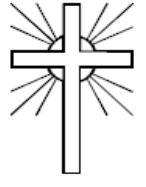


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2016

Sunday 11th December 2016

Tomorrow evening (Monday) we will have our Deanery Reconciliation Service at St Mary's New Mills at 7pm. Pope Francis wrote this week -

"At Christmas bring your sins to God and let him caress you. If you have never felt the love of God you do not know Christian Doctrine".

This is the perfect opportunity to go to confession and approach the festive season in a state of grace. There are of course regular confession times here in our own Churches. Details overleaf. (FG)

This is a busy week for all of our schools,

with carol services and Christmas plays.

You might like to know that all of our local Catholic feeder schools for St Philip Howard School, and our local Catholic Senior school, will be coming together on **Monday 19th December at 6.30pm for a joint carol service.**

How wonderful it is to have a Church the size of St Mary Crowned adjacent to St Philip Howard School for such a splendid Catholic occasion.

Don't forget that on Tuesday we are hosting the wonderful sounds of the Glossop old band for a festive concert at All Saints beginning at 8pm. Come along and bring your neighbours, families and friends with you! (FG)

Christmas Mass Times:

Please note that there is no 9.30am Mass on Christmas day, as we have:

St Mary Crowned 6pm Christmas Eve with carols beforehand and -

All Saints 11am Christmas Day.

Please advertise amongst your families, although it will feature in the local press. (FG)

Old Glossop Victorian Market - I was amazed at the sheer number of people that came to Old Glossop last Sunday. This is clearly a much loved event which would benefit the town should it move back into the town centre me thinks!

However, there we were serving Irish Coffees and getting plenty of custom. Should you wish to get involved in these community events then please have a word with me after Mass.

In the meantime, congratulations to the team that turned out yesterday and did such a fantastic job! (FG)

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (S.P.U.C)

are holding a nationwide campaign to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act in collaboration with the Union of Catholic Mothers.

Since 1967 8.7 million unborn children have died in Britain by abortion. In 2015 there were over 200,000 abortions.

The petition asks MPs to take a pro-life pledge to protect the unborn child from conception and recognise its humanity. Support for this campaign is vital now because the abortion lobby are currently campaigning for abortion decriminalisation. This would remove all legal upper limits, as freely admitted by one of the campaigners, Ann Furedi, who is Chief Executive of Britain's largest independent abortion provider B.P.A.S.

Petition postcards are available at the back of St Mary Crowned and All Saints churches. Please fill in your name and address, and send back to S.P.U.C by adding a stamp. S.P.U.C will deliver the cards to your MP. Alternatively, to save you the postage leave the cards in the marked basket at the back of the church and the organiser will post them to S.P.U.C in bulk. *Thank you.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE EVERYTHING: Often, we have a glut of gifts at Christmas, things that we often do not need, yet people in the developing world lack basic necessities. If you would like to give a useful gift to those whose need is greatest, please visit: cafod.org.uk/worldgifts **Gifts range from £4, and include:** Queen Bees; Fruit Trees; Cows; Medicine for healthy mum and baby and many more. I wholeheartedly commend this initiative. Catalogues are also available at the back of Church. (FG)

Thoughts on today's First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

God is coming to save the people, to heal those who are blind, deaf, lame, dumb.

Where the land had become a wilderness the blessing of God will restore everything to the people.

The final verse of the reading reflects great joy. Read chapter 33, full of hope in the Lord God's delivering the people from distress.

The images of verses 7-16 are powerfully destructive. The fertile Lebanon, Sharon and Carmel wither & die, the harvest becomes straw; yet there is promise of new life in a future when the people will be safe in Jerusalem, worshipping in the temple on Mount Zion. That hope is more than fulfilled in today's reading, including an awareness of the Sacred Way towards God.

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£126.57	£190.00	£106.00	£421.57
St Mary's	£159.77	£183.60	£255.00	£598.37

Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember your Church in your will.**The team that brought you A CHRISTMAS CAROL and THE LADY VANISHES presents – IN A DARK, DARK HOUSE:**A Comedy Mystery Story full of surprises and strange SFX by Rob Faulkner and Wynn Moran, in St Mary's Hall, St Mary's Rd, on: **Sunday Dec 11th at 3pm:** Lasting about 90 mins. Mulled wine or hot Vimto on arrival. Pay what you think it's worth as you leave. Proceeds to St. Mary's Restoration Fund. Come early for a seat.**NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY!****For family and friends of St Mary's and All Saints parishes.****You are invited to celebrate!****St Mary's Hall, Sat 31st December 7.30pm onwards.****Shared table:- Please bring a small food contribution and a bottle of your choice.****Live music, dancing and drama.****ALL WELCOME!****Christmas Roses:** If you wish to buy a Christmas Rose to remember a member of your family this Christmas, please put £1 and your loved one's name in the basket in church.**All Saints Draw:** The winner of the £100 November Draw is Owen Sykes.**St Mary's 100+ Club:** November winners: 1st Prize: £18.50, Anne Walsh; 2nd Prize, £11.10, Anne Morgan; 3rd Prize, £7.40, Jim Travis.**Parish Rotas:** Weekend of **17th / 18th December****Sacristans:** All Saints, 6pm Cynthia W, 11am Ann & Len; St Mary's, Liz;**Welcomers:** All Saints, 6pm Veronica & Dennis, 11am Natalie & Tracey; St Mary's, Brenda & Michael;**Ministers:** All Saints, 6pm, Monica & David, 11am, Chris & Ann; St Mary's, Barbara, Rob & Steve;**Readers:** All Saints 6pm Andrew E, 11am Ann K; St Mary's, David H, Jan & Sarah;**Bidding Prayers:** Wynn (following week – Maddy)**Parish Diary:**

11th Dec	Ghostly, Comic Drama, Parish Hall, 3-4.40pm
11th Dec	Christmas Vigil Music Rehearsal, AS, 6.45pm
13th Dec'ber	Band Concert of Festive Music, at All Saints Church, 7.45pm for 8.00pm, Tickets available
19th Dec'ber	Joint Schools' Carol Concert, 6.30pm
31st Dec'ber	New Year's Party, Parish Hall
18th March	St Patrick's Party, Parish Hall

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. 88; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p. 66; **Eucharistic. Prayer**, p. 26

		All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	10 th December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Paulo Buczko RIP	
Sunday	11 th December Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday Eucharistic Prayer No 3 (Rose)	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am Mass Helen Bowler RIP
Monday	12 th December Our Lady of Guadalupe (White)	9.30 am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00 am Mass Cynthia Warburton, Christmas Blessing	
Tuesday	13 th December		No Service Today
Wednesday	14 th December St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church (White)	9.30 am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00 am Mass Rev Francis Connolly RIP	
Thursday	15 th December Advent Feria (Violet)		9.30 am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00 am Mass Frank Mannion RIP
Friday	16 th December Advent Feria (Violet)	9.30 am Morning Prayer of the Church 10.00 am Mass Special Intention (MB)	
Saturday	17 th December Advent Feria (Violet)	5.00 pm Confessions 6.00 pm Vigil Mass People of the Parish	10.00 am Exposition / Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass Vera Harvey RIP
Sunday	18 th December Fourth Sunday of Advent, Eucharistic Prayer No 4 (Violet)	11.00 am Mass Timothy Greenhalgh RIP 6.00 pm Sung Vespers	9.30 am Mass Intentions of Maureen Smith