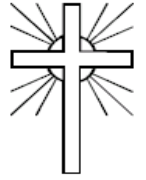


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 2018

Sunday 18th February 2018

There will be a Deanery Station Mass this year in Chapel-en-le-Frith on Wednesday 7th March. It will be at the Church of St. John Fisher and St Thomas More, Hordens Road, High Peak SK23 9ST. There will be Mass at 7pm with confessions beforehand. **Please remember Fr Kevin Gradwell** from Chapel-en-le-Frith who has been in hospital this week. (FG)

Let's get ready for Holy Week! With a planning meeting after the All Saints evening Mass on Saturday 3rd March. Would all section leaders please make an effort to come, or send along a representative. Thank You! (FG)

The next 'feedback meeting' from the PPC will be on Wednesday 28th February at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Hall. I do hope you will be able to come. (FG)

We continue our Lenten devotions in the parish with Stations of the Cross twice on a Friday at 9am – All Saints and 7pm at St Mary Crowned, followed by the Prayer Group at 8pm. Please try to come together for this Lenten tradition. (FG)

Additionally, you will have noticed that **Morning Prayer of the Church** will be said before the weekday Masses. If you would like one of these Prayer books please talk to me. Alternatively you can get it online www.universalis.com for your mobile or tablet. – Get involved this Lent! (FG)

We were well represented at the Ecumenical Morning Prayer last week. This Wednesday we will be at Elim Pentecostal Church at 7.15am with a light breakfast at 8am. If you can make it please come along with all the other Christians in the town. (FG)

We had a productive and eventful few days in Lourdes. As you may have heard a French bishop declared on Sunday that the recovery a long-debilitated nun made after she visited the shrine in Lourdes was a miracle, the 70th event to be recognised as an act of divine intervention at the world-famous pilgrimage site.

Bishop Jacques Benoit-Gonin of Beauvais proclaimed the miracle nearly a decade after Bernadette Moriau attended a blessing of the sick ceremony at the Lourdes sanctuary in southern France. The Bishop of Lourdes, Nicolas Brouwet announced the declaration during Mass at the shrine's basilica.

The shrine in southern France where apparitions of Mary, Jesus's mother, appeared 160 years ago to a 14-year-old girl is considered a site of miraculous cures. Moriau's experience underwent extensive studies and tests by the International Medical Committee of Lourdes. The bishop has the last word on whether to approve a reported cure as a miracle.

Moriau had four operations on her spinal column between 1968 and 1975 and was declared fully disabled in 1980. One foot was permanently twisted, requiring her to wear a brace and use a wheelchair. She took what she said were significant doses of morphine for pain.

"I never asked for a miracle," the nun, now 79, recounted of her July 2008 pilgrimage to Lourdes.

After returning to her home convent near Beauvais and praying in the chapel, "I felt a (surge of) well-being throughout my body, a relaxation, warmth.... I returned to my room & there, a voice told me to 'take off your braces,'" she said in a video posted on the Beauvais diocese web site. "Surprise. I could move."

Moriau said she immediately did away with all her aids, from braces to morphine – and took a 5 kilometre hike a few days later.

The bishop said the nun's "sudden, instantaneous, complete and durable change" alerted him to a possible miracle. The Lourdes medical committee said the changes were unexplainable "in the current state of our scientific knowledge," he added. A miracle at Lourdes last was declared in 2013. It involved an Italian woman who visited Lourdes in 1989, suffering severe high blood pressure and other problems.

Not all declared miracles pass through Lourdes. A French nun, Marie Simon-Pierre, was declared cured of Parkinson's disease after praying to the late Pope John Paul II, who suffered from the same neuro degenerative disorder. That helped fast-track the Pope's canonisation as one of the two miracles needed for him to become St John Paul II in 2014. (Catholic Herald)

If you would like to go with me to Lourdes this summer (16 – 20 July) with the Nottingham Diocesan Pilgrimage you would be very welcome. There is a group of 12 to date from Glossop and there are plenty of forms at the back of the Church. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to talk to me. (FG)

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Our offerings last week:

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£105.51	£150.00	£120.00	£375.51
St Mary's	£155.00	£161.00	£261.00	£577.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Many thanks for your continued contribution to the sick and retired Priests fund. Second collection:

All Saints £57.20; St Mary Crowned £33.00.

Parish Rotas: Weekend of 24th / 25th February

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Joan, 11am Chris; St Mary's, Liz;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Margot & Elaine, 11am Katie; St Mary's, Liz Haggart & Abigail Whitehead;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Joan & Geetha, 11am Maddy & Peter B; St Mary's, Rita, Rob & Steve;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm Peter G, 11am Chris M; St Mary's, Tony, Mark & Sarah;

Bidding Prayers: Wynn (following week – Andrew)

The Women's World Day of Prayer this year is at Central Methodist Church in Glossop, on 2nd March at 1.45pm. The service is prepared by the women of Suriname, & the theme is "All God's Creation is Very Good". We hope the change of time will enable more people to come.

Confirmation Programme 2018-2019: The Confirmation programme is open to all young people who will be in Year 8 or above in September and will run from September – May. Application forms will be available after Easter.

Parish Diary - for the next few months:

10th March	Church Coffee Morning, Bradbury House
17th March	St Patrick's Celebration, 7pm, Parish Hall
5th May	Church Coffee Morning, Bradbury House
9th June	Missio Coffee Morning, Bradbury House

CAFOD This Lent CAFOD are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. Hunger can kill children, but CAFOD is providing seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat. Donations will be matched by the UK government, so you can make double the difference!

FAST DAY COLLECTION Fast Day Envelopes & donations will be collected at the end of next weekend's masses.

CAFOD HARVEST BREAKFAST 10.45am, St Mary's Church Hall, next **Sunday 25th February**. Please come & join us for a cuppa, a bacon butty & plenty of good company. All proceeds to **CAFOD**.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Coffee Morning: Saturday 10th March, Bradbury House, 10am – 12 noon; Donations will be gratefully received for our stalls: Tombola, Raffle, Bric-a-Brac, Books, and Cakes on the day.

Easter Lilies: Our churches will again be decorated with lilies at Easter for loved ones who have died, details to follow.

St Mary's Church Cleaning: will take place after Thursday Mass on 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March to make the church beautiful for our Easter celebrations, come and join us when you can!

Confessions: St Mary's – Saturday 10.15 – 10.45am

All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm

Parish Mass Book: Sunday: **Gloria** p.- ; **Readings**, p.152 ; **Creed** p.11; **Preface** p.70; **Eucharistic. Prayer**, p.18

			All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	17 th	February	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Owen Sykes - Anniversary RIP	
Sunday	18 th	February	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am Mass James Queally & Family – Special Intention
Monday	19 th	February	9.40 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass Bob & Ellen Smith RIP	
Tuesday	20 th	February		No Service Today
Wednesday	21 st	February	9.40 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass Thanksgiving to Our Lady (JR)	
Thursday	22 nd	February		9.40 am Morning Prayer 10.00 am Mass Liz Horrigan RIP
Friday	23 rd	February	7.30 am Stations of the Cross 8.30 am Mass Catherine & Joseph Mitcheson RIP	7.00 pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	24 th	February	6.00 pm Vigil Mass Special Intention (GR)	10.00 am Exposition/Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass Yvonne Monks – Special Intention
Sunday	25 th	February	11.00 am Mass People of the Parish	9.30 am Mass Jean Wainhouse