

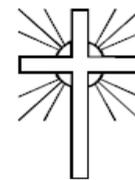


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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Sunday 26th July 2020

Holy Mass and confessions update

Fr Martin writes,

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have now been granted permission to open both churches for the celebration of Holy Mass. At All Saints, on Saturdays at 6pm; and at St Mary Crowned, on Sundays at 10.30am. Attendance will be by pre-booking only. To avoid disappointment and embarrassment, please do not turn up unless you have booked a place: this is due to a limit on the numbers permissible in the church and is a condition of being allowed to open.

Booking can be made online at the central booking hub at www.massbooking.uk or by phoning the central booking number, 0115 648 1474. There is no charge for booking.

Places are assigned on a first-come-first-served basis and a waiting list system will also be in place. You must book for each Mass you plan to attend, and you can book a week ahead.

Social distancing will be set at 2 metres, so please observe this diligently as you arrive and leave church as well as when you are in church.

If you are in the extremely clinically vulnerable shielding category, then please continue to protect yourself by staying at home and praying for the parish. The bishops remind us that our Sunday obligation is still suspended, so if you are unsure about coming, do not feel under any obligation to attend.

If you or someone in your household displays any symptom of Covid19, then please stay at home. When planning to come to the Mass you have booked a seat for, you may be asked to wait outside until invited in to take a seat. Please arrive in time to allow for this managed arrival to take place and for Holy Mass to start on time.

Stewards will assist you arriving and leaving church so that people are kept safe, and the stewards will show you to your seat, and call you forward when it is time to receive Holy Communion and when you may safely leave the church after Holy Mass. You will not have a choice of seat, and nobody will be allowed to sit or stand at the back of church. There will not be a collection during Holy Mass but there will be a collection plate at the back of the church as you enter.

This will be removed as Holy Mass begins, so please contribute as you enter.

One of the measures to reduce risk of infection is that there is no singing in church. There are other measures that will make the way Holy Mass is celebrated different to what we're used to. Holy Communion may be received only in the hand.

It is good practice to wear a face covering, but not at present compulsory for the whole congregation; stewards are required to wear a face covering.

The church will be closed ten minutes after Holy Mass ends, to allow for cleaning.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so very hard to prepare the churches for the public celebration of Holy Mass, and to all who have volunteered to serve as a steward. If you would like to volunteer as a steward, please visit

www.glossop Catholics.org.uk/stewards

On the other days of the week, I continue to celebrate Holy Mass in one church or the other, turn by turn about, behind closed doors and with no congregation.

I am not able to report any further progress since last week towards starting confessions again. One steward has volunteered to assist on alternate Saturday mornings and Sunday afternoons, but at least one more steward is required, before we can go ahead and start taking bookings for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will take place at St Mary Crowned, so as to meet the requirements of privacy, health protection, and safeguarding.

Local priests on the move

Bishop Patrick has announced some appointments among the clergy of our deanery.

Fr Daniel Palmer has been appointed to New Mills and Marple Bridge as Parochial Administrator. Congratulations to Fr Daniel on his first appointment as a priest in charge. Fr Daniel will not be replaced by another priest at Hadfield.

Fr Kevin Gradwell is to be appointed to Grantham as Parish Priest from September. Thanks to Fr Kevin for all he has done in his time in High Peak. He will be sorely missed. Fr Kevin will not be replaced by another priest at Chapel-en-le-Frith.

Fr Gerry Murphy is to be appointed parish priest of Chapel-en-le-Frith in addition to Buxton, from September.

We continue to keep in our prayers Fr John Cairns, as his treatment continues in Ireland.

News of further appointments affecting clergy in our diocese will appear in next week's newsletter.

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church)

Saturday 25th	Feast of St James the Apostle 10.00am to 11.00am, ASC open for private prayer 6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place
Sunday 26th	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10.30am, SMC Holy Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place
Monday 27th	Feria 3.30pm to 4.30pm, SMC open for private prayer
Tuesday 28th	Feria 10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer 1.00pm to 3.00pm, ASC open for private prayer
Wednesday 29th	St Martha 10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer
Thursday 30th	St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor 10.00am to 11.00am, SMC open for private prayer 6.30pm to 8.30pm, ASC open for private prayer
Friday 31st	St Ignatius Loyola, Priest
Saturday 1st	St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor 10.00am to 11.00am, ASC open for private prayer 6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place
Sunday 26th	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10.30am SMC Holy Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 0115 648 1474 to book a place

Mass Intentions for the week beginning Saturday 25th July, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For the Holy Souls (on Saturday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday); For the people of the parish;
 For Rosalind Marcarenhas RIP; and For the intentions of Christine and Vernon Johnson (wedding anniversary).

Live streaming services for This Weekend:

For Bishop Patrick, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community> (NB this is a new link)

For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>

For The Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham at 9.30am, go to: <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>

To connect to these, please visit www.glossopcatholics.org.uk/livestreams and select the church you wish to view.

This Sunday's Mass Readings are: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Psalm 118: 57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom: 8, 28-30; Mt 13: 44-52

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Mt 13: 44-52

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel, where we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. This week, Jesus offers three more short parables. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different, but is reminiscent of the parable of the sower in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.