

From Sunday's Gospel

Today is the **Second Sunday of Advent**

In due course John the Baptist appeared. He was a prophet who lived in the desert. He wore clothes made of camel hair and he ate locusts and wild honey. The people came to him to be baptised and they confessed their sins. John said to the people, "Repent; change your ways; think about how you live and get ready to welcome the Lord. I baptise you with water but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit"

*For the weekday readings beginning Monday December 5th please go to **Monday of the Second Week of Advent***



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes: "The Lord is coming. May we await him with open hearts." What preparations are we making for Christmas? Have we posted cards to people abroad? Have

we got a list of presents we want to buy for those we love? Are we going to invite someone special for Christmas Day? John the Baptist reminds us of another way of preparing for Christmas by repentance—by opening our minds and hearts to Jesus, by asking for forgiveness and wanting to do better!

Ministers

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm P.Redshaw
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am Sunday School Family

December 4th

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

December 11th

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am C.Hall

S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/M.Farmer

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £415.11 Second: £205.07 Shop: £187.97 Christmas Fare £2198.18 Thank You
Donation in memory of Honora Kenyon: £300.00 Thank You

IMPORTANT NOTICE WITH REGARD TO CHEQUES

If you are making out a cheque for the parish please make it payable to
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2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4th 2016 Year A (Matthew's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Patricia Doran
Sunday	8.30am	Ivy & Bill Mort
	10.00am	Winifred & Matthew Hynes
		Refreshments after Mass
Monday	9.30am	Bishop David Konstant
Tuesday	9.30am	People of the Parish
	8.00pm	Taizé Prayer group
Wednesday	12.00 noon	November Dead List
Thursday	9.30am	Christopher & Ellen Murphy
Friday	1.00pm	Requiem Mass for Imelda Nichols
Saturday	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
	Vigil 6.00pm	Tara Dyson
Sunday	8.30am	Mary Howell
	10.00am	Eddie Hargreaves
	4.00pm	Advent Reflection Service

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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PRE CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

This weekend we will have our annual pre Christmas Toy collection for distribution by The Oldham Project to the children of those refugees who have settled in our neighbourhood. PLEASE BRING A TOY in good condition in the knowledge that this gift will bring great joy to a child.

Sunday School

This Sunday after the 10.00am Mass. The children to meet in their groups and the parents in the Church. All to return to the Church before leaving for home.



Music for Christmas



The first practice to prepare music for the 8.00pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be next Sunday, December 11th after the 10.00am Mass. We will probably have the practice in the Parish Centre. The second practice will be the following Sunday, December 18th, at the same time. Everyone who enjoys singing and feels they would like to make a contribution on this special occasion is most welcome to come along.

Thank you, Chris Johnson.

One Christmas Card for All



A huge Christmas Card is now at the back of the church for anyone to sign who wishes to offer Christmas greetings to others. Please sign the card and, if you wish, make a contribution to CAFOD. It is a wonderful way of reminding ourselves of the needs of others.

Operation Christmas Child



Brenda thanks everyone who at very short notice filled shoe boxes with presents for boys and girls in different parts of the world. More than 30 boxes were taken to the organisers last Friday who were thrilled to receive such bountiful gifts which will great joy to those who receive them.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

2,200.00!

Thank you so very much and Congratulations to everyone involved before the Christmas Fair with the preparations, those who gave items to be sold or prizes for the raffle and tombolas, who welcomed people as they arrived, who stood for hours behind the stalls, who served refreshments from the very beginning to the end and to all who came and gave so generously to achieve such a magnificent sum.

Advent Service



There will be an Advent Service NEXT Sunday 11th December at 4.00pm in the Church. All welcome.

Red Boxes



Julia asks all those who have Red Boxes to bring them to Church over the next couple of weekends. Thank You

Thank you



Trish, Kate, Austin and Aidan would like to thank all parishioners for making Honorah's Requiem Mass such a wonderful, comforting and sustaining experience. A Mass will be offered for your private intentions in the near future.

Thought for the week



The Divine Word (God the Father) waits for the human word (Mary) to bring about the Incarnate Word (Jesus Christ).