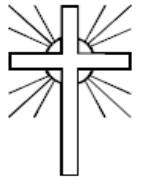


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2017

Sunday 17th December 2017

Today we celebrate "Gaudete" Sunday meaning rejoice!

We rejoice that our waiting for Jesus is more than half over. There is one pink candle in the Advent wreath, and it represents Joy. (FG)

Peter Bromhall RIP – Please remember Peter Bromhall in your Masses and prayers. His funeral service will be at St Mary Crowned Church on Friday 22nd December at 12 Noon. Our prayerful condolences to his family who mourn his loss.

May he rest in peace. Amen. (FG)

We were all caught out by the snow this week.

Please remember to help out in the Church grounds when it does snow as all the paths need to be cleared, and I cannot do it all by myself! If you are not fit, able or willing – is there someone in your family/house who could give us a hand?

Bring your own shovels and just get cracking! – Thank You (FG)

I am told that the joint Carol Service involving all of our local Catholic Schools is no longer happening which is a big shame. My apologies for any confusion caused. (FG)

Please note that there are confessions on Saturday mornings at SMC 10.15 – 10.45am, and AS 5.15pm – 5.45pm. Why not come to confession in preparation for Christmas? (FG)

There is one more Advent Deanery Reconciliation Service remaining for this year and it's in Buxton on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm. There will be a few Priests hearing confession at this event. (FG)

Christmas Mass Times:

There will be the usual Sunday Masses on Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th December. These will be the Sunday Masses of the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Then there will be the Christmas Masses:

6pm Christmas Eve (SMC) with **Carols** beforehand
at 5.30pm, & 11am Christmas Day (AS)

– Spread the word! (FG)

Christmas Offerings: Please note that any Christmas Offerings intended as a gift to your Priest, should be clearly indicated on the envelope. – Thank You all for your kindness and thoughtfulness! (FG)

Here is the postal address for Fr Stan if you want to send him a card:

The Presbytery, 8, Kingsbury Drive,
Nottingham NG8 3EP

Director of Youth Service. The Diocese seeks to appoint a professionally qualified Director of Youth Service who combines a deep personal commitment to their Catholic faith with a vibrant and enthusiastic passion for Catholic youth ministry and retreat provision among young people.

This full-time post will be based at The Briars Youth Retreat Centre in Crich. For further information contact **Teresa Clark** on at bookings@ndcys.com

Flowers in the desert

'The desert will rejoice and the flowers will bloom in the wilderness. The desert will sing and shout for joy; it will be as beautiful as the Lebanon mountains and as fertile as the fields of Camel and Sharon. Everyone will see the Lord's splendour, see his greatness and power.' *Isaiah 35:1-2*

Reflection: True peace happens not when we barricade ourselves behind steel fences, but when we see the needs of those who are truly despite living among us. They are the desert. A flowering desert is a beautiful thing. The miracle of colours in a land ridden with drought and precariousness brings joy to even the coldest heart. This is the miracle God wishes to create today.

Thought for the Week: Who are the poor around you? Not only materially poor but lacking in friendship or being lonely or depressed.

Mary and Joseph depended on the kindness of others in order to bring Jesus to the world. They were visited by the shepherds and those who were wealthy, the kings. Whether shepherds or kings, we have a gift for those who are in need.

What gift might I give to someone today?

Parish Retreat Follow Up:

The next meeting will be on **Friday 12th January at 7.30pm** in St Mary's Parish Hall.

At the last meeting we followed Session Four on DVD "Unwrapping God's Gift".

After Christmas we will complete the Programme by following the final two Sessions on the DVD, "A Personal Pentecost" and "Living In The Spirit".

The Sessions are open to anyone who would like to attend.

All are welcome.

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£79.10	£143.00	£120.00	£342.10
St Mary's	£128.47	£157.50	£261.00	£546.97

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Rotas: Weekend of **23rd / 24th December**

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Monica & David, 11am Peter G; St Mary's, Chris;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Eilish, 11am Chris; St Mary's, Margaret B & Rita H;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Joan & Eileen, 11am Ann & Chris; St Mary's, Aidan, Vernon & Barbara;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm P McDonald, 11am Val T; St Mary's, Gervase, Mick & Wynn;

Bidding Prayers: Chris (following week – Peter G)

Remembering our loved ones: At the front of each of our churches there is be a large candle on the Sanctuary with the names of all who have died in the last twelve months. On the First Sunday of Advent the names will be read out during Vespers. Please let Father Greg or Maddy know of any name that you would like to be added to those taken from both Churches' Registers of Deaths.

Flowers for Christmas:

Roses: Would you like a rose in church for a loved one this Christmas? If so please put £1 and the name of your loved one in the basket at the back of church, thank you.

LET'S ACT THEATRE COMPANY

Thanks so much to all those who braved the snow to watch our latest play that seems to have delighted everybody. So far we have raised £560 for the Restoration fund.

Thanks to John Tyrrell, Mettricks donated £20 in vouchers, now bought, and Wetherspoons donated a voucher for two steak dinners and a bottle of wine to be used by January, the 31st.

Who would like to bid at least £20 for this treat? Text Wynn. The highest bid wins. Bidding closes at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 20th.

Christmas Newsletter:

Next weekend there will be a double (two week) Newsletter; any items for the next two weeks to Liz by Tuesday 19th December please, thank you!

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. 87; Creed p.11; Preface p. 65; Eucharistic. Prayer, p. 28**

		All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	16th December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Jimmy King RIP	
Sunday	17th December Third Sunday of Advent Eucharistic Prayer No 3 (Pink/Violet)	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish 6.00 pm Advent Vespers	9.30 am Mass Vera Harvey RIP
Monday	18th December Advent Feria (Violet)	10.00 am Mass Bob & Ellen Smith RIP	
Tuesday	19th December		No Service Today
Wednesday	20th December	10.00 am Service of Word and Holy Communion	
Thursday	21st December St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church (Violet)		10.00 am Mass Benny Henry RIP
Friday	22nd December Advent Feria (Violet)	10.00 am Mass Ernest Hall & Lisa Mooney RIP 12.00 noon Funeral Service Peter Bromhall RIP	
Saturday	23rd December St John of Kanty, Priest (Violet)	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Tony Payne RIP	10.00 am Exposition/Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass Kitty & Bill Mellor RIP
Sunday	24th December Fourth Sunday of Advent Eucharistic Prayer No 4 (Violet) The Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity (White)	11.00 am Mass Timothy Greenhalgh RIP	9.30 am Mass Bernard O'Hare RIP 5.30 pm Carols 6.00 pm Vigil Christmas Mass People of the Parish