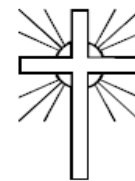


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2020

Sunday 20th December 2020

Fr Martin writes.

Although the Holyday Obligation remains suspended by our bishops during the present pandemic, many, many people will want to take part in a Christmas Mass.

With the limitations of numbers permitted in church, rightly, to keep people safe, it's good to remember that The Nativity of the Lord (like the Resurrection of the Lord), is a celebration that begins on a particular day, then continues first in an "Octave" and then a whole Season of celebration. And most people know the Twelve Days of Christmas, if only from the carol!

God willing, in Glossop Holy Mass will be celebrated with a congregation on Christmas Eve and on every single one of the Twelve Days of Christmas. So this year, when you're planning your own celebrations, don't be worried about being able to take part on Christmas Eve or the First Day of Christmas.

Please help your friends and family members who make a special effort to attend Holy Mass at Christmas by passing this information to them, so they don't get disheartened if they can't find a place at the Mass they would normally attend. Make sure they know they've got twelve days to pick from!

You may also wish to remind them they must book a place, there are no toilet facilities, and the church or hall will be cold (because we need maximum ventilation to keep people safe). And of course, nobody who has any of the Covid symptoms should attend.

Because St Mary's Hall isn't that big, if we were to set aside enough space for two aisles, so at communion time people could circulate in a safe way, respecting Covid Secure regulations, it would mean that perhaps only fifteen people could attend Holy Mass. So instead, we'll be following an option that has been granted by the Bishops' Conference for this pandemic: people will receive Holy Communion or a blessing immediately after Holy Mass, and as each person has consumed the Blessed Sacrament (or instead, if they wish, received a blessing) they will at once leave the hall as directed by the stewards.

It will feel peculiar, but our bishop has sanctioned this solution, and it means twice as many people can take part in Holy Mass.

Please do not park immediately outside the hall, so that people can distance more easily when entering and leaving. Thank you!

Thought for the Week

Humble Saviour - The time came for her to deliver her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, & laid him in a man-ger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Advent is a new beginning. After this year the whole world desperately needs a new beginning, to pretend 2020 didn't happen and get a fresh start.

Mary and Joseph were forced to pack up and move to Bethlehem, where not even the cheapest places had a spare room. So, Mary went into labour and had to lay Jesus on hay in a feed trough, wrapped in torn strips of material.

In 2020 many thousands of people have been displaced, lost jobs, struggled to feed and protect their families from serious health problems.

Our Saviour can relate to that. Born in a barn, exposed to deadly germs, attended by cows and sheep, dogs and cats, Jesus is familiar with humble beginnings and endings.

If you have struggled this year let the lowly Baby Jesus guide you into the fullness of life and joy.

Dear Lord and Saviour, the Christ. Many have suffered untold miseries this year. Help us see past the tinsel and trappings of Christmas that causes pain and loneliness to thousands of people. Help us see the Saviour who had nothing and still gave hope to a dying world. This year the world around us IS dying. Protect the poor and the innocent. Bring hope for a brighter future in which we have a greater appreciation for the gifts we already have.

In the blessed name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

GLOSSOP ROSARY. We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 21st December** with the Joyful Mysteries, and **Monday 28th December** with the Mysteries of Light.

Act now and ask your MP to oppose introducing assisted suicide: The assisted suicide lobby have launched a large campaign to put pressure on the Government to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It is vital that it is clear to the Government that the public want them to continue to hold strong against this pressure from assisted suicide campaigners and reject their demands.

Right To Life UK have set up an easy to use tool which will enable you to email your MP asking them to make it clear to the Government that it should not give into demands from the assisted suicide lobby to reconsider the legalisation of assisted suicide. It only takes 30 seconds to email your MP by visiting the link below: www.righttolife.org.uk/StopAssistedSuicide

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The Glossop Catholic Parishes are bound by Diocesan Privacy Policy – see http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/privacy-policy		
The Week Ahead (<i>ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall</i>)		
Saturday 19th	Advent Feria	
6.00pm,	ASC Holy Mass for Sunday - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Sunday 20th	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
10.30am	SMH Holy Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Monday 21st	St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor	
10.00am,	ASC Holy Mass	
Tuesday 22nd	Advent Feria	
Wednesday 23rd	St John of Kanty, Priest	
10.00am,	ASC Holy Mass	
Thursday 24th	The Nativity of the Lord	
6.00pm,	SMH Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Friday 25th	The Nativity of the Lord	
10.00am,	ASC Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
10.00am,	SMH Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Saturday 26th	St Stephen, Feast	
6.00pm,	ASC Christmas Mass (Vigil of the Holy Family) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Sunday 27th	The Holy Family	
10.30am	SMH Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Monday 28th	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	
10.00am,	ASC Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Tuesday 29th	St Thomas of Canterbury, Bishop & Martyr	
10.00am,	SMH Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Wednesday 30th	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	
10.00am,	ASC Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Thursday 31st	St Sylvester I, Pope	
10.00am,	SMH Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Friday 1st	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	
10.00am,	ASC Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Saturday 2nd	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	
6.00pm,	ASC Christmas Mass (Vigil) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Sunday 3rd	Second Sunday of Christmas	
10.30am	SMH Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place	
Mass Intentions for the fifteen days beginning Saturday 19th December, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass in the period ahead: For the people of the parishes (all three Saturdays); for Timothy David Greenhalgh, RIP (PG); for Paul Walsh RIP (LC); for Sheila Reddington (90 th Birthday Blessing) (CJ); for Tony Payne, RIP (BP); for thanksgiving for sympathy cards, flowers & kind words – a great comfort (CW); for Anthony and Howard Mellor and Kevin Fallon, RIP (SMF); for Cynthia Warburton (Christmas Blessing) (BB); for Jenny Cieslik and family (Birthday Blessing) (KC); for Priests and Vocations; for Christine Worthington (Christmas Blessing) (BB); for Patrick Shanahan, RIP (GS); for Sue Nash (Christmas Blessing) (BB); for The Holy Souls; and for the Wilde and Cooper families, RIP (KC).		
<u>Live streaming services for This Weekend:</u>		
For Bishop Patrick, go to: https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community		
For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral		
This Sunday's Mass Readings are: 2 Samuel 7: 1-7, 8-12, 14-16; Psalm 88: 2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1: 26-38		
Christmas Mass Readings, Vigil: Isaiah 62: 1-5 Psalm 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25; Mt 1: 1-25		
Christmas Mass Readings, Morning: Isaiah 52: 7-10; Psalm 97: 1-6; Hebrews 1: 1-6; John 1: 1-5, 9-14		