

**The Parish of St Joseph with
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Christ the King (A)

26 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.*

A big **thank you** to those who gave of their time to help clear and tidy the Undercroft, it is much appreciated!

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 **next 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: If you would like to enrol a loved one on the list please, write the names of your deceased family, friends and benefactors, and put it, together with your offering, into an envelope marked ‘November 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. 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 this 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.

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.

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 & cuppa-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.

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*

The Sacred Liturgy

Sunday 26 November <i>Christ the King</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Ginetta & Frank Beaumont & Zaira Zerbetto
Monday 27 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Lynne Connell
Tuesday 28 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am John Carroll
Wednesday 29 November <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 30 November <i>St Andrew</i>	10.00am Intentions of Marie O’Hara
Friday 1 December <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i>	10.00am Intentions of Madelaine Knight
Saturday 2 December <i>Ordinary Time weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Patrick Gallagher
Sunday 3 December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Vincent Tierney

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

Last week’s collection was £617.74 (£405.50 in offertory envelopes, £212.24 in loose). Many thanks for your continuing support.

This weekend of there is **a retiring collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund.**

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

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be served in the undercroft after the 10am Mass on December 3rd.

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.