



From Sunday's Gospel

Mary had been told by an angel that she was to give birth to a son named Jesus. When she heard that her cousin, Elizabeth, was also going to have a baby, she went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth.

Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said to Mary, "Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?"



Pope Francis writes:

"Let the model of Mary be reflected in our lives. God's will is that we grow in our capacity to welcome one another."

Today's word is **Visitors**. This Sunday, the last Sunday of Advent the spotlight falls on Mary, who, despite having been told that she is to bear a son and call him Jesus, goes to visit her elderly cousin Elizabeth, who, too is expecting a child.

We remember this in the 2nd joyful mystery of the Rosary—The Visitation. Who will we go out of our way to visit this Christmas?

Ministers

December 23rd

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am T.King

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

December 30th

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

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

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £396.45 Second: £177.42 Shop £208.82 Thank You
Saddleworth Carers: £500.00 Use of Hall Mick Farmer £90.00 Thank You
Cheques please to DIOCESE OF LEEDS— SACRED HEART



Sacred Heart & St William

31 High Street

Uppermill OL3 6HS

Web: www.sacredheartparish.org.uk

4th Sunday Of Advent

December 23rd 2018 (Luke's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00am	Monica Wilde
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Winifred & Matthew Hynes
		Refreshments after Mass
Monday	9.30am	Holmes & Richardson Families
	7.30pm	Carols and Readings
	8.00pm	Joan Lally (First Mass of Christmas)
Tuesday	8.30am	People of the Parish (Dawn Mass of Christmas)
	10.00am	Colette Williamson (Christmas Mass)
Wednesday	10.00am	Anne Hall (Boxing Day)
Thursday	9.30am	Sr Vianney Carrol
Friday	9.30am	The Fieldhouse Family
Saturday	10.00am	Pamela Daniels
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Doug Breakey
Sunday	8.30am	George Sparkes
	10.00am	Helen Scarcliffe

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

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A Christmas Prayer

May you know the Christ of Christmas as:
 The God who sings over you and with you in joy
 The God who rejoices over you and with you in love.
 The God whose mountains and hills break forth before you
 into singing; and all the trees of His fields clap their hands
 The God who walks beside you, delighting with you as He
 directs your every step.

May you know this Lord of Love as:
 The God who compassionately comforts you as a Father
 in all your troubles
 The God who strengthens your inner person by His Spirit that is
 always with you.
 The God who is your strength, your refuge, and a very evident
 and present help.
 The God who is your shield and protection when you are under attack.
 The ever-present God who is eternally your peace.
 May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;
 The spirit of Christmas which is peace;
 The heart of Christmas which is love.

May the blessing of joy abide WITHIN you...
 May the blessing of peace rest UPON you...
 May the blessing of love flow out THROUGH you...
 May all the blessings of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be yours
 at Christmas and in the New Year.

One Christmas Card for All



Please 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



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.



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. Gift Aid forms are also available for those
 who pay income tax. Gift Aid adds 25% to your offertory
 gift. Thanks to everyone for your continue generosity throughout the year.



Parish Pocket Diaries

The 2019 Pocket Diary is now available at the back of church. They
 contain useful liturgical information. Please feel free to take one.



The Charity Shop

The Charity Shop will now be closed until Tuesday January 8th.
 Our thanks as a parish to all those who so faithfully work in
 different ways in the shop which has also become a social
 meeting place for many people. May all our volunteers enjoy this time and have
 a happy and blessed Christmas.



Church Cleaning

If 12 people volunteered that would mean each team cleaning once
 every four weeks. There is 'no male or female' in cleaning so this op-
 portunity is open to all! Thanks to those who have signed the list at
 the back of the church. Other volunteers greatly appreciated.



Postage Stamps

With the Christmas Mail please bring your used stamps to church.
 They will be given to the Willow Wood Hospice in Staleybridge to
 raise much needed funds



Thought for the Week

It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories
 of goodness and thus to open the doors of HOPE.
 (Pope Benedict)