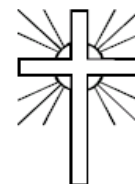


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2021

Sunday 12th December 2021

Advent Prayer: A Prayer for Gaudete Sunday

God of joy, may this world rejoice
in the coming of your kingdom, may it bring justice to
the oppressed; peace to all the nations;
and freedom to all who are enslaved.

Come quickly, O Lord Jesus,
bring joy to your world. Amen.

God of joy, may all in need rejoice
in the coming of your salvation, may it bring healing
to the sick; comfort to all in distress;
and safety for those in danger.

Come quickly, O Lord Jesus,
bring joy to those in pain this day. Amen.

Joyful God, we thank you for your delight in creation,
for your care for your people,
and for your many gifts to us.

Prepare us for the coming of your Son,
may he come quickly and find us joyful in your
service, watchful in prayer, and trusting in your
promises; these and all our prayers we make in the
name of the one for whom we wait,
Jesus Christ, our saviour and our king. Amen.

Joint Parish Pastoral Council:

There is a vacancy on the Pastoral Council due to
the recent retirement from the council of one of the
members due to other commitments.

A new member is sought for the remainder of the
term which will end in 2023.

Anyone who is interested in contributing to our parish
community through the PPC should speak to either
Father Martin or Ann King who will provide copies of
the constitution and nomination form for this role.

Covid-19: Government Plan B:

The Government announced during the past week
the move to their 'Plan B' in order to control the
spread of the new variant of Covid-19. Plan B covers
a number of areas of guidance for public action.

**As a result, the use of face coverings in public
places, including places of worship, is once again
mandatory. These should be worn throughout your
time on church premises.**

Face masks, as well as hand sanitiser, are available
at the entrances of our churches.

Please be aware that in following the guidance helps
to restrict the spread of the virus, and protects not
only oneself but others too, a goal that we as
Christians embrace willingly.

Any further changes to the guidance which affect
our churches will be provided as soon as is possible.

Christmas Mass Times:

Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve:

SMC, 5.45pm, Carols

SMC, 6.00pm, Christmas Vigil Mass

Saturday 25th December, Christmas Day:

ASC, 10.30am, Christmas Day Mass

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading: Lk 3:10-18

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on
John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way
for Christ. If we were to read Luke's Gospel
continuously, we would learn about John the
Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him
and calling upon them to show evidence of their
repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot
rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of
Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance
must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is
continuing to set up two important themes of his
Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in
one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended
to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

Today, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics.
What evidence of repentance is required? John
replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should
share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be
just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice
is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the
Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his
baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in
preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows
his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By
encouraging the crowd to act similarly in
accordance with their stations in life, John's
teaching suggests that each person has a role to
play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of
our salvation that God permits and even asks for
human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete
Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means
"rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance
antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in
today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the
Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by
lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on
their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent
season is a season of joy because our salvation is
already at hand.

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

Parish Mass Book: This weekend's Readings: p.88, Gloria p. 9, Creed p.12

Saturday 11th Advent Feria
6.00pm, **ASC Holy Mass** (Vigil Mass) (The Holy Souls)
Second Collection for the Poor and Needy Parishes Fund

Sunday 12th **Third Sunday of Advent**
9.15am, **SMC Holy Mass** (Violet Longson RIP (CW))
Second Collection for the Poor and Needy Parishes Fund
11.15am, **ASC Holy Mass** (The People of the Parishes)
Second Collection for the Poor and Needy Parishes Fund
5.00pm, **ASC Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)**

Monday 13th St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr
10.00am, **ASC Holy Mass** (The Russell and Rowbottom Families RIP (GR))

Tuesday 14th St John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor
Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the Holy Souls

Wed'sday 15th Advent Feria
10.00am, **ASC Holy Mass** (Gadd and Shanahan Families RIP (GS))
Please pray for today's meeting of the Glossop Parishes Maintenance Committee

Thursday 16th Advent Feria
10.00am, **SMC Holy Mass** (S Mitcheson – Birthday Blessing (JR))

Friday 17th Advent Feria
10.00am, **SMC Holy Mass** (Lily O'Neill – Special Intention (MSH))
7.00-8.00pm, **SMH Prayer Group**

Saturday 18th Advent Feria
10.00-10.30am, **SMC Confessions,** *Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside*
12.00-12.30pm, **ASC Confessions,** *Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside*
6.00pm, **ASC Holy Mass** (Vigil Mass) (The Holy Souls)

Sunday 19th **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
9.15am, **SMC Holy Mass** (The Ryan and O'Neill Families RIP (PT))
11.15am, **ASC Holy Mass** (The People of the Parishes)
3.30pm, **ASC The Baptism of Annie Tierney**
5.00pm, **ASC Sung Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church)**

Forthcoming Events in the Parishes:
GLOSSOP ROSARY: We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 13th December with the Sorrowful Mysteries.
Coffee and Catch Up:
It was so lovely to see so many at the last catch up. Looking forward to seeing you at the next one on **Monday 13th December 1.30pm-2.30pm in St Mary's Hall.** Everyone welcome!
Christmas Roses: We are planning to decorate our churches with roses for our loved ones again this Christmas. Please leave £1 for each rose you would like to buy in the basket at the back of your church, Thank you.
Very Easy Dementia Friendly walks: Easy walks open to all and to enable those living with dementia and carers supporting loved ones to enjoy meeting up, being outdoors and sharing experiences. Walks led by trained Walk Leaders who have a good understanding of dementia.
Details: 10.30am, 17th December, Manor Park. Meeting Place: Outside Shepley Street Café.
HELPING HANDS: During the pandemic, 'Helping Hands' has responded to requests for help with shopping and prescription collection as well as other requests. Drivers and shoppers are available to help those who are unable to leave the house. **CONTACT:** Wynne or Rob.