

From Sunday's Gospel

Stay awake!

Jesus said: 'Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Gospel of Matthew 24:42-44



Jesus said to his disciples: "Stay alert! No-body knows when I will come back so you must always be ready. You can be sure that if the owners of the house knew at what time of night a thief would come, they would stay awake and would not let the thief break in. So you must always be ready, because you do not know when I shall return."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Advent helps us to get ready for Christmas. It is a time to make an extra effort to be more loving towards God and

our neighbours." Today's word is **Advent**. Advent reminds us that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son, Jesus, into our world. Advent looks forward to the birth of Jesus at Christmas and asks us how, individually, as families, as a parish we can prepare for this great feast. We might use an Advent Calendar to help us with our daily prayers.

Ministers

December 1st

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm M.Jefferis
8.30am M.Howell
10.00am FF Fmily

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

Decembers 8th

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

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

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £450.98 Second: £189.20 Shop: £200.21 Thank You
Donation in memory of Lawrence Bowers £160.00 Thank You
Pennine Vale Friendship: £25.00 Thank You



Sacred Heart & St William

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The First Sunday of Advent *December 1st 2019 (Matthew's Gospel)*

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8.30am	Frank O'Sullivan
	10.00am	Loraine Ackerley
Family Faith Formation		
Monday	9.30am	Leslie Osbaldeston
Tuesday	9.30am	Special Intention
Wednesday	12.00noon	Michael McKeever
Thursday	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	12.00noon	In Thanksgiving
Saturday	10.00am	Mgr Anthony Bickerstaff
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Sean McGuill
Sunday	8.30am	Ivy & Bill Mort
	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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Advent 2019



This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new Liturgical Year. Matthew's Gospel will be our guide throughout the Sundays of Ordinary Time. He wrote it primarily for converts to Christianity from a mainly Jewish Background and he uses many quotations from the Hebrew Scriptures (The Old Testament). He has an Infancy Narrative, followed by five sections each of which has a narrative and a discourse part, telling us what Jesus did and said. He finishes his Gospel with the Passion and Resurrection Narratives. The first part of Advent concentrates on Jesus' second coming and today's gospel tells us to 'Stay Awake' because we do not know when the Son of Man is coming.

Family Faith Formation



There will be meetings after the 10.00am Mass for all four groups of children. The Foundation and Preparation for Holy Communion Groups meet in the Parish Centre and the two Confirmation Groups meet in the Presbytery. The parents meet in the Church.

Please note a change of date: Due to a clash with the Santa dash the Faith and Fun Session will take place after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 22nd December. More details later.

Outreach Activities

Sunday 1st December TOY COLLECTION



Thanks to those who have already brought toys for THIS Sunday's Toy Collection. This Sunday is a FFF Sunday and all those attending are asked to bring a toy to Mass. Thank You

NEXT SUNDAY December 8th we will have our special collection for **CORNERSTONE**



Last Sunday's Christmas Fair was a wonderful occasion and a huge success. **On the day £2076.59 was raised and with a donation of £25.00 the total rose to £2101.59.** A magnificent achievement. Our thanks as a parish to everyone who helped in whatever way before, during and after the Christmas Fair. This would not have happened without the generosity and hard work of so many people.

Election Forum SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER



An Election Forum organised by CTIS to which candidates standing for Parliament have been invited, will take place on Sunday December 1st 2019 from 1.30pm to 3.30pm at the Parish Centre, Lee St., Uppermill. Written questions can be submitted beforehand please to alisonbrittle@gmail.com subject Election, or handed in on the day up till 30minutes beforehand.

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

Caritas and CAFOD—Suggested Questions to ask Candidates on:

Global Poverty and Aid; The Climate Crisis
Britain's Role in the World; Poverty in the UK
There are copies of the suggested questions at the back of the Church

Postage Stamps



Please save your postage stamps from the Christmas mail and leave them at the back of the church. They will then be passed on to a charity which will benefit from them. Thank You.



The Date for the celebration of Confirmation has been brought forward by the Bishop to **FRIDAY February 14th 2019** in St Patrick's Huddersfield. The time to be confirmed but it will be in the evening.



"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." Pope Francis