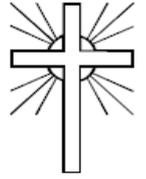


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE 2017

Sunday 26th November 2017

Today is the feast of Christ the King.

We recall who it is that we serve and from whom we freely take our orders – Jesus. For some years now the Bishops have asked us to commemorate 'Youth Sunday' today, and we are truly blessed in Glossop with some fantastic young people who play an active part in the life of their local Church. We are proud of you, and salute you for your commitment to Christ and his Church.

It is only fitting that three of our Altar servers who this year moved into senior education should receive their Guild of St Stephen medals – the patron saint of Altar Servers, so well done to **Owen Bowler, Harry Cox and Aeden Mallon**. If you keep serving until you are 18 I will give you a silver medal! (FG)

Moving down a generation we welcome the First Holy Communion class from St Marys School at Mass today who will be presented to the parish in preparation for their First Holy Communion day on Sunday June 20th 2018.

Our thanks to Mrs Sarah Rudd and Mrs Tina Coomber for doing the Catechesis this year. (FG)

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, the preparation time for Christmas. Why not come to confession? The light is on, and it's on for you! Additionally, there will be sung Vespers and Benediction on a Sunday evening at 6pm – Beautiful! (FG)

During Advent there will be a 2 Deanery Reconciliation services. Firstly, in Marple Bridge on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm, then in Buxton on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm.

There will be a few Priests hearing confession at each event. (FG)

Christmas Mass Times: **6pm** Christmas Eve (SMC)

11am Christmas Day (AS) - *Spread the word!* (FG)

You might like to know that EWTN Global Catholic Network has introduced a new service allowing free on-demand access to a large library of its video content, with more than 12,000 programmes available, and more being added regularly.

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Thoughts on Today's Readings:

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25 : 31-46

No other Gospel account has this story. From where did Matthew obtain it? Its central theme is the kingdom of Christ being assembled at the Resurrection and those who are worthy are taken into the kingdom of God.

The great surprise of the parable is that the kind and the selfish alike did not consider Christ in their kindness or selfishness. They responded, or failed to, to human need. All are surprised at the Lord's praise or blame - God was not in their thinking.

But this is a story - not history or prophecy. It is a parable and the teaching is for those who listen to the story and take its lesson: the oneness of the human family.

It is startling that hell is given to those who did not help others. No cruelty is involved, no malice, no choosing to cause suffering - simply not being kind draws eternal condemnation, - frightening teaching. And the reward of the virtuous is hard to appreciate: eternal life for being kind! The extremes are amazing. It is the Aramaic mind which saw and expressed truth in vivid and violent opposites ("loving God and hating family", which simply means putting family in second place).

Is it possible that Mark and Luke chose not to use this parable because it was too extreme for their readers? But it remains Gospel - what is its meaning? Essentially, it praises and rewards kindness, condemns and punishes selfishness. But it remains a parable - not a prophecy. Ignorance does not merit heaven nor does it deserve hell. We ponder . . .

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£106.44	£151.00	£120.00	£377.44
St Mary's	£171.73	£176.50	£261.00	£609.23

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Rotas: Weekend of **2nd / 3rd December**

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Barbara Wild, 11am Chris; St Mary's, Liz;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Gee Shanahan, 11am John B; St Mary's, Beatrice & John;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm TBA, 11am TBA; St Mary's, John, Barbara & Doreen;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm Cath McM, 11am L Newsham; St Mary's, Jan, Chris & David H;

Bidding Prayers: Maddie (following week – Andrew)

Remembering our loved ones: Throughout November there will be a large candle on the Sanctuary of both churches with the names of all who have died in the last twelve months. On the First Sunday of Advent the names will be read out during Vespers. The candles will be on the altar during November, then remain at the front of the church until after Christmas. Please let Father Greg or Maddy know of any names that need to be added to those taken from both Churches' Registers of Deaths, or if for any reason you prefer that a name isn't on the candle.

DAMBUSTERS DRAMA: LET'S ACT THEATRE COMPANY

Rehearsals have now begun for our brilliant cast of 16 including 5 of your favourite Glossop parishioners.

Time to put these dates in your diary: Dec. 9th (6p.m.) or Dec.10th (3p.m.) – St, Mary's Parish Hall. We promise you a Messerschmitt, performing dogs, bouncing potatoes and death-defying stunts. To reserve seats, contact Wynn Moran (wynnemoran@btinternet.com)

Inspire Younger Generations

Do you enjoy working with Children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower young people in our Catholic schools & churches to bring alive a sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly in a local school to help with a Confirmation preparation session in church? Supported by CAFOD with training and resources, you will relish the time you spend discussing issues of global justice with young people. You will add to parish and school life, complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists.

"When people are in need, giving money isn't the only way to help; with volunteering you give your time and skills to make a difference." Sandra Sila, CAFOD Volunteer

For more information contact mmaiura@cafod.org.uk

Band Concert, Tuesday December 5th Tickets are now on sale in our churches, at £5; donations of mince pies and mulled wine will be greatly appreciated.

Fundraising Stall in Market Arcade, Saturday 2nd December, all proceeds to the Restoration Fund.

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. 158; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p. 23; **Eucharistic. Prayer**, p. 23

			All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	25 th	November	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Baby George Alexander Dixon RIP</i>	
Sunday	26 th	November	11.00 am Mass <i>Pat & Ken Bradshaw</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Marie Jubb (Australia) RIP</i>
			12.30 pm Baptism of Connie Wakeling	3.30 pm Mass of Healing in St Mary's Hall <i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday	27 th	November	10.00 am Mass <i>Gerald James</i> <i>Riley - Anniversary - RIP</i>	
				<i>No Service Today</i>
Wednesday	29 th	November	10.00 am Mass <i>Tony Payne RIP</i>	12 noon Funeral Service <i>Kathleen Kelly RIP</i>
Thursday	30 th	November		9.45 am Mass <i>The Welfare of Fr John Cairns</i>
Friday	1 st	December	10.00 am Mass <i>Ernest Hall RIP</i>	
Saturday	2 nd	December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Pat Curwood – Anniversary - RIP</i>	10.00 am Exposition/Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass <i>Sheny De Martinez - Special Intention</i>
Sunday	3 rd	December	11.00 am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Edith Fletcher – Birthday Blessings</i>
			6.00 pm Advent Vespers	