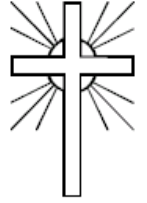


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# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022

## **Fr Martin writes, Dr Helena Rakicka RIP**

Last week we prayed for the repose of the soul of Dr Helena Rakicka, and last week's newsletter went to press before her funeral arrangements had been announced.

We are now able to report that, God willing, Dr Rakicka's body will be received into St Mary Crowned by Canon Don Bowdren at 7pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December, and her Funeral Mass will be celebrated by Fr Martin, with Canon Don concelebrating, at 10.15am on Friday 16<sup>th</sup>.

*May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## **Fr Martin writes, Confession the easy way:**

At a time of year when we are thinking what the people we love would like as a gift, we remember how Jesus tells us (in the parable of the Prodigal Son and many other places elsewhere in the scriptures) that the gift which will most delight the Father is our repentance, when we accept His offer not only to forgive our sins but also, by the working of the Holy Spirit, to restore within in us what we have damaged: that share of divine life by which we are made God's sons and daughters, destined for eternal joy. Before the pandemic some people made Advent and Lent services of reconciliation a regular part of their Christian discipleship, and many people find that a reconciliation service is the easiest way back to confession after a period away.

Readings and an examination of conscience help us confront our own sinfulness and renew our trust in the mercy of God; a choice of priests are present, for individual confession; and then we all stay to give thanks together for the forgiveness of sin and restoration of innocence that Christ gives us in this mighty sacrament.

Our Advent reconciliation service is on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary Crowned Church at 3pm.

All of the priests assisting will be just as welcoming to someone who last went to confession forty years ago as they will be to someone who was at the sacrament of reconciliation last Saturday.

## **Christmas Mass Times:**

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Eve:**

SMC, 5.45pm, Carols

SMC, 6.00pm, Christmas Vigil Mass

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day:**

ASC, 10.00am, Christmas Day Mass

## **Volunteer Peter Greenhalgh writes:**

### **Floral Yule Log Workshop**

There will be a workshop at St Mary's Church on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 4pm to 5.30pm. The workshop will be led by Sandra Ballington, the well known florist, to show how to create a flower arrangement for Christmas. Materials and a "Yule Log" will be provided for you to have a go yourselves. The cost is £ 10 to cover flowers and essentials as well as the cost of heating the church.

Book your place with Jenny Cieslik (SMC) or Ann King (ASC).

## **Volunteer Margaret McCormack writes:**

### **"Carols in the Square"**

The "Churches Together" group are holding "Carols in the Square", in Glossop town square, at 7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is most welcome to come and join in the singing of carols! Please do come along!

## **Editor Liz Nash writes:**

### **"Songs by Candlelight"**

Our Musician Simon Groarke has organised a concert, "Songs by Candlelight", at St Mary's Church, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be served during the interval. Everyone is welcome to come along, and there is no charge for entry, but you are invited to bring a contribution to the Glossop Foodbank for delivery to someone in need after Christmas. There will be a retiring collection to cover the cost of heating the church for the concert.

## **Editor Liz Nash writes,**

### **Christmas Roses:**

We will be decorating our churches with roses again at Christmas in memory of our loved ones. If you would like to buy a rose in memory of a loved one, please place their name and £1 in the basket at the back of your church.

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

**Parish Mass Book: This weekend's readings: p.85, Gloria p. 9, Creed p.11**

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| <b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b><br>6.00pm,   | St Francis Xavier, Priest<br><b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes)   |
| <b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b><br>9.15am,<br>11.15am,                                     | <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b><br><b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Rita Hussell – Birthday Blessing (MB))<br><b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Vincenzo Napolitano RIP (GN))   |
| <b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b><br>10.00am,  | Advent Feria<br><b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Bishop James McGuinness RIP (JEM))  |
| <b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b><br>1.15pm,  | St Nicholas, Bishop<br><b>SMC Funeral Mass of Tommy Chambers RIP</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b><br>10.00am,<br>10.00am,                                 | St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor<br><b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS))<br><b>SMC Church cleaning</b>   |
| <b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b><br><br>10.00am,<br>11.00am,<br>2.15pm,<br>7.00 – 9.00pm, | The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese, Solemnity<br><b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The welfare of Catherine Hollingworth (CB))<br><b>SMC Meeting</b> to discuss the Christmas Fayre<br><b>SMS Reception Class Nativity</b> , all are welcome<br><b>St Charles Church, Hadfield, Sycamore Session 11, The Light of Christ</b> |
| <b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b><br>10.00am,<br>7.00pm,                                     | St John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin<br><b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Bishop Ellis RIP (JEM))<br><b>SMH Prayer Group</b>   |
| <b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b><br>10.00 – 10.30am,<br>4pm – 5.30pm,<br>6.00pm,         | Advent Feria<br><b>ASC Confessions</b><br><b>SMC Floral Yule Log Workshop</b><br><b>ASC Vigil Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes)   |
| <b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b><br>9.15am,<br>11.15am,<br>3.00pm,                         | <b>Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday</b><br><b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Shenny de Martinez RIP (BB))<br><b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Andrew King RIP (D&PB))<br><b>SMC Service of Reconciliation with Confessions</b>  |

*As Advent marks the beginning of the new church year, we have moved to Cycle A for our Sunday Mass readings, and to Year 1 for our weekday Mass readings.*

**More dates for the Diary:**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> **December**, 4pm, Carols By Candlelight at St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. Join together at St Barnabas Cathedral (or by means of live-stream) in song and worship this Advent.

Live stream details on the website: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/carols-by-candlelight](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/carols-by-candlelight)  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> **December**, at St Mary's School, KS1 Nativity – Honky Tonky Donkey, 2.15pm and 6pm, all are welcome to attend.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> **December**, at St Mary's Church, Christingle, 6.30pm, all are welcome to attend.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> **December**, at St Mary's School, Carols around the Crib, 1.45pm, all welcome to attend.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> **December**: Early Evening New Year's Eve Party, at ASC, 7pm; come along for Cheese and Wine, Beer and Sausages, drinks to include alcoholic and non-alcoholic, and soft drinks too!

**The GLOSSOP ROSARY** will continue on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December with the Glorious Mysteries.

**Please remember in your prayers this week:**

Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem.

Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell. Harry Sweeney, who is recovering from an operation.