



From Sunday's Gospel

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars, and on the earth, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man approaching in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand upright, hold your heads high, because your liberation is close at hand. Watch yourselves; be careful not to let your hearts get weighed down with the cares of life. Stay wake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."



Pope Francis writes:

"Hope is a strength, a grace and a gift from God. Advent increases our hope."

Today's word is **Hope**. Hope is a wonderful gift, it can sustain us through the most difficult times. Jesus brought a message of hope to his people and that message is for us as well. Advent begins this weekend, four Sundays before Christmas, and ends on Christmas Eve. Advent wreaths have a candle for each Sunday of Advent, and on this first Sunday the candle is a symbol of hope. For what are you hoping this Advent?

Ministers

December 2nd

Liturgy of the Word

6.00pm C.Hall
8.30am M.Crewdson
10.00am A.Kirkman

Liturgy of the Eucharist

S.Dyson/T.Spalding
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
K.McKune/M.Farmer

December 9th

6.00pm K.Stokes
8.30am M.Jefferis
10.00am FFF Family

C.Hall/S.Dyson
S.Crewdson/M.Booth
M.Kehoe/G.Leggat

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

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First: £394.17 Second: £190.30 Shop £136.62 Thank You

Votive Candles: £96.80 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

First Sunday Of Advent December 2nd 2018 (Luke's Gospel)

Times of Masses & Intentions

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Fr Barrie Senior
Sunday	8.30am	People of the Parish
	10.00am	Jean Collins

Refreshments after Mass

Monday	9.30am	Catherine Ann Baker
Tuesday	9.30am	Sr Imelda Dent
Wednesday	12.00 noon	Frank Holmes
Thursday	9.30am	November Dead List
Friday	10.55-11.55	Exposition—Prayer and Reparation

12.00noon Private Intention (First Friday)

Saturday	10.00am	Yorkshire Brethren
Saturday Vigil	6.00pm	Fr Paddy Waldron
Sunday	8.30am	Christopher Murphy
	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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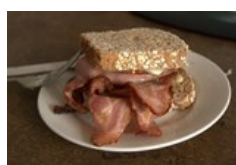
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Mrs Michelle Moore

Christmas Fair



THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 2nd. All the preparations have now been done thanks to so many people offering to help. Thanks, too, for all the donations and gifts for the various stalls, and for the offers of help during the Fair. All that remains is for as many people as possible to come and enjoy a wonderful social occasion while raising funds for the parish. **COME TO THE FAIR!**

Our Congratulations as a parish to Basia, Ethan, Jessica, Luke, Rose, Thomas and Tom who were confirmed last Sunday during the 10.00am Mass, and to their families who have supported them in their journey of faith. Thanks to Paul, their catechist, and to all who came and made last Sunday's celebration a truly prayerful and enjoyable celebration.



Christmas Angels



Thanks to those who have returned the knitted Christmas Angels. There is a meeting in St Chad's Parish Centre, Lee Street on Monday December 3rd at 7.00pm to attach the messages if anyone is able to attend and help. Thank You.



CTIS Carols Round the Tree Next Sunday 9th December

2.15pm outside the Conservative Club in Uppermill.

ALL WELCOME



Please Note that the Vigil Mass on Saturday December 15th will be at 4.00pm following the Faith and Fun afternoon.



Family Faith Formation

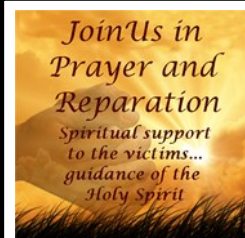
Next Sunday, December 9th, is our next Family Faith Formation Sunday and the meetings will take place after the 10.00am Mass.

There will also be our:

PRE CHRISTMAS TOY COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND 8th/9th DECEMBER



All toys brought to the church next weekend will be distributed by members of The Oldham Project which our parish supports. Please bring a TOY in good condition knowing that this gift will bring great joy to another child. Thank you



Prayer and Reparation in Advent

Earlier this year Pope Francis and Bishop Marcus asked for prayers and acts of reparation to ask forgiveness for the evil and suffering caused by the clerical abuse of children. It has been suggested that on the **FRIDAYS** of Advent the period of exposition before Mass be extended to an hour and we be encouraged to eat simply on that day.

Pope Francis also asked that the prayer to St Michael the Archangel be prayed regularly.

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defence against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



The true spirit of Christmas giving—from helping mothers with their babies to teaching someone to read. There is a Christmas CAFOD gift for everyone. Please pick up a catalogue available at the back of the church today. Thank You.



Thought for the Week

Life is a journey. When we stop things don't go right.
(Pope Francis)