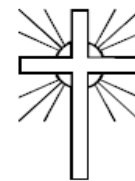


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2021

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021

**Mass Bookings at St Mary's** There are 24 bookable spaces for Mass at St Mary's Parish Hall on Sundays while the church is being restored. It is wonderful that so many parishioners faithfully attend in spite of Lockdown. Unfortunately, many parishioners who would like to book are unable to. Please be considerate when booking a place. If you have been to Mass at the weekend, we request that you do not automatically book the following week when bookings open on Monday. Perhaps consider coming to Mass every other week to allow others the opportunity to attend, or delay booking to enable others to book. No booking is required for weekday Masses or for Confessions and all are welcome there. *Thank you.*

**Great British Spring Clean – 28<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

This spring, our church community is invited to join Keep Britain Tidy to clear litter from our streets and parks; what is good for our environment is good for our mental & physical health too. In the past year our outdoor spaces have mattered more than ever before. Why not join us and show some love for those special places that helped us through lockdown. If you are interested in being part of our litter-picking group, we are meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May at the closed Wrens Nest Pub Carpark from 1pm and you can stay as long as you like. If you are driving, there's plenty of on-road space on Surrey Street nearby. We shall provide hi-viz jackets, litter pickers, bags. For more info: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean>

**St Mary's Restoration - Update**

The work at St Mary's is progressing well. A lot of the loose plaster has now been dealt with and most areas of the church have had the first coat of paint. The rewiring is almost completed. Water ingress at the Lady Chapel meant further pointing work was needed around the bell tower, but this has been completed and the roofer can't see any other issues. The contractors are hopeful that the project will be completed by some time in July if all goes according to the schedule.

Photos of the restoration are regularly uploaded to the Glossop Catholics website if you would like to take a look.

**Glossop Rosary:** We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May with the Glorious Mysteries.

**The Word and the Common Good:** You are invited to join Catholics from around the Diocese of Nottingham for an interactive online course over six Monday evenings in June and July. As life starts afresh after lockdown, it's a rare opportunity to sow seeds of the Gospel.

- *Discover how Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching can help us seize this moment and build a society that reflects God's Kingdom*
- *Build bridges following a year of social distancing and foster a new 'culture of encounter'*
- *Form new friendships, renew old ones, and help to build our parish communities for mission.*

The sessions begin on Monday 7 June at 7.00 p.m. for six weeks. To find out more:

- Visit [dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us](https://dioceseofnottingham.uk/here-now-us)
- Join an Open Evening on Monday 17 May

**Beseeking prayers of celebration** for the unsung hero, **Anne-Marie Ross**, who was 70 on April the 30<sup>th</sup>. Anne-Marie is the daughter of Kathleen and Donald Ross, who will be remembered as devoted workers for St Mary's parish where Kathleen was a daily communicant. As a baby, Anne-Marie was badly affected by an attack of measles, which left her with severe mental and physical disabilities.

It is a God-given wonder that she has survived for so many years and that she is being cared for in her Hadfield bungalow. Blessings be upon her.

**Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading John 15 : 1-8**

Jesus is at the Last Supper with his disciples. He has washed their feet, foretold his betrayal by one of them, reassured them he will prepare a place for them in Heaven, told them he and the Father are one ("Whoever has seen me has seen the Father"), and promised to send them the Holy Spirit, the Advocate.

He has asked them to be joyful that he is going to the Father and given them a share of his peace, his own peace. Now he gives them an image of his oneness with them as the Vine and the branches. Israel had been God's vine - as imaged in the psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel: but Jesus is the new Israel, the new Vine, and we are the branches. Notice that the Father is the vinedresser (recalling Isaiah, chapter 5, and some of Jesus' parables) and that the Father prunes Jesus before we ourselves are pruned.

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<b>The Week Ahead</b> (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall)	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>6.00pm,</b>	Easter Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil Mass) (People of the Parishes) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b> <b>10.30am,</b>	Fifth Sunday of Easter <b>SMH Holy Mass</b> (Barbara Burns – Easter Blessing (CW)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	SS Philip & James, Apostles <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Thom & Paul Sonczak RIP (A&M))
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	The English Martyrs <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for Christine Worthington – Easter Blessing (BB)</i>
<b>Wed'sday 5<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	Easter Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Joan Garlick RIP (JR))
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	Easter Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS))
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00am,</b>	Easter Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Oliver Shute & Oliver Strode RIP (J&CB))
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.00-10.30am,</b> <b>6.00pm,</b>	Easter Feria <b>ASC Confessions,</b> <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vigil Mass) (People of the Parishes) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b> <b>10.30am,</b>	Sixth Sunday of Easter <b>SMH Holy Mass</b> (Anne-Marie Ross – 70 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Blessing (CSB)) - visit <a href="http://www.massbooking.uk">www.massbooking.uk</a> or phone <b>07427 556088</b> to book a place
<b>This Sunday's Mass Readings are:</b> Acts 9: 26-31; Psalm 21: 26-28, 30-32; 1 John 3: 18-24; John 15: 1-8 <b>Coronavirus Lockdown, excerpts from Fr Martin's article in last week's Newsletter:</b> <b>We continue to be thankful</b> that in the present lockdown people "can attend places of worship for a service." Thank you to everyone who contacted their MP during the second lockdown, asking their MP to request to see the evidence for the closure of places of worship. The government's current decision was based on the heartening results of places of worship diligently applying their Covid Secure measures. <b>We need to continue keeping each other safe</b> by continuing our diligent and cheerful compliance with the measures that keep people safe. it would be easy to slacken off, but remember that even if you had your second vaccination 35 days ago, and so are now as well protected as you can be, and even if you took a lateral flow test immediately before setting off for Holy Mass, and it came up negative, other people in church don't know all that, and seeing somebody failing to wear a face covering or failing to observe social distancing can cause some people such anxiety that they are not able to give serene attention to the Holy Mass, and may even choose not to attend again. We remember that one mark of a disciple of Jesus is that we voluntarily forgo some of our freedom for the sake of others (see Matthew 17:24-27). Even if somebody thought that they are immune and uninfected, and believed that the battle against Covid has already been won, and so felt they had the right to forgo a face covering and social distancing, they would, in Christian love, not exercise that perceived right (see 1 Corinthians chapter 8). <b>Hand sanitising is not just a gesture.</b> Remember that hand sanitiser (or soap & water) should be used liberally, & rubbed into all parts of the hands for a full 20 seconds. <b>Your nose is part of your face.</b> We should take care to wear our face coverings properly at Holy Mass, making sure that mouth and nose remain covered. Face coverings are compulsory at Holy Mass, apart from individuals who are legitimately exempt. A three-layer face covering (single use or washable) should be used if at all possible, and many local shops sell three-layer face coverings (In Aldi I saw packs of three, three-layer wash-able masks for £4.99). Three-layer single use masks are available from the stewards on entry to the church or hall. <b>Two metres.</b> The seating for Holy Mass is arranged to keep individuals or household groups two metres from others. While queuing to enter, and when moving around, we should take care to maintain that two metre spacing. <b>Follow the stewards' instructions.</b> Our stewards have generously volunteered to help people stay safe, and their instructions should be followed promptly and cheerfully. Without the stewards, we would not be having Holy Mass with a congregation. <b>Let's continue to pray</b> for all those suffering from Covid, the medical staff who care for them, the scientists working to eliminate the disease and advise the government, and those in government and the civil service who are charged with the responsibility of keeping us all safe.	