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Second Sunday of Advent

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Please remember in your prayers all the sick and housebound, especially:
Terry Donnelly, David Briggs, Judith Jackson, Sharon Whitfield, Oliver Wragg, Karen Andrew, Martin Tasker, Terry George, Mary Cooper, Mary Broomhead, Sonia Prince, Jade Goodinson, Alan Charlesworth, Harley Bond, Pauline Sheppard, Jackie Whelan, Ann Parkinson, Joyce McGowan, Heidi Howson, Audrey Rodgers, Sylvia Hayden, Janette Taylor, Reece Wilson, Liz Moran, Elizabeth Dodson, Eunice Mannion, Sue & Frank Rodgers, Andy Mitchell, Marie Montgomery, Rita & Vin Todd, 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.*

Catholic Chaplain urgent call: NGH: 0114 2434343, Hallamshire Hospital: 0114 2711900. Ask for the Catholic priest on duty (day or night).

The Season of Advent

Our **UCM Advent appeal for Baby Basics Sheffield** (babybasics.org.uk) Is now underway. Items needed to **fill our Moses Basket** in the weeks before Christmas are: **Baby Equipment:** Moses baskets & stands (please remove mattress), Change mats & Bags (clean, no rips or tears), Play gyms, Bouncy chairs, Baby Baths, Sterilisers (not electric), High Chairs, Newborn prams, Toddler & Double buggies, Buggy Boards, Cots, Cot-beds & Toddler beds. **Nappies:** Sizes 1-8 (4-7 most needed) all brands accepted. **Toiletries: Infant** - Baby wipes & cotton wool, Top to toe wash, shampoo & baby bath, Nappy Cream 0-2yr, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes. **Children** – Shampoo & conditioner (also for Afro/curly hair), Shower gel 3-5yr & 6yr+, Toothbrushes & Toothpaste. **Adult** - Shampoo & conditioner (also for Afro/curly hair), Shower Gel – for Women & Men, Toothpaste & Toothbrushes, Body lotion, Deodorant, Maternity Pads, Breast Pads, Sanitary Pads (NO Tampons).

The UCM also host a **'knit and natter'** on **Fridays after the 10.00am Mass** for anyone who wants to join with others for a chat and a cuppa whilst knitting baby blankets and hats for the appeal. Thank you for your support.

A Reverse Advent Calendar for St Wilfrid's

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 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.

Bambinelli Blessing: On *Gaudete* Sunday, **13 & 14 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** next weekend of **13 & 14 December**, towards the cost of the **Christmas tree and flowers** that will adorn our beautiful church for the celebration of the Christmas season.

St Joseph's School Readings & Carols Service will be on Tuesday, **16 December**, at 2.00pm in church. All are welcome.

Help with some of the **Christmas decorations** after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday, **21 December**, would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The Christmas Masses at St Joseph's Church

Wednesday, 24 December, Christmas Eve

3.30 - 3.55pm *Carols before Mass*

4.00pm Vigil Mass

6.30 - 6.55pm *Carols before Mass*

7.00pm Mass during the Night

Thursday, 25 December, Christmas Day

10.00am Mass of Christmas Day

Intra-Parish Christmas Cards: cards **may be left in the narthex** (the porch) for fellow parishioners to collect or to collect on behalf of someone else. Please do not place any money in such cards. Thank you.

Advent Prayers

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.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 7 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am Intentions of Margaret Kelly 10.00am For the People
Monday 8 December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am Steve George
Tuesday 9 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am In Thanksgiving – Margaret Kelly
Wednesday 10 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	<u>9.00am</u> Leanne Wainwright
Thursday 11 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Friday 12 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Kieran & Mary Phelan
Saturday 13 December <i>St Lucy</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	9.30 - 10.30am Exposition & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm For the People
Sunday 14 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i>	8.45am Ian Selwood 10.00am Stan & Sheila Anderson

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

Last week's collection was £676.48 (£348.00 in offertory envelopes and £328.48 in loose). Thank you.

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

On the **Saturdays of Advent** there is **Exposition** of the Blessed Sacrament & **Confessions** from **9.30am to 10.30am**, with Benediction at 10.25am. There will **also be Confessions** available **from 3.15pm to 4.00pm** on Monday & Tuesday, **15 & 16 December**. Hopefully, this will be of help to parents and children at school.