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First 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) begins this weekend. 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 10am 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** on the 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

The **Latin Marian antiphon we sing** at the end of our weekend Masses **changes this weekend** to the *Alma Redemptoris Mater*. It is sung throughout the seasons of Advent and Christmastide until 2 February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

Mother of Christ! hear thou thy people's cry,

Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!

Mother of him who thee from nothing made,

Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:

Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,

Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.

Translation by Edward Caswall (d. 1878)

A prayer for a fruitful Advent

Mother Mary, as You carried your dear Son in your immaculate womb, you also carried Him in your heart. Pray for me, this Advent, that I may surrender myself to the will of the Father in imitation of you. You said 'Yes' to all that God asked of you and never hesitated to fully embrace His divine will. Pray that I may imitate your perfect example so as to share a deeper union with you and your divine Son. Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen.

THE SACRED LITURGY	
Sunday 30 November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am For the People 10.00am Adelina Zerbetto
Monday 1 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	9.00am Marie J Lee
Tuesday 2 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	10.00am Eddie McGregor
Wednesday 3 December <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	November Memorial Dead List
Thursday 4 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	9.00am Vin Tierney
Friday 5 December <i>Advent weekday</i>	8.50 – 9.50am Exposition 10.00am Freda Capitelli
Saturday 6 December <i>Advent weekday</i> <i>Vigil Mass of Sunday</i>	9.30 - 10.30am Exposition & Confessions 4.00 – 4.30pm Confessions 5.00pm Peter Bulmer
Sunday 7 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	8.45am Intentions of Margaret Kelly 10.00am For the People

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

Last week's collection was £645.99 (£302.00 in offertory envelopes and £343.99 in loose). Thank you.

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

N.B. We recite the Apostle's Creed during Advent & Christmastide.

On the **Saturdays of Advent** (beginning **6 December**) there will be **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.