

From Sunday's Gospel

Every year Joseph and Mary went to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast of Passover. When Jesus was twelve he went with them. After the feast, on the way home, Mary and Joseph realised that Jesus was missing from the group. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the Temple listening to the teachers and asking them questions. The teachers were amazed at his intelligence. His parents were overcome when they found him and told him how worried they had been. "Why were you looking for me?" Jesus asked, "Did you not know that I would be in my Father's House?"



Pope Francis writes:

"Wisdom is the grace of being able to see things through the eyes of God. We can ask the Lord to grant us the grace of

wisdom." Today's word is **Wisdom**. Wisdom is a gift from God and helps us to see things more clearly and to make the right choices in life. It is about using our knowledge well and having good judgement about people and things. Each of us can choose a way in which we will try to grow in God's wisdom throughout the coming year by praying to God for wisdom.

Ministers

December 30th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm C.Hall
8.30am C.Ivatts
10.00am D.Friedrich

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

January 6th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am E.Davies
10.00am S.Rudd

T.Spalding/C.Hall
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
K.McKune/M.Farmer

New Rotas at the back of the church. New Readers and changes to Ministers.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £424.57 Second: £183.42 Shop £138.42 Thank You

Pennine Vale Friendship Matters: £25.00 Thank You

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The Holy Family

December 30th 2018 (Luke's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00am	Doug Breakey
Sunday	8.30am	George Sparkes
	10.00am	Helen Scarcliffe

Refreshments after Mass

Monday	9.30am	Louise McMahon
Tuesday	10.00am	People of the Parish Mary the Mother of God
Wednesday	12.00noon	Jill Bickers
Thursday	9.30am	Joan Lally

Joan's Requiem Mass and Funeral takes place in Ireland on Thursday

Friday	12.00noon	Bridie Feeley First Friday
Saturday	10.00am	Sean O'Neil
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Anne Jones
Sunday	8.30am	Special Intention (PS)
	10.00am	People of the Parish

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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The Feast of the Holy Family



On the weekend after Christmas the Church through its liturgy invites us to reflect on the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. It is an opportunity for all of us to thank God for our families, small or large, living or dead. The following is prayer from

Thoughts & Prayers at Christmas © 2018 The Prayer Trust Charity.

Bless my Family.

Lord, I ask you to bestow your blessing on my family this Christmas. Bless each and every one on them, those near, those I don't see often, and those far away.

Keep them in you loving care and protect them from harm.

Bless all our loved ones departed, those we miss so much! May they all know the wonder of your love, revealed to us tenderly in a new born child. Amen

Friends of the Holy Land



Bishop Marcus has asked that the Crib Offerings this year be sent to the Friends of the Holy Land to enable them to give hope and practical support to the most vulnerable Christian in and around Bethlehem. As well as the box by the crib there is also a basket at the back of the church for people to put any offerings. Thank You.

One Christmas Card for All



There is still time to sign the One Christmas Card for All at the back of the church and leave any offering for CAFOD in the box provided.

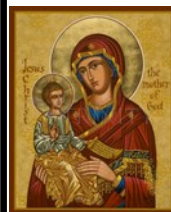
Please also remember the World Gifts by CAFOD. Thank You

Thought for the Week



Into this world, this demented inn, in which there is absolutely no room for him at all, Christ has come uninvited. But because he cannot be at home in it, because he is out of place in it, his place is with those others for whom there is no room. His place is with those who do not belong, who are rejected by power because they are regarded as weak, those who are discredited, who are denied the status of person, who are tortured, bombed and exterminated. With those for whom there is no room Christ is present in the world. **(Thomas Merton)**

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God



Tuesday is New Year's Day and the Church invites us to begin the New Year of 2019 by celebrating the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God. With it being a Bank Holiday Mass will be at **10.00am** and everyone is most welcome to attend. At the turn of every New Year we are invited to **look back** and thank God for the blessings we have received during this past year, and to **look forward** to 2019 with hope and confidence. But whether we look backwards or forwards we can only live in the **present**, and the **present** is God's **gift** to us!

Street Pastors



There will be a further meeting about Street Pastors on **Thursday 3rd January at 7.00pm in Greenfield Methodist Church**. This will be an opportunity to update people as to where the process of having Street Pastors in Uppermill has reached. All welcome. Thank You.



THANK YOU to everyone who contributed in so many different ways making the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity such a wonderful occasion. Nearly 450 people celebrated Mass over Christmas and one visitor commented, 'This parish lives up to its reputation of being warm and welcoming!' A wonderful reflection on us all.

Our thanks as a parish to everyone who, over the past year, have contributed so generously to the life of the parish, spiritually, liturgically, socially, financially and in many other ways. May we all continue to be blessed and graced in the year ahead. On a personal note, thank you for your good wishes, cards, gifts and Christmas Offerings all of which together with your love and friendship are greatly appreciated. Fr Bernard

Offertory Envelopes 2019



Please continue to collect the 2019 Offertory Envelopes Anyone who does not currently have a set of envelopes and would like one is asked to contact Ernie or Fr Bernard. **The 2019 Pocket Diary** is now available at the back of church. Please feel free to take one.