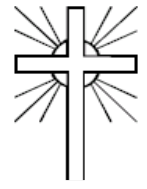


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2021

Sunday 5th December 2021

Advent Prayer:

A Prayer to Prepare My Heart for Christ's Coming

Father, just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent—the first coming—I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways.

Glossopdale Food Bank - Helping High Peak families in crisis. Donation boxes will be at the back of our churches, during Advent, from next weekend. The simplest way to support the foodbank is by adding one or two items to your regular shopping basket.
Items currently needed:- Cereals, rice, sugar, UHT milk, tea bags, coffee, biscuits, tinned meats, pasta, pasta sauces, tinned fruit, tinned custard, rice pudding, tinned vegetables, tinned soup, noodles, cordials, tinned fish. Toiletries – toilet paper, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner.

Thank you for your generosity!

For World Youth Day, St Philip Howard Catholic Voluntary Academy shared their God-given talents and support for others by leading live lessons on YouTube, raising money for charity and doing good deeds to help out in the community. Please read all about the youth celebration in the SPH Students' newsletter here:

<https://sway.office.com/6GB7enr2BQsfKZZt?ref=Link>

One of the students' activities was 'Book Crossing' where students left books in local spaces to encourage others to take up a love of reading! Pupils left books in and around cafes, shops and places of comfort in Glossop with an SPH bookmark inside for a member of the community to find. We hope that this will be a welcome gift that will inspire people of all ages to read new and exciting books.

SPH bookmarks were placed in books with messages:

'Give a book away today,
 What a gift you'll give,
 To share a story with a friend,
 What a lovely way to live!'

Christmas Mass Times:

Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve:

SMC, 5.45pm, Carols

SMC, 6.00pm, Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th December, Christmas Day:

ASC, 10.30am, Christmas Day Mass

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Lk 3:1-6

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels, Mark, Matthew, and Luke, attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges.

He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall, SMC = St Mary's Church)	
Parish Mass Book: This weekend's Readings: p.85, Gloria p. 9, Creed p.12	
Saturday 4th 6.00pm,	Advent Feria ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (The Holy Souls)
Sunday 5th 9.15am, 11.15am, 3.30pm, 5.00pm,	Second Sunday of Advent SMC Holy Mass (Helen Bowler – Birthday Blessing (Family)) ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) ASC Baptism of Archer Allman ASC Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)
Monday 6th 10.00am,	St Nicholas, Bishop ASC Holy Mass (Mary Kirby RIP (JR))
Tuesday 7th	St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass at St Mary's School today for the Holy Souls</i>
Wed'sday 8th 10.00am,	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese, Solemnity ASC Holy Mass (Gadd and Shanahan Families RIP (GS)) <i>Please pray for the Pastoral Council Meeting which takes place this evening</i>
Thursday 9th 9.00am,	St John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin SMC Holy Mass (Jean and Frank Mannion RIP (PM)) <i>Please pray for today's day of recollection for priests</i>
Friday 10th 10.00am, 7.00-8.00pm,	SS Augustine Webster & Eustace White, Blessed Mark Barkworth, Priests, & Companions: The Martyrs of Lincolnshire SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 11th 10.00-10.30am, 12.00-12.30pm, 6.00pm,	Advent Feria SMC Confessions, <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Confessions, <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Holy Mass (Vigil Mass) (The Holy Souls)
Sunday 12th 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.00pm,	Third Sunday of Advent SMC Holy Mass (Violet Longson RIP (CW)) ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) ASC Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)
<u>Forthcoming Events in the Parishes:</u> <u>GLOSSOP ROSARY:</u> We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 6 th December with the Mysteries of Light. <u>Coffee and Catch Up:</u> It was so lovely to see so many at the last catch up. Looking forward to seeing you at the next one on Monday 13th December 1.30pm-2.30pm in St Mary's Hall. Everyone welcome! <u>Very Easy Dementia Friendly walks:</u> Easy walks open to all and to enable those living with dementia and carers supporting loved ones to enjoy meeting up, being outdoors and sharing experiences. Walks led by trained Walk Leaders who have a good understanding of dementia. Details: 10.30am, 17 th December, Manor Park. Meeting Place: Outside Shepley Street Café. <u>HELPING HANDS:</u> During the pandemic, 'Helping Hands' has responded to requests for help with shopping and prescription collection as well as other requests. Drivers and shoppers are available to help those who are unable to leave the house. CONTACT: Wynne or Rob. <u>Christmas Roses:</u> We are planning to decorate our churches with roses for our loved ones again this Christmas. Please leave £1 for each rose you would like to buy in the basket at the back of your church, Thank you.	