

**The Parish of St Joseph with
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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) 12 November 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.*

If you would like to **learn how to make your own Advent or Christmas wreath** then why not come along to a practical class in the undercroft on **Saturday, 2 December**, from 9.30am to 12.30pm. Organised by the UCM, **tickets (£10 incl. foam & refreshments) are on sale after Masses this weekend.**

On the **Saturdays of Advent** (9, 16 & 23 December) there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions** from **10.00am to 11.00am**, with Benediction at 10.55am.

November Memorial Dead List 2023 – 2024: The celebration of a holy Mass is the simplest yet also the greatest means by which the Church on earth provides care and assistance for the dead – though we can also assist them in their ‘journey’ through the purification of purgatory by means of our prayers, offered sufferings and penances, especially when they have indulgences attached to them. Beginning in November we offer Masses for the Parish November Memorial Dead List throughout the year. If you would like to enrol a 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 the offerings box in the church. Alternatively, you can hand it to me or e-mail me the details also.

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. We regularly receive positive comments recognising the good work that is being done by them. Thank you for your continuing support

Registration for First Holy Communion 2024

Applications for children (who started in Year 3 or above at school this September) to celebrate their First Holy Communion in 2024 are now being invited. Please speak with Fr M after Mass for the registration form. All applications should be received and completed **by Sunday, 26 November**. I kindly remind parents that your support and active encouragement are vital in helping your child’s faith to grow, most especially in regularly attending Sunday Mass. Christian parents are called to teach our children all they need to know about how to live on earth so that they may come to eternal life in heaven.

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph's Church

Sunday, 24 December, Christmas Eve

4.00 pm *Vigil Mass*

6.25 - 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.

St Wilfrid's Centre Christmas Concert, 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 or 0114 2555720.

St Wilfrid's Centre Vacancy: Welfare Worker (35 Hours over 5 days a week + half an hour lunch break). Salary: £21,298, more details from Bev Kershaw at 0114 2555720 or stwilfridscentre.org/vacancies

The diocese has asked us to advertise the **annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes** which will take place on Friday, **28 June, to 4 July, 2024**. The fare is £879pp - 6 nights Full Board (excl. Ins.) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. Applications are particularly welcome from pilgrims who need help due to medical issues/mobility. Volunteer doctors, nurses and helpers are also required. Details are available through each diocesan High School for young people to travel with their school groups. Young people aged 16-18 in parishes who do not attend Catholic schools can email smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com for details on how to join with the other youth. Booking forms are available at the back of the church or at hallam-lourdes.com and enquiries can be made at 01302 247910 or 07724 650066.

For the Fallen

They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
we will remember them.

<i>The Sacred Liturgy</i>	
Sunday 12 November <i>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Remembrance Sunday)</i>	8.45am Kieran & Mary Phelan 10.00am For the People
Monday 13 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Ann Downs
Saturday 18 November <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	5.00pm Ron Ashworth
Sunday 19 November <i>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8.45am Celebrant's Intention 10.00am Mary Keyes
Thursday 23 November <i>Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	10.00am Deceased McManus & Horsley Family
Friday 24 November <i>Ss Andrew Dũng-Lac & Co</i>	10.00am Bill Pollock
Saturday 25 November <i>St Catherine of Alexandria Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Betty Morris & Family
Sunday 26 November <i>Christ the King</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Ginetta & Frank Beaumont & Zaira Zerbetto

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

**This week St Joseph's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:
Children who suffer cruelty & abuse**

Last week's collection was £719.29 (£395.70 in offertory envelopes, £323.59 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

**The weekend of 25 & 26 November there will be a retiring collection
for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund.**

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