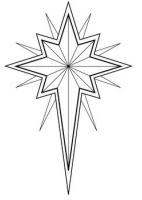


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CHRISTMAS 2016

Sunday 25th December 2016



A Happy Christmas to all of my amazing parishioners who work so hard throughout the year! There are so many of you involved in the essential ministries of the Church. It is because of you that the lights continue to shine in both parishes. Your commitment, and faithfulness to the faith in coming to Mass, paying your dues and working behind the scenes is truly inspirational.

May the birth of Jesus celebrated today throughout the world, lift you up and renew you with the gift of faith which truly is a God given gift.

May the coming of the Christ child fill your hearts with gladness, hope and a sense of purpose that the world cannot match.

Let us remember in our Mass today all those who for whatever reason are not looking forward to the festivities. Perhaps they are grieving, or are sick or in pain. Perhaps they are overtaken with the sadness and pain that life can bring.

Please remember Fr John Cairns (Marple Bridge & New Mills) and **Fr Dennis Higgins** (Buxton) at this time, and continually pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

Finally, - Thank you all for the cards, gifts and encouraging messages that you have given me this Christmas time. You are all constantly in my Masses & Prayers. (FG)

A Christmas Prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,

*Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
 that we may share in the song of the angels,
 the gladness of the shepherds
 and worship of the wise men.*

*Close the door of hate
 and open the door of love
 all over the world.*

*Let kindness come with every gift
 and good desires with every greeting.*

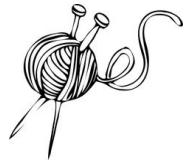
*Deliver us from evil
 by the blessing which Christ brings,
 teach us to be merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us happy
 to be thy children,*

*Christmas evening bring us to our beds
 with grateful thoughts,
 forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.*

CORNERSTONE DAY CENTRE, Manchester. Many thanks to all who kindly signed up to offer help at the night drop in service. We have agreed to help cover the centre, alongside staff, on 16th - 22nd January. Two volunteers will be needed to support each session that runs either 6-8pm or 8-10pm. Lifts will be arranged. Please indicate your preferred session on the list at the back of church. Additional volunteers are very welcome. **MEETING:** To help prepare us for this Brian Meehan from Cornerstone is coming to meet with volunteers on Monday 9th January in St Mary's Hall 7.30-8.30pm.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our many knitters! It is good to hear that some donations were from our housebound friends and relatives.



All blankets and hats were very gratefully received at Cornerstone last week.....just in time for Christmas! Thank you also to the Glossop U3A Crochet Class who donated many beautiful baby blankets for Crossroads.

Please keep on knitting! We will have another collection of hats and 6 inch squares during February.

Thank you!

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£208.64	£179.00	£106.00	£493.64
St Mary's	£176.34	£209.50	£255.00	£640.84

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 31st Dec, 7.30pm.

Shared table:- Please bring a small food contribution and a bottle of your choice. Music, dancing and drama.

ALL WELCOME!!**CONFIRMATION 2017:**Our Bishop is coming to Glossop to confirm our young people on Thursday 25th 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 9th January 2017. For more information please speak to Fr. Greg or Christine. Thank you**Parish Diary:**

31st Dec'ber	New Year's Party, Parish Hall
18th March	St Patrick's Party, Parish Hall

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2017

Saint Mary Crowned

Sunday 8th January:

Meeting for parents/carers after 9.30am Mass.

Sunday 29th January: Programme begins.Mon 13th March:

Service for First Reconciliation, 6.30pm

Sunday 21st May: First Holy Communion Mass, 9.30am**Parish Rotas: Weekend of 31st December / 1st January****Sacristans:** All Saints, 6pm Margaret & Barbara,

11am Sandra & Natalie; St Mary's, Liz;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Sue O'C, 11am Cath B;

St Mary's, Anna & Jim T;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Maddy & Peter B, 11am Doreen

& Jane; St Mary's, Jan, John & Barbara;

Readers: All Saints TBA; St Mary's Chris, Tony & Mark;**Bidding Prayers:** Liz (following week – Peter G)

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Reflection:

Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is, so also are we in this world.

Confessions: All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm**Parish Mass Book:** Sunday: **Gloria** p.9; **Readings**, p. 95/103; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p.66/7; **Eucharistic. Prayer**, p.18

	All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday 24 th December		No Morning Service 5.30 pm Carols 6.00 pm Vigil Mass of Christmas People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th December The Nativity of The Lord (Solemnity) Eucharistic Prayer No 1 (White)	11.00 am Mass of Christmas Day Kevin Fallon, Anthony Mellor & Howard Mellor RIP	No Service Today
Monday 26 th December	No Service Today	
Tuesday 27 th December		No Service Today
Wednesday 28 th December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Red)	10.00 am Mass George Sonczak RIP	
Thursday 29 th December St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr, Patron of Pastoral Clergy in England & Wales (Red)		10.00 am Mass Muriel Doyle Barnes (E & S) RIP
Friday 30 th December	No Service Today	
Saturday 31 st December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Intentions of Fr John Cairns	No Morning Service Today
Sunday 1 st January Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God, (Solemnity) Eucharistic Prayer No 2 (White)	11.00 am Mass of Christmas Day People of the Parish	9.30 am Mass Special Intention – Christine & Vernon Johnson (BB)