

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

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF 2020

Sunday 8th November 2020

Fr Martin writes,

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Maureen Capper**, who died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Mrs Capper's funeral service will take place at St Mary Crowned on Thursday morning, God willing. Because of the current lockdown regulations, only people who are invited by name by Mrs Capper's family are able to attend."

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Violet Longson**, who died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. No funeral arrangements for Mrs Longson had yet been announced when this newsletter went to press."

"Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of **Fr Michael Horrax**, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Because of current limits on attendance, Fr Michael's funeral will be open only to those people who are specifically invited."

Fr Martin writes,

Thankfully, in this lockdown, churches may open for private, individual, silent prayer, and going to a church for private prayer is one of the valid reasons for leaving the house.

The usual restrictions we are now used to apply, of course, with people required to wear a face covering and sanitise their hands on entering, and sit where directed by the stewards. Nobody who has any Covid symptoms may visit. There are no toilet facilities.

These are the planned opening times for the current lockdown. **Each opening session lasts an hour**.

Mondays: 9.45am at St Mary Crowned **Wednesdays**: 9.45am at All Saints

Thursdays: 9.45am at St Mary Crowned (but not on

Thursday 12th November)

Fridays: 9.45am at All Saints

Saturdays: 9.45am at All Saints

Sundays: 10am at St Mary Crowned

Thank you to all the stewards whose generosity makes it possible to open the churches for private

prayer.

St Mary Crowned Restoration

Fr Martin writes,

Good news! After five years of hard work and meticulous planning by the Glossop Parishes Maintenance Committee, and generous fundraising by parishioners, the plan that Fr Greg began five years ago to repair and improve the interior of St Mary Crowned is soon to turn into action. Plans have been drawn up, tenders have been received, and the project has been approved Historic Churches Committee, who have granted a faculty for the work to begin. It has been approved by the Diocesan Buildings and Sites Committee, and has gained permission from the Diocesan Trustees. Since there is not enough money to do all the work at once, it will be done in two stages, and the first stage, of repairing and redecorating, may now begin as soon as the chosen contractors are ready to start.

Further news will follow later, but for now, let's breathe a sigh of relief, thank God, and thank the people who have worked with such determination to save St Mary's.

<u>Gidea Park Study Days –</u>

St John Henry Newman and Vatican I

2020 marks 150 years since the climax of the First Vatican Council and the definition of papal infallibility.

What did the Council really proclaim and what was its lasting impact? And what were the reactions of English Catholics to this proclamation?

Professor John Morrill Professor John Morrill is a permanent deacon in the Catholic Diocese of East Anglia and until recently Director of Ongoing Formation for the Clergy. John is emeritus Professor of British and Irish History at the University of Cambridge and he is a Life Fellow of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Saturday 21st November 2020, 11.00 am – 3.00 pm. Live streamed from the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park.

To access go to www.ssppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. Talks will be available subsequently on www.whatqoodnews.org

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

Questions of Faith - Praying for the Dead.

"Those who die are no further from us than God, and God is very near."

These lovely words are from Teilhard de Chardin and speak our Christian faith. Our loved ones are with the Lord. We pray for them and with them, telling them still of our love for them, asking and granting forgiveness and reassurance, as we see the need.

The longing for the completeness of God's love which we shall all know when we die is our being purified (purgatory), regretting we did not live more fully for God. What joy in pain of forgiveness that suggests!

Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 7th November, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass this week:

For the people of the parishes (both Saturdays); for Sister Cecilia Elizabeth RIP (CJ);

For Sanczak, Bucko and others, RIP (A&MB); for Eileen Higgins RIP (anniv) (KR); for John Forshaw RIP (anniv) (AF); For Peter Robinson RIP (ER); for Ken & Maureen Routledge RIP;

and for the welfare of Carmen & Gabriela James (V&JT).

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: Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalm 62: 2-8; 1 Thess 4: 13-18; Mt 25: 1-13

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Matthew 25: 1-13

Only Matthew tells this parable (though Luke 12:35-38 gives the same teaching). It follows on from the parable of the good steward who faithfully looks after the master's affairs during his absence, in contrast to the servant who takes advantage of the master's absence and too late realises the return is upon him. The bridesmaids show a similar contrast. All are invited to the wedding, just as both the servants were trusted. Bridesmaids are invited to provide ceremony with lighted lamps for the wedding processions and reception. They are not there for themselves but to give honour to the bridegroom and bride. The shortage of oil is the responsibility of the foolish bridesmaids. They must atone by going to buy oil for themselves, but fear being late back - so they ask for a share of the wise virgins' oil instead. Justifiably, the request is refused. It is common sense that oil sufficient for five lamps would not be sufficient for ten, and the wedding reception would have been ruined.

Everyday life is full of scroungers preying on the kindness or embarrassment of others. Provide for yourselves responsibly, says the parable. Be wise, not foolish and wasteful. Prepare for the coming of the Lord by always being ready.

"At Sea: Awaiting Orders" by Fr Colum Kelly. Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea, is celebrating its centenary this year. To mark the centenary, Fr Colum Kelly, who spent sixteen years as chaplain at Immingham port in our diocese, has written a book, musing over some of the people he has met and the events that have inspired his work over those years. In 'At Sea: Awaiting Orders', Fr Colum draws us into the lives of those seafarers and details how freight ships are the lifeblood of industry and essential to our national economy. His humour, kindness and keen sense of the whimsical will give you a fascinating insight into the hugely important role played by the priests, lay chaplains and ship visitors who work for Stella Maris. The book is illustrated by Bryony Watson, one of the lay chaplains at Immingham. At Sea: Awaiting Orders is available to buy in paperback or to download for your kindle on Amazon by following this link books2read.com/ColumKellyAtSeaAwaitingOrders