

From Sunday's Gospel—Second Sunday of Advent



It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah; 'Look, I am sending my messenger ahead—he will prepare a way for you.' John the Baptist was a prophet who lived in the desert. People from all around came to him and John told them to change their ways and to prepare to welcome the Lord. As they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, the people confessed their sins. John told them, "I baptise you with water, but someone is coming soon who is more powerful than I am and he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."



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Second Sunday of Advent ***December 10th 2017 (Mark's Gospel)***

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Ellen & Christopher Murphy
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Michael McCormack

Refreshments after Mass

Monday	9.30am	Eileen Walshe
Tuesday	9.30am	Carol Gosbee

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

Wednesday	12.00 noon	Dorothy Crossland
Thursday	9.30am	Ann Varey
Friday	9.30am	Special Intention
Saturday	10.00am	Muriel & Patrick Hudson Tobin
Saturday Vigil	4.00pm	Lorraine Ackerley PLEASE NOTE EARLIER TIME
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Ann McCarthy

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



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes:

"Advent increase our hope." We speak a lot about faith and also about love but perhaps 'hope' gets missed out a little.

Hope is a great blessing, a virtue which can keep us going when things are getting tough. We sometimes hope for simple things, like fine weather, sometimes more important things, like health for someone we love who is ill. Advent is a 'hope-filled' season in the Church's year because it reminds us that God so loved the world that he send his only Son, born of Mary, to be our Saviour.

Ministers

December 10th

Liturgy of the Word

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

December 17th

4.00pm FFF Children
8.30am M.Jefferis
10.00am S.Gibson

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
G.Leggat/C.Hall

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £512.59 Shop £269.12 Christmas Fair £30.00 Thank You.

Second Collection for Peru Mission £179.33.

Carers' group £500.00 Thank You

Sing for Pleasure Choir £175.00 Thank You

Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART

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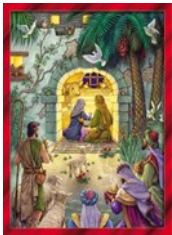
Saturday 16th December

Next Saturday we will be having our Family Faith and Fun afternoon in the Parish Centre beginning at 2.00pm and ending with Mass in the Church at **4.00pm (THIS REPLACES THE NORMAL 6.00pm VIGIL MASS AND FULFILLS THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION)**. We will have a power point presentation of the wonderful Christmas story and then the children (and their parents) will be invited to take part in different activities as last year. We will make figures for a crib display, make Christmas cards and some symbols for the Christmas tree. Any help from parents will be very much appreciated. There will be refreshments during the course of the afternoon and the music group are preparing the music for Mass at 4.00pm. The three previous afternoons have been wonderful occasions and we hope that as many families as possible will come and take part in this preparation for Christmas. The Family Faith and Fun Afternoon takes the place of the Liturgy of the Word for Children which would have been after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 17th.



Churches Together in Saddleworth

THIS Sunday 10th December, 2.00pm
Outside the Conservative Club, Uppermill
All Welcome



One Christmas Card for All

Please sign the large Christmas Card at the back of the Church and put the money you save on individual Christmas cards into the CAFOD box to enable the parish to buy World Gifts. It is a wonderful way of sharing Christmas with others. Thank You, Anne



Thank You

To everyone who donated toys for distribution by the Oldham Project to the children of Refugee families and to those who filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. It is yet another example of our parish reaching out to those in great need.



Cornerstone Thanks



Ever faithful, Loyal and Generous, how would Cornerstone ever manage without such generous support from Sacred Heart & St William Parish. You always give so generously and lavishly it reminds me of Babbette's Feast where she, to the astonishment of her benefactors, gave a huge Banquet for all the poor of the area, when they had thought to invite the hierarchy like the Lord Mayor and Council! This is exactly how I and Sr Lucy feel when we receive your gracious bounty of so much, 44 litres of cooking oil, this is a real blessing for which we are eternally grateful, plus all the other wonderful items in such numbers. Not forgetting Sr Lucy's chocs!... Your living out of the Gospel values is certainly evident in the many gifts you all give to Cornerstone helping feed the hungry poor. God bless and reward each one of you, and special thanks to Celia and Philip for bringing everything to Cornerstone so faithfully. Sincerely in Christ, Sr Maria fmsj
Full text on the Notice Board



Confirmation Preparation—The Angelus

As part of their preparation for Confirmation our younger parishioners were all given copies of the Angelus with the encouragement to make it part of their prayer. It is a wonderful all year round prayer, but especially apt for Advent and Christmas. If anyone would like a copy please collect it from the back of church.



Music for Christmas

Chris has very reluctantly decided that he will not be able to take rehearsals for the music group this Christmas, so the proposed sessions will now NOT take place.

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