

From Sunday's Gospel

John the Baptist was a prophet who lived in the desert. He wore clothes made of camel-hair, with a leather belt round his waist and his food was made up of locusts and wild honey. The people came to him from all over to be baptised and to confess their sins. John said to the people, "Repent; change your ways! Think about how you are living and get ready to welcome the Lord. I baptise you with water but someone is coming who is more powerful than I am, in fact I am not fit even to undo the straps of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, whoever has peace in their hearts 'prepares a place' for the Lord." Today's word is **Preparation**. This Sunday's gospel

reminds us to look into our hearts this Advent and see if there are ways that we could make a change for the better. Preparing ourselves for Christmas in this way will help us to draw closer to Jesus, and so experience and share more of God's love. How can we as individuals and as families prepare well for Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour?

Ministers

December 8th

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm C.Hall
8.30am M.Jefferis
10.00am S.Gibson

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

Decembers 15th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am J.McMahon
10.00am T.King

C.Hall/S.Dyson
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: £425.58 Second: £307.02 Shop: £280.85 Thank You
Donation from the Schofield Family £100.00 Thank You
Christmas Fayre £25.00 Thank You



Sacred Heart & St William

31 High Street

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The Second Sunday of Advent ***December 8th 2019 (Matthew's Gospel)***

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Sean McGuill
Sunday	8.30am	Ivy & Bill Mort
	10.00am	People of the Parish
Refreshments after Mass		
Monday	9.30am	Ellen & Christopher Murphy
Tuesday	9.30am	Nora Smith
Wednesday	12.00noon	Frank Holmes
Thursday	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	9.30am	Molly Mooney
Saturday	10.00am	Service of the Word & Holy Communion
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Joan Lally
Sunday	8.30am	Priest's Intention
	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

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Outreach Activities



THIS SUNDAY December 8th we will have our special collection for **CORNERSTONE** the Charity in the Salford Diocese that does so much to feed the many people who otherwise would not get a decent meal. The parish has supported Cornerstone now for many years and Sister Maria and her staff are always extremely grateful to the parish and to Philip and Celia who on a regular basis take the donations to Manchester.

Advent Reconciliation Service



The Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on **Thursday December 19th at 7.00pm**. This will be an opportunity for us to come together as individuals, families and the parish to Listen to God's Word, acknowledge our need of God's forgiveness together and to be assured of that forgiveness. It will be a wonderful way to prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. Do please think of bringing Children who have celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

One Christmas Card for All



Save time and money for stamps etc by signing our Large Christmas Card, donating what you save in the wooden CAFOD Box, for World Gifts. If you are still thinking of Christmas gifts why not take a World Gifts catalogue which are available at the back of the church.

Carols round the Christmas Tree



Carols Round the Tree THIS Sunday 8th December

This will be outside the Conservative Club in Uppermill beginning at 2.15pm. All welcome.

Sing for Pleasure Choir Christmas Concert



The annual Sing for Pleasure Choir Christmas Concert will be held on **Wednesday December 11th** at Holy Trinity, Dobcross, at **7.00pm**. Guest artists will be the choir of Holy Trinity School. Tickets cost £5.00 and are available at the door—Children free! You are advised to arrive in good time for this very popular Christmas Concert.

CAFOD Election Prayer

God of all, you set a vision before us of a world where all can flourish and where no-one is beyond reach. May your Spirit move all those seeking election at this time, and open their ears to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Through your grace, may each of us play our part in working, praying and speaking out for a common future of Justice and Peace. Amen

Greening Christmas



Christmas trees:

95% of trees are grown in UK—providing habitat for wildlife: look for Forest Stewardship Council (FSC approved) trees

8 million Christmas trees are felled in UK a year

Buy trees which you can replant if possible

Rent, re-use or recycle your tree

Chopped up trees can be recycled in your green bin

Trees can be taken to Churchill Playing fields between 28th December-17th January

Wrapping Paper

8000 tons of wrapping paper is created each year—creating 83 sq km of rubbish—enough to cover Guernsey

Use recycled paper/recyclable paper—avoid shiny non recyclable paper

Re cycle old cards for gift tags

Reducing Plastic and Cling Film

Replenish your stocks of dry foods-flour, pasta etc and washing liquids by taking your own containers to the Reclamation Room at Lee Street Uppermill

Replace cling film by using food storage boxes

Carol Service with the Oldham Choir



A Carol Service will be held at St Edward's Church, Lees, at **7.00pm Sunday December 8th**. There will be readings, various items by the Oldham Choir and the Parish Music group, and carols for everyone. All welcome.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The curious paradox is that when I accept myself just as I am, then I can change." Carl Rogers