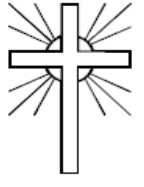


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2017

Sunday 3rd December 2017

Father Michael Lynch RIP

Please remember in your Masses and Prayers Fr Michael Lynch who died last week. Bishop Patrick asks that we pray now for the happy repose of his soul. (FG)

Happy New Year! As they say. What do I mean?

Well in the Church we start the new Liturgical Year on the First Sunday of Advent, and that is today.

There are three cycles for the Sunday Readings, A, B and C. **This Year we are in cycle B, where St Marks Gospel features prominently.** (FG).

The Jesuit Daniel J Harrington says:

"Mark's Gospel is now generally regarded as the earliest Gospel. It presents a stark and challenging portrait of Jesus' public ministry, which leads into a dramatic account of his passion and death. It has often been described as a passion narrative with a long introduction. Mark presents Jesus as a wise teacher and a powerful and compassionate healer. But he also insists that this Jesus can be properly understood only when we confront the mystery of the cross and Jesus' identity as a suffering Messiah.

For this reason, Mark's work is sometimes called the Gospel of Suffering. As we study and pray through this text, we will have to face the suffering of Jesus the Son of God and the suffering that is part of our lives as individuals and as citizens of the world."

There are 2 Cycles in the Weekday readings, 1 (odd) & 2 (even). This Year (2018 – an even year) we are in Cycle 2. (FG)

So, today is the First Sunday of Advent, the preparation time for Christmas. Why not come to confession? The light is on, and it's on for you! Additionally, there will be sung Vespers and Benediction on a Sunday evening at 6pm – Beautiful! (FG)

During Advent there will be a 2 Deanery Reconciliation services. Firstly, in Marple Bridge on Wednesday 13th December at 7pm, then in Buxton on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm.

There will be a few Priests hearing confession at each event. (FG)

Christmas Mass Times:

6pm Christmas Eve (SMC) **11am** Christmas Day (AS)
- Spread the word! (FG)

Thank you to all of you who came to the Mass of anointing and healing last week.

There was a lovely Spirit present, and I know that we all received so much from being present together in the healing presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you to our musicians, sacristans, lectors, together with those who prepared the room/space and of course those who prepared such a splendid buffet. (FG)

Here is a message from Bishop Patrick re Catholic education:

Do you support Catholic Schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard.

The government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic Schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education@' in your search engine to write to the government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic Schools.

A message from Fr John Cairns:

I'm trying my best to keep my chin up and look after myself, whilst having my chemo. It's amazing the strength I get from knowing that so many people are praying and wishing the best for me. You are all brilliant. I'm deeply indebted to you all for your wonderful support and prayers. Thank you. Take care. My best wishes to all and God Bless you. Fr John.

Take Time to Pray

Reflect today on how you are impatient with your own soul. Is there a shortcoming that makes you angry with yourself? Are you frustrated with your limitations? Hold the reason of your impatience up to the sun of God's love and the rain of God's faithfulness. Remember that, while you might do a little weeding, it is God who will bring about the miracle of holiness in your soul. Thank God for the beauty of your soul and the beauty of the holiness God is creating within you. Perhaps repeat the prayer of Clare of Assisi: 'I praise and thank you, God, for having created me!'

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£143.30	£204.00	£120.00	£467.30
St Mary's	£169.25	£142.00	£261.00	£572.25

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Rotas: Weekend of **9th / 10th December**

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Cynthia, 11am Sandra & Natalie; St Mary's, Chris;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Margot & Elaine, 11am Katie; St Mary's, TBA;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Monica & David, 11am Maddie & Peter B; St Mary's, Steve, Vernon & Rob;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm Maddie, 11am Natalie; St Mary's, Megan, Peter & Louise;

Bidding Prayers: Andrew (following week – Wynn)

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.

Band Concert, Tuesday December 5th Tickets are now on sale in our churches, at £5; donations of mince pies and mulled wine will be greatly appreciated.

DAMBUSTERS DRAMA: LET'S ACT THEATRE COMPANY

Rehearsals have now begun for our brilliant cast of 16 including 5 of your favourite Glossop parishioners.

Performances are on: Dec. 9th (6pm) & Dec.10th (3pm) in St. Mary's Hall. We promise you a Messerschmitt, performing dogs, bouncing potatoes and death-defying stunts. To reserve seats, contact Wynn Moran

TO ALL FOOTBALL FANS: The 3pm Sunday matinee performance on Dec. 10th. will finish before the Derby begins.

Inspire Younger Generations

Do you enjoy working with Children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower young people in our Catholic schools & churches to bring alive a sense of global justice? Could you give an assembly in a local school to help with a Confirmation preparation session in church?

Supported by CAFOD with training & resources, you will relish the time spent discussing issues of global justice with young people, complementing the work of teachers, priests and catechists. "When people are in need, giving money isn't the only way to help; with volunteering you give your time and skills to make a difference." Sandra Sila, CAFOD Volunteer. For more information contact mmaiura@cafod.org.uk

Christmas Market, December 3rd Please come along to this joint parish fundraiser at the market in Old Glossop and enjoy an Irish Coffee with your friends.

Unclaimed Draw Prize. J Davis, ticket No: 0846, if you know who this is please contact Bernard McMylor.

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. - ; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p. - ; **Eucharistic. Prayer**, p. -

		All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	2 nd December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Pat Curwood – Anniversary - RIP</i>	
Sunday	3 rd December	11.00 am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Edith Fletcher – Birthday Blessings</i>
	First Sunday of Advent <i>Eucharistic Prayer No 1 (Violet)</i>	6.00 pm Advent Vespers	
Monday	4 th December	10.00 am <i>Service of Word and Holy Communion</i>	
Tuesday	5 th December		No Service Today
Wednesday	6 th December	10.00 am Mass <i>Bill Cato & Neil Millar</i>	
	<i>St Nicholas, Bishop (White)</i>		
Thursday	7 th December		10.00 am Mass <i>Terry Hoyle RIP</i>
	<i>St Ambrose, Bishop (White)</i>		
Friday	8 th December	10.00 am Mass <i>Eric Mortimer RIP</i> <i>Doric Wilkinson & Eileen Malley RIP</i>	
	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of the Diocese (White)</i>		
Saturday	9 th December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>People of the Parish</i>	10.00 am Exposition/Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass <i>Mrs O'Neill - Special Intention</i> <i>Neil McLaughlin RIP</i>
	<i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin (White)</i>		
Sunday	10 th December	11.00 am Mass <i>Vittoria Sonczak RIP</i>	9.30 am Mass <i>Colleen Whittam RIP</i>
	Second Sunday of Advent <i>Eucharistic Prayer No 2 (Violet)</i>	6.00 pm Advent Vespers	