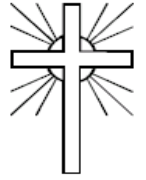


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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2016

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## **Susan Sharpe RIP & Margery Hartigan RIP**

Please remember in your Masses and Prayers Susan Sharpe & Marty Hartigan who died this week. Marty is the Grandmother of Kirsty Budgen, and Susan Sharpe, who died in Australia, is the sister of Dennis O'Hagen. Our prayerful condolences to both families as they come to terms with their loss this Christmastime. (FG)

## **Today we celebrate the liturgy of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent.**

The season of Advent like the season of Lent is a time of penance, fasting and spiritual preparation for the major feast. Advent seems to pass a lot quicker than Lent it has to be said!

No sooner are we lighting the first candle than we are preparing to light the last!

This year we are blessed in having Christmas day on a Sunday. This maximises the preparation for the fourth week of Advent if you get my meaning.

*Why not enhance your celebration of Christmas by making these last days of Advent a time of Spiritual preparation?*

*Why not do something out of the ordinary such as visiting the sick, or an elderly person in your street or neighbourhood?*

*Why not take your reverse advent calendar of food to the local foodbank, or one of the collection points?*

*Why not go to confession?*

*A weekday Mass?*

*Or spend time in spiritual reading?*

**The better the preparation – the better the celebration. And I am not just talking about the Christmas dinner here! (FG)**

**The Bare Necessities Foodbank** will be open between 9.00am and 10.30am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December for anyone who wishes to drop off their Reverse Advent Calendar or any food donations. The address is Bare Necessities Foodbank, Unit 4 (connected to Northern School of Plastering), Brookfield Industrial Estate, Peakdale Road, Glossop. SK13 6LQ

Here is a link showing a map:

<https://www.doogal.co.uk/ShowMap.php?postcode=SK13%206LQ>

## **Once again I am indebted to the efforts, energy and creativity of my parishioners!**

This week we have thoroughly enjoyed the carol service at All Saints Church with the magnificent sound of the Glossop old band, who in turn were heartened by the singing of the congregation they tell me, and the ever flourishing band of actors who under the tutelage of Wynn Moran and Rob Faulkner continue to entertain and astound us! (FG)

## **We wish all our sister Churches in the town a Happy Christmas,**

and thank them for all the support that they have given us during the past 12 months. May the message of Christ take root in Glossop through the words, actions and gestures of all Christ's followers.

We look forward to working with them in the New Year, especially during the season of Lent where we shall have a concerted effort to come together in prayer every week.

*Details of that venture to follow in 2017.*

**This Christmas** the plan is to come together in Norfolk Square on Wednesday at 6.30pm for an open air carol concert.

**The more the merrier as they say, as well as being a visible witness that God is not dead and Jesus has many friends and followers in the town. (FG)**

On Monday all of our local Catholic Primary feeder schools for St Philip Howard School, and our local Catholic Academy Senior school will be coming together at 6.30pm at St Mary Crowned Church for a joint carol service. You are all very welcome to attend. (FG)

**Christmas Mass times:** Please note that there is no 9.30am Mass on Christmas day, as we have St Mary Crowned 6pm Christmas Eve with carols beforehand and All Saints 11am Christmas Day. Please advertise amongst your families, although it will feature in the local press. (FG)

## **Sacramental Preparation Programme 2017- Saint Mary Crowned**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**- Meeting for parents/carers after 9.30am Mass.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**- Programme begins.

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Service for First Reconciliation, 6.30pm

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - First Holy Communion Mass, 9.30am

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**Sub-Editor** Maddy Brown[www.glossop Catholics.com](http://www.glossop Catholics.com)**Our offerings last week:**

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£121.02	£175.00	£106.00	£402.01
St Mary's	£155.78	£178.00	£255.00	£588.78

Thank you for your generosity.

**Please remember your Church in your will.****NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!****For family and friends of St Mary's and All Saints parishes.****You are invited to celebrate at St Mary's Hall,****Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 7.30pm.****Shared table:- Please bring a small food contribution and a bottle of your choice. Music, dancing and drama.****ALL WELCOME!!**

**News from St Mary's Primary School:** Congratulations to the children who performed their shows brilliantly to packed audiences! KS1 children acted & sang with confidence in "Christmas with the Aliens". It was outstanding! KS2 presented "Aladdin Trouble", an epic pantomime in which they gave their all, it was a brilliant show and well preformed. Well done to the children and the staff for working so hard. Parent donations exceeded £800, we will be using this money to enhance lighting, sound and costumes in the future.

The School Christmas Fair, run by the Friends of Saint Mary's, was packed with stalls & people. The total raised for school was £848, a great amount to raise in an hour and a half!

**SPOOKY SUCCESS:** Last weekend, the Let's Act Company's play: 'In a dark, dark house' played to packed audiences for both performances. The talented cast of 16 brought laughter & suspense with their expert acting. £743 was raised for St Mary's Restoration fund. Many thanks to all who attended: parishioners, families & friends. There will be another production in May/June, new actors always welcome: experience not necessary but we promise you an experience!

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** Our Bishop is coming to Glossop to confirm our young people on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7pm. The programme begins at the end of January and is aimed at Year 8 and above. There are forms at the back of our churches which should be filled in and returned to Christine Hulley or your Parish Priest by 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017. For more information please speak to Fr. Greg or Christine. Thank you.

**Parish Rotas:** Weekend of **24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> December****Sacristans:** St Mary's, Chris H; All Saints, 11am Chris M;**Welcomers:** St Mary's, David H & Paddy C; All Saints, 11am Natalie & Tracey;**Ministers:** St Mary's, Joan, John & Doreen; All Saints, TBA;**Readers:** All Saints St Mary's, Mick M, TBA & Wynn;

11am Natalie M-F;

**Bidding Prayers:** Maddy (following week – Liz)**Parish Diary:**

<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec'ber</b>	Joint Schools' Carol Concert, 6.30pm
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Dec'ber</b>	New Year's Party, Parish Hall
<b>18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	St Patrick's Party, Parish Hall

**Confessions:** St Mary's – Saturday 10.15 – 10.45am

All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm

**Parish Mass Book:** Sunday: **Gloria** p.9; **Readings**, p. 91; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p. 31; **Eucharistic. Prayer**, p. 31

	<b>All Saints</b>		<b>St Mary's</b>	
<b>Saturday</b> 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>		
<b>Sunday</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent, Eucharistic Prayer No 4 (Violet)</i>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <i>Timothy Greenhalgh RIP</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <i>Intentions of Maureen Smith</i>
<b>Monday</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Advent Feria (Violet)</i>			<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Mass at St Mary's School</b> <i>Peggy McLaughlin RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> December				<i>No Service Today</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> December <i>St Peter Canisius, Priest &amp; Doctor of the Church (Violet)</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b>		
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <i>Intentions of Mgr J Moore</i>		
<b>Thursday</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> December <i>Advent Feria (Violet)</i>			<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b>
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <i>Special Intention – Doreen Leech (AW)</i>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b> <i>Christmas Blessing – Pat &amp; Ken Bradshaw (BB)</i>
<b>Friday</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> December <i>St John of Kanty, Priest (Violet)</i>	<b>9.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer of the Church</b>		
	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Mass</b>		
<b>Saturday</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> December				<i>No Morning Service</i> <b>5.30 pm</b> <b>Carols</b> <b>6.00 pm</b> <b>Vigil Mass of Christmas</b> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> December <i>The Nativity of The Lord (Solemnity) Eucharistic Prayer No 1 (White)</i>	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>Mass of Christmas Day</b> <i>Kevin Fallon, Anthony Mellor &amp; Howard Mellor RIP</i>		<i>No Service Today</i>