

From Sunday's Gospel—First Sunday of Advent



Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be on your guard, stay awake! When a rich man travels abroad he leaves his house and puts his servant in charge and orders the doorkeeper to keep a good watch. So, always be ready—because you do not know when the Master of the house is coming; it may be in the evening or at midnight, cockcrow or dawn. If he comes unexpectedly, he may find you unready for him. What I am saying to you now, I say to everyone: Be ready—Stay awake.'

STAY
AWAKE



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday



Pope Francis writes:

"Dear young people, Christ asks you to be wide awake and alert, to see the things in life that really matter." Advent

is a time to slow down and try to remember the real reason for Christmas—giving thanks to God for Jesus. Pope Francis puts it this way, "Advent is a time to prepare our hearts to receive Jesus." In the busyness of these next three weeks can we take some time to remember to take a little more time to pray, because prayer opens our hearts to hear what God is saying to us and asking of us?

Ministers

December 3rd

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am Sunday School Family

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
C.Ward/K.McKune

December 10th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am M.Crewdson
10.00am S.Rudd

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
P.Kehoe/M.Farmer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £446.26 Shop £245.89 Thank You.

Second Collection for Catholic Youth Service: £183.84.

Votive Candles: £48.01 Donation in memory of Terence Ryan £50.00

Second Collection THIS Sunday The Peru Commission

Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART



Sacred Heart & St. William

31 High Street
Uppermill OL3 6HS
web: www.sacredheartparish.org.uk

First Sunday of Advent December 3rd 2017 (Mark's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Bill & Ivy Mort
	10.00am	Michael McCormack
Family Faith Formation Sunday		
Monday	9.30am	David Stamford
Tuesday	9.30am	Lilian McDermott

The Taize Prayer and Praise Group has been suspended until the New Year

Wednesday	12.00 noon	Michael McKeever
Thursday	9.30am	Wyn Cartwright
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention (SC)
Saturday	10.00am	November Dead List
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Ellen & Christopher Murphy
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Eddie Hargreaves

Confessions: After the 10.00am Mass on Saturday and on request

Exposition: 40 minutes before Mass each weekday

When there is A Service of the Word & Holy Communion there is NO Exposition

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Family Faith Formation

THIS Sunday, December 3rd, the First Sunday of Advent is our next Family Faith Formation Sunday. There will be a meeting for the children and their parents after the 10.00am Mass.

Also we will have our:

Pre Christmas TOY Collection Sunday 3rd December



Our Pre Christmas parish collection for TOYS for distribution by The Oldham Project to the children of refugees who have settled in our area will take place THIS SUNDAY the First Sunday of Advent which is also a Family Faith Formation Sunday. Please bring a TOY in good condition knowing that this gift will bring great joy to another child. Thank You



Day Retreat—theme 'PEACE'

Sacred Heart Parish Centre,

Thursday 7th December, 10.30 till 3:00pm

Please bring a light lunch, Biscuits/drinks/cake provided.

If interested let Mary Farmer know. 01457 810189

mickandmaryfarmer@btinternet.com



Postage Stamps

With Christmas post arriving please do remember to save the used postage stamps and bring them to church in order to raise money for charity, especially the RNIB. Many thanks. Susan



Change of Time for Saturday Vigil Mass on Saturday 16th December

Please note that on Saturday 16th December we will be having a FAITH and FUN afternoon for our younger families and this will close with Mass at **4.00pm**. This will replace the normal 6.00pm Vigil Mass.



Operation Christmas Child

Please return the completed shoe boxes this weekend for distribution.

Thank you, Brenda.



Churches Together in Saddleworth

Carols round the Tree—**Next Sunday, December 10th**

2.00pm outside the Conservative Club in Uppermill—All Welcome



£2,000+

Was raised by the Christmas Fair this year. A Truly Magnificent total and for which profound thanks are due to all those who spent so much time and effort preparing for the fair, those who donated items, those who welcomed people, those who staffed the stalls, those who served refreshments, those who cleared up afterwards and all those who came and made it such a wonderful experience and successful fund raising occasion. **THANK YOU!**

Advent 2017—Thought for the Week



Almighty God, we pray you to + bless this advent wreath and make it holy. Today we begin to recall how your Son's coming was proclaimed by all the prophets; how the Virgin Mary bore him in her womb with love beyond all telling; and how John the Baptist was his herald and made him known when at last he came. Grant that this time of preparation will increase our holiness and give us new strength to follow in your Son's way. Through Christ our Lord. Amen



Music for Christmas

As in previous years we are hoping to bring together a small group of singers to lead the singing and perform a few special items at 8.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve. There will be two rehearsals after the 10.00am Mass on **Sunday 17th & 24th December**. Please note the dates and let Chris know if you are willing and able to attend.

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND



Bishop Marcus has asked that the Crib Offerings this year be again offered to Friends of the Holy Land to enable them to give hope and practical support to the most vulnerable Christians in around Bethlehem. FHL are apolitical, ecumenical and help with education, employment, health and housing issues in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. If you would like to read more about their work please visit their website www.friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk