's Centre Christmas Concert**, this Wednesday 13 December, 7.00pm at the Mother of God church, Sheffield: an evening of Christmas Carols and songs performed by Sheffield Folk Chorale. Tickets are available at [stwilfridscentre.org](http://stwilfridscentre.org) or 0114 2555720.

**All Saints School** warmly invite you, your family and friends to attend their **Advent Liturgy** on Wednesday, 20 December, at 6.30pm. Any donations on the evening are divided between the 'Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust' and 'St Wilfrid's Day Centre'.

Our **UCM Advent appeal for Baby Basics Sheffield** (baby-basics.org.uk) requests donations to fill our Moses Basket in the weeks before Christmas. Items needed are:

- *(New items in unopened packets only from this category please)*

Maternity pads, Sanitary towels, Hand soap, Baby soap, Baby shampoo, Mum shampoo, Newborn nappies, Baby wipes

- *(Good condition second hand items are acceptable from this category)*

Moses baskets, Newborn clothing, Bedding, Towels

### **A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's 2023**

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 & cupa-soups. **Alternatively**, people might like to donate locally to the **Handsworth Food Bank**. Parcels can be brought to church each week and the UCM will deliver to the Food Bank or you can use the collection points in the local supermarkets.

### **An Advent Prayer**

Heavenly Father, Your Son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we wait and prepare for his coming, bring us closer to each other and to your Son. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

<b>THE SACRED LITURGY</b>	
<b>Sunday 10 December</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> Ian Selwood <b>10.00am</b> Steve George
<b>Monday 11 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Liam Jenkinson
<b>Tuesday 12 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b> Leanne Wainwright
<b>Wednesday 13 December</b> <i>St Lucy</i>	November Memorial Dead List
<b>Thursday 14 December</b> <i>St John of the Cross</i>	<b>10.00am</b> Sheila & Stan Anderson
<b>Friday 15 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i>	<b>9.00 - 9.55am</b> Exposition <b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Shaun Emmitt
<b>Saturday 16 December</b> <i>Advent weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	<b>10 to 10.50am</b> Exposition & Confessions <b>10.50am</b> Benediction <b>4.00 – 4.30pm</b> Confessions <b>5.00pm</b> Ted Wainwright
<b>Sunday 17 December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>8.45am</b> For the People <b>10.00am</b> Intentions of Jude Jacinto Valentin Emmitt

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

**Last week's collection was £375.54** (£167.00 in offertory envelopes, £208.54 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

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

There is a **retiring collection** next weekend, **16 & 17 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree and flowers** that will adorn our beautiful church for the celebration of the Christmas season.