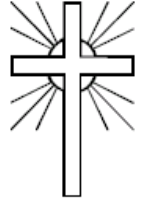
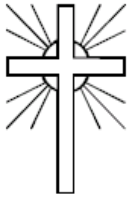


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

Glossop Catholic Parishes – Jesus Christ calls everyone
to experience His **transforming love**.

We **joyfully** embrace our responsibility to **proclaim** this good news.



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF 2023 – 23rd JULY

ALSO WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Today we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme chosen

by Pope Francis for his message for this year's celebration is: **"His mercy is from age to age"**.

An Excerpt from Pope Francis' message:

"Let us remember that our life is meant to be lived to the full, and that our greatest hopes and dreams are not achieved instantly but through a process of growth and maturation, in dialogue and in relationship with others. Those who focus only on the here and now, on money and possessions, on "having it all now", are blind to the way God works. His loving plan spans past, present and future; it embraces and connects the generations. It is greater than we are, yet includes each of us and calls us at every moment to *keep pressing forward*.

For the young, this means being ready to break free from the fleeting present in which virtual reality can entrap us, preventing us from doing something productive. For the elderly, it means not dwelling on the loss of physical strength and thinking with regret about missed opportunities. Let us all look ahead! And allow ourselves to be shaped by God's grace, which from generation to generation frees us from inertia and from dwelling on the past!"

Pope Francis' message is available in full on the parish website: www.glossopcatholics.org.uk

The recent 'WHY? Course' was well attended, and highly appreciated by participants, whose comments at the end of the course were:

"Thought provoking, a worthwhile experience."

"An enjoyable course, giving the opportunity to relate to other parishioners."

"I really appreciated how welcoming and friendly everyone was."

"Debate and discussion among Christians is healthy and useful, more is needed."

The 'WHY? Course' will run again later this year; also 'Sycamore' will begin in September, running on Saturday mornings in St Mary's Hall.

Sycamore is a series of informal sessions about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. The sessions include a light meal, a short film and time for discussion.

Further details will be in the Newsletter in August.

Thoughts on today's Gospel Reading Mt 13:24-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers three parables which use commonplace experiences to describe aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The first parable alerts us to the two-fold reality of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven can be found in this world. The fruition of the Kingdom of Heaven, however, will not be realized until the final judgment. In the meantime, as Jesus' explanation to the disciples cautions, any effort to judge the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven is premature.

Only God, in the final judgment, will distinguish the fruit of the Kingdom of Heaven and offer its reward.

The second and third parables call to our attention the abundance that will result from the small beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven. Just as a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, will become a large bush, so too God will bring his Kingdom to full bloom.

As a small amount of yeast will leaven the entire batch of bread, so too God will bring about the expansion of his Kingdom.

In each case the image is of the superabundance that God brings out of even the smallest of signs of the Kingdom.

Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. In the parable of the sower we are warned against judging others.

To judge and uproot the "weeds" prematurely will harm the wheat; final judgment rests with God. In the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast, we are consoled by the message that God can work wonders and produce abundance from even the smallest beginnings of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Margaret Burke writes,

Thank you to all my friends in both our churches for their lovely reception and many good wishes on the occasion of my 90th Birthday.

GLOSSOP ROSARY:

We will be continuing our Rosary devotion on Monday 24th July with the Sorrowful Mysteries.

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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.105, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11

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| Saturday 22nd 6.00pm, | St Mary Magdalene, Feast ASC Vigil Mass (Family, friends and benefactors (M&A)) |
| Sunday 23rd 9.15am, 11.15am, 3.00pm, | Sixteenth Sunday of the Year – World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly SMC Holy Mass (Margaret Burke – 90 th Birthday Blessing (P&MM)) ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) SMC Baptism of Olivia Walthall |
| Monday 24th 10.00am, | St Sharbel Makhluf ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) |
| Tuesday 25th | St James, Apostle, Feast <i>Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the Holy Souls</i> |
| Wednesday 26th 10.00am, | SS Joachim and Anna, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary ASC Holy Mass (Patrick Shanahan RIP (GS)) <i>Please pray for today's Health and Safety training for the Clergy</i> |
| Thursday 27th 9.00am, | Feria SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Please pray for today's Day of Recollection for Priests</i> |
| Friday 28th 11.30am, 7.00pm, | Feria St Mary's, Marple Bridge, SK6 5BB - Funeral Mass of Father Kevin Gradwell RIP SMH Prayer Group |
| Saturday 29th 10.00 – 10.30am, 2.00 – 4.00pm, 6.00pm, | SS Martha, Mary and Lazarus SMC Confessions SMC Church open to visitors ASC Vigil Mass (The Holy Souls) |
| Sunday 30th 9.15am, 11.15am, | Seventeenth Sunday of the Year SMC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) |

Please join your fellow parishioners in praying our parish prayer daily – “Heavenly Father, bless and prosper our efforts to renew the life of our parishes. Help me to discover the part you want me to play, and give me the courage to trust in the power of the Holy Spirit. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Dates for your diary: We will celebrate Heritage Open Days 2023 with two free events: On **Sunday, September 10th** Owen Russell will be giving a talk at St Mary's Church about his reminiscences of All Saints School, and on **Tuesday, September 12th**, Tony Wright will be giving a talk at All Saints Church about the history of All Saints Church and the Howard Family. Look out for more details nearer the time.

Saturday 16th September, Joint Coffee Morning at Bradbury House, 10am-12noon.

Volunteer Request from the Events group: Each Monday a community group uses St Mary's Church to socialise from 12 to 1.30pm. We need someone to open the church about once a month, welcome the group and close the church afterwards. Please speak to Jenny if you can help.

St Mary's Welcomers Team: Please consider if you could offer to be part of the Welcomers Team at St Mary's 9.15am Mass on Sundays. This is an important role, greeting people as they come into church. Please speak to Jenny if this is something you would like to be involved with.

All Saints 'Thrifty Fifty' Draw: The winner of the £100 Thrifty Fifty Draw for June is Mr P McDonald.

Please remember in your prayers this week: Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell.
Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem.