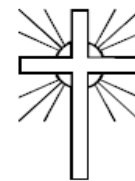


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2020

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## **Fr Martin writes,**

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Joan Pownall, who died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Mrs Pownall's funeral was celebrated at All Saints on Friday, and in keeping with present regulations, was open only to people whom her family personally invited."

## **Christmas Mass:**

### **Fr Martin writes,**

Although the Holyday Obligation remains suspended by our bishops during the present pandemic, many, many people will want to take part in a Christmas Mass.

With the limitations of numbers permitted in church, rightly, to keep people safe, it's good to remember that The Nativity of the Lord (like the Resurrection of the Lord), is a celebration that begins on a particular day, then continues first in an "Octave" and then a whole Season of celebration. And most people know the Twelve Days of Christmas, if only from the carol!

***I'm planning, God willing, and if our stewards are able to assist, to celebrate Holy Mass with a congregation on Christmas Eve and on every single one of the Twelve Days of Christmas.***

So this year, when you're planning your own celebrations, don't be worried about being able to take part on Christmas Eve or the First Day of Christmas.

When booking opens for Holy Mass during the Christmas season, if your first choice of Mass day is already booked up, you've others to choose from, all of which are a Christmas Mass!

Please help your friends and family members who make a special effort to attend Holy Mass at Christmas by passing this information to them, so they don't get disheartened if they can't find a place at the Mass they would normally attend. Make sure they know they've got twelve days to pick from!

You may also wish to remind them they must book a place, there are no toilet facilities, and the church will be cold (because we need maximum ventilation to keep people safe). And of course, nobody who has any of the Covid symptoms should attend.

**A reminder:** visit [www.massbooking.uk](http://www.massbooking.uk) or phone **07427 556088** to book a place at Mass

**GLOSSOP ROSARY.** A number of people in Glossop have made a commitment to say one decade of the Rosary on each weekday (Monday to Friday) in our respective homes, at any time of the day, praying with Our Lady in supplication for all the problems of the world.

One week we say the Joyful Mysteries, and then continue, weekly, with the other three Mysteries so by the end of four weeks all the Mysteries would be completed. We then start the Rosary all over again. Anyone can be part of this – all you have to do is to say one decade of the Rosary on each weekday. Each week our newsletter will remind us of the Mystery for the forthcoming week.

When Covid restrictions finish we hope to have a gathering of all parishioners who have participated. If you would like to join the Glossop Rosary Group, no formalities are required, but if you are comfortable letting us have your name (and, optionally, contact details) we can get an idea of how many people are participating, and invite you to any gathering that may take place. Please phone Monica or email [glossop-rosary@peakcatholic.-org.uk](mailto:glossop-rosary@peakcatholic.-org.uk). We are continuing the Rosary on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November** with the Mysteries of Light.

**The Diocese of Nottingham** invites you to join others from the diocese in preparing for and celebrating Christmas.

**Praying with Our Lady through Advent** – We invite you to pray one extra Hail Mary each day in Advent, asking for Our Lady's prayers to help all of us as a diocese, open our hearts and minds to welcome Jesus afresh this Christmas. She was the first person to welcome Him into her life & her intercession can help us to draw closer to Him & feel His presence with us anew this Christmas. Every other day you will be able to watch people from our diocese pray the Hail Mary in different languages on the diocesan social media sites, search for Diocese of Nottingham or Bishop Patrick McKinney on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube.

**Living Advent Podcast** – Living Advent is a weekly podcast series throughout Advent exploring the virtues of Hope, Love, Joy & Peace with people from across the diocese and how we can live them out. We speak to a young husband and father, a musician, a retired social worker and a police officer. You can find it on your usual podcast service by searching 'Living Advent Podcast' or visit [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/podcasts) for links on how to stream or download it.

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**The Week Ahead** (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church)

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b> Our Lady's Saturday 9.45am to 10.45am , ASC open for private prayer
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b> First Sunday of Advent 10.00am to 11.00am , SMC open for private prayer
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b> St Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland 9.45am to 10.45am, SMC open for private prayer
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b> The Martyrs of Derbyshire
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Advent Feria <b>10.00am, ASC Holy Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> St Francis Xavier, Priest <b>10.00am, SMC Holy Mass</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b> St John Damascene, Priest & Doctor <b>10.00am, ASC Holy Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Feria <b>10.00-10.30am SMC Confessions,</b> <b>6.00pm, ASC Holy Mass for Sunday –</b> visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b> Second Sunday of Advent <b>10.30am SMC Holy Mass –</b> visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place

**Advent Prayer**

Eternal God,  
 you will come when  
 we do not expect you.  
 Help us to welcome you now  
 in one another,  
 to reach out to our sisters  
 and brothers  
 who are in need of care  
 and support.  
 In this way may we be found ready,  
 when you come again in glory.  
 Amen.

**Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:**

For the people of the parishes (twice); for the Holy Souls (twice); for Frank Mockton and the deceased members of the Mannion and Booth families, RIP (JM); for Violet Longson RIP (BB); for a special intention (Our Lady of Lourdes) (JH); for Bridget Byrne RIP (ML); and for the intentions of John Eaton (90th birthday blessing) (BE).

**Live streaming services for This Weekend:**

**For Bishop Patrick**, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community>  
**For Nottingham Cathedral** at 10 am, go to: <https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral>  
**This Sunday's Mass Readings are:** Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7; Psalm 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1: 3-9; Mk 13: 33-37

**Background on today's Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37**

With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our Gospel readings present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.