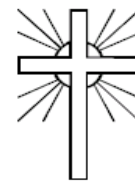


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2019

Sunday 1st December 2019

Advent

The four weeks of Advent are a time of spiritual preparation that begins with an awareness of our own longing and leads us to a deeper openness to the many gifts God wants to give us. Here we are offered a reflection on a different spiritual gift for each week of Advent.

Take time each day to reflect on the week's theme. If you make time for inner preparation, carrying out all the other demands of the season is bound to be more enjoyable.

May you have a blessed Advent.

Week 1: Time to Know Your Deepest Longings

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
Psalms 42:2-4

What are you longing for? What is your heart trying to tell you? The gift God offers this first week of Advent is the invitation to explore your inner longings.

The Church, through our Advent customs, and even the weather of the season itself support such inner work.

During the first week of Advent, give yourself time and space to contemplate what you are truly longing for in life.

Know that this is the season when your longings will lead you to the Christ Child, in whom the hopes and fears of all the years are known and responded to with generous love.

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Remembering our loved ones:

This year's Remembrance Candle remembering those who have died in the last year is on the Sanctuary of both churches.

On the first Sunday of Advent, this weekend, the names will be read out during Vespers at All Saints Church.

The candle will remain on the Sanctuary through Advent. As we prepare for Christmas we remember in our prayers those who are bereaved.

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Mt 24:37-44

Jesus urges his followers to be aware of his second coming and he reminds them of the sudden ending of the known world in the time of Noah. The ignorant and evil world had turned from God.

This is an invitation to read chapters 6, 7 and 8 of the Book of Genesis. Here are two, or even more, stories combined and various details are contradictory.

The peoples of the world are referred to but with no sense of being real. No one speaks to Noah and he to no one. The un-noticing world hardly heeds an ark floating to safety . . .

We can be the same, suggests Jesus:

too busy with daily life to bother about long-term planning for eternal life.

Then Jesus switches direction. From a world that ignored Noah he turns to everyone who knows the need to protect property.

He smilingly implies that burglars should announce the time of their coming to make protecting against them easy.

The lesson is strong: no burglar announces his coming, and neither does God reveal the day or the hour of death.

We live virtuously so as to die virtuous.

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QUIZ NIGHT:

Yet another great event in St. Mary's Hall: Saturday, December 7th at 7pm. Not only an exciting quiz but a hot supper and cakes and entertainment by the Glossop Ukulele Band.

£10 a ticket and bring your own wine etc. It's all in aid of Crossroads: a local charity supporting victims of domestic abuse.

You can pay on the door but should reserve your place with Wynn Moran. Bring your own team or we will find you one.

Christmas Markets, Sunday 1st December:

Do come along to the Markets for a great afternoon out and some Christmas gifts for friends and family.

Some help is needed to set up the stalls for the Markets in Old Glossop at 12 noon & to clear up at approx. 4.30pm.

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Parish events this week

SMC = St Mary Crowned Church AS = All Saints Church SMS = St Mary's School

Sat 30th Nov	6.00 pm	AS	Holy Mass (Louis James Coomber, Kitty Coomber, Pat Curwood, Anniversary/Birthdays RIP)
Sun 1st Dec	First Sunday of Advent - Readings p. 82 For those with Missals we are now on Cycle A		
	9.15 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Frank Mannion RIP)
	11.15 am	AS	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
	6.00 pm	AS	Vespers – Advent Sung Evening Prayer
Mon 2nd Dec	10.00 am	AS	Holy Mass (Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart & Our Lady (JR))
Tues 3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier, Priest		
	10.00 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Margaret Doherty RIP)
	Please pray for today's Sycamore Course Session		
Weds 4th Dec	St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor		
	10.00 am	AS	Holy Mass (Patrick Shanahan RIP)
Thurs 5th Dec	9.00 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Holy Souls)
	Please pray for today's Day of Recollection for Priests		
Fri 6th Dec	St Nicholas, Bishop		
	10.00 am	AS	Holy Mass (Holy Souls)
	7.45 pm	AS	Prayer Group
Sat 7th Dec	10.00 am	SMC	Exposition and Sacrament of Reconciliation
	10.45 am	SMC	Benediction
	5.15–5.45pm	AS	Sacrament of Reconciliation
	6.00 pm	AS	Holy Mass (Monica O'Meara RIP)
Sun 8th Dec	Second Sunday of Advent - Readings p. 85		
	9.15 am	SMC	Holy Mass (Helen Bowler – Birthday Memories RIP)
	11.15 am	AS	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
	6.00 pm	AS	Vespers – Advent Sung Evening Prayer

Our offerings last week: Thank you for your generosity.

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£90.55	£140.00	£129.00	£359.55
St Mary's	£139.99	£152.50	£225.00	£517.49

Many thanks for your support for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund: AS £39.25; SMC £13.61

Parish Rotas: Weekend of 7th / 8th December

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Monica & David; 11.15am Sandra & Natalie; St Mary's, Liz;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Sue O'C; 11.15am Natalie & Tracey; St Mary's, Brenda & Paddy;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Peter B & Eileen; 11.15am Chris & Barbara; St Mary's, John, Jan & Doreen;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm, Maddy, 11.15am Ann; St Mary's, Wynne, Louise & Samantha;

Bidding Prayers: Chris (following week – Peter G)

Parish Diary - for the next few months:

Dec 1st	Christmas Markets in Old Glossop
Dec 7th	Brownie Coffee Morning at Bradbury House, 10 am – 12 noon
Dec 14th	Service of Reconciliation, 11am, at SMC, with several priests for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Sundays during Advent	Vespers – Advent Sung Evening Prayer, 6pm, at AS Church

HELPING HANDS: Need a lift to the shop or doctor? Help with shopping, light housework or gardening? Just a chat? HELPING HANDS is here to help! Either put a slip in the white box at the back of the church.



Bare Necessities Food Bank –

Helping High Peak families in crisis. Donation boxes will be at the back of our churches until the end of December. The simplest way to support the foodbank is by adding one or two items to your regular shopping basket. Donations of tins, jars, cereals, UHT milk, tea and coffee are all very welcome. Thank you for your generosity!