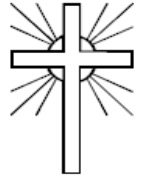




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MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 2017



Sunday 1st January 2017

Happy new year everybody!

We pray that 2017 is another year of grace for us all. Today we entrust our Parishes to the patronage and care of Mary the Mother of God. (FG)

There were very few newsletters taken last week so please allow me to repeat my Christmas message to you all:

A happy Christmas to all of my amazing parishioners who work so hard throughout the year! There are so many of you involved in the essential ministries of the Church.

It is because of you that the lights continue to shine in both parishes. Your commitment, and faithfulness to the faith in coming to Mass, paying your dues and working behind the scenes is truly inspirational.

May the birth of Jesus, celebrated today throughout the world, lift you up and renew you with the gift of faith which truly is a God given gift.

May the coming of the Christ child fill your hearts with gladness, hope and a sense of purpose that the world cannot match.

Let us remember in our Mass today all those who for whatever reason are not looking forward to the festivities. Perhaps they are grieving, or are sick or in pain. Perhaps they are overtaken with the sadness and pain that life can bring.

Please remember Fr John Cairns

(Marple Bridge & New Mills)

and **Fr Dennis Higgins** (Buxton)

at this time, and continually pray for vocations to the Priesthood and religious life.

Finally, - Thank you all for the cards, gifts and encouraging messages that you have given me this Christmas time. You are all constantly in my Masses & Prayers. (FG)

Let us join with Pope Francis' prayer intention for January –

"... that all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity". (FG)

The Christmas Masses were very well attended.

It was lovely to see both Churches full. Renewed thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make it happen this Christmastide. (FG)

You might like to know that we (that is Fr Greg, and parishioners of All Saints and St Mary Crowned parishes) sent Christmas Cards to the next of kin of all those whose funerals took place in either All Saints or St Mary Crowned Churches throughout 2016.

We also sent Christmas cards to those young families who brought their children to be Baptised in either of the Churches during the same period. In return we received cards from many of the same.

It is our hope and prayer that all who have used both Churches throughout the year, will find in our parishes a spiritual home where they continue to feel a strong sense of belonging and a closeness to God our Father through his Son Jesus, by regular reception of the Sacraments. (FG)

Thoughts from today's Second Reading, Galatians 4:4-7

Paul has been talking of the purpose of the Law, the wonder of justification and faith in Christ Jesus - and making contrast between law and faith. His purpose is to persuade the Galatians that Christ has set them free from observance of the Old Law and they are not to return to its slavery and their bondage to sin. They have been redeemed.

Today's lyrical passage is joy above argument. Jesus is born of a woman, is subject to the Law as all of us are - but he has redeemed us from the Law and made us the adopted children of God! The proof of the divine childhood in us is that the Spirit of God prays within us, calling out "Abba - Father." Our slavery is over - we are heirs with Christ to eternal life.

And all this happened "at the appointed time" (v.4), at the date set by the Father (v.2), at which time the Son may inherit all that the Father intends.

This spiritual inheritance proves that the child is not a slave - but not until it happens is the child freed from the appearance of seeming a slave. The appointed time for Christ was chosen by God - and we have become the first to know of the inheritance of eternal life!

Thought for the Week:

The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments. Whoever says, "I know him," but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. 1 JOHN 2:3-5

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£251.91	£106.00	£106.00	£463.91
St Mary's	£707.08	£226.00	£255.00	£1188.08

Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember your Church in your will.

Sacramental Preparation Programme 2017**Saint Mary Crowned****Sunday 8th January:**

Meeting for parents/carers after 9.30am Mass.

Sunday 29th January: Programme begins.**Mon 13th March:** Service for First Reconciliation, 6.30pm**Sunday 21st May:** First Holy Communion Mass, 9.30am**A message from Bare Necessities.****Glossopdale Food Bank**

Thanks to your kindness and generosity we have been able to support individuals & families around Glossop in times of financial difficulty, especially this Christmas and for that we say a huge THANK YOU. We collect donations all year round and these can usually be dropped off at various supermarkets or if you wanted to visit the Foodbank to drop off any donations directly it is usually open between 9.00am and 10.30am on Tuesdays. Unit 5, Brookfield Industrial Estate, Peakdale Road, Glossop. SK13 6LQ.

CONFIRMATION 2017:

Our Bishop is coming to Glossop to confirm our young people on Thursday 25th May 2017 at 7pm. The programme begins at the end of January and is aimed at Year 8 and above. There are forms at the back of our churches which should be filled in and returned to Christine Hulley or your Parish Priest by 9th January 2017. For more information please speak to Fr. Greg or Christine. Thank you.

Parish Rotas:Weekend of 7th / 8th January**Sacristans:** All Saints, 6pm Monica & David,

11am Maddy & Peter B; St Mary's, Chris;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Elaine & Margaret,

11am Gemma Martin; St Mary's, Chris J & Cath B;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Peter G & Geetha, 11am Ann & Christine; St Mary's, Peggy, Rita & Aidan;**Readers:** All Saints TBA; St Mary's Mick, Gervase & Wynn;**Bidding Prayers:** Peter G (following week – Andrew E)**Parish Diary:**

31st Dec'ber	New Year's Party, Parish Hall, 7.30 pm
18th March	St Patrick's Party, Parish Hall
21st May	First Holy Communion Mass, SMC
25th May	Confirmation Mass

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. 109; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p. 24; **Eucharistic. Prayer**, p. 24

	All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday 31 st December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Intentions of Fr John Cairns	No Morning Service Today
Sunday 1 st January Mary, the Most Holy Mother of God, (Solemnity) Eucharistic Prayer No 2 (White)	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am Mass Special Intention – Christine & Vernon Johnson (BB)
Monday 2 nd January SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church (W)	10.00 am Mass Mass of Thanksgiving (JP)	
Tuesday 3 rd January		No Service Today
Wednesday 4 th January Wednesday before the Epiphany (W)	10.00 am Mass Special Intention – Tony & Barbara Payne (MT)	
Thursday 5 th January Thursday before the Epiphany (White)		10.00 am Mass Special Intention – Tony & Terry Graham (AW)
Friday 6 th January Friday before the Epiphany (White)	10.00 am Mass Special Intention – Barbara Burns (Christmas Blessing)	
Saturday 7 th January St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest (White)	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention – Joan Hill (Christmas Blessing)	10.00 am Exposition/Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass Ossie Ellison - Anniversary RIP 12 noon Baptism of Elizabeth Mary Bell
Sunday 8 th January The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity) Eucharistic Prayer No 1 (White)	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am Mass Frank Mannion RIP