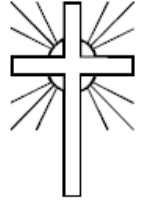


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2023 – 10TH DECEMBER

Home Visits: Fr Martin writes,

"Now the new church year begins, an apt time for new beginnings in our own spiritual journey. Some people like to make an extra effort to get to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Advent. If you are housebound, and would like me to visit you for the Sacrament, or for any other reason, please do not hesitate to mention it to the Extraordinary Minister who brings you Holy Communion, or to contact me directly by phone or email.

"I am certain that the prayers of our housebound parishioners are what in some circles is called a 'force multiplier,' and empower our efforts to renew the life of our parishes. Let our housebound parishioners, who were once active in so many practical ways, never doubt that their ministry has changed, not ended, and is still vital to the flourishing of our parishes."

Father Martin and the Core Leadership Team write:

As those who attend the Vigil Mass missed the opportunity last week, you are invited to write your name on a label at this week's Vigil Mass instead. We ask again that you pray for one of the parishioners during Holy Mass.

Stop the 14-day limit on experimenting on embryos being removed

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) is pushing to remove the 14-day limit for experimenting on embryos, despite 97% of submissions from the general public to their consultation objecting to these plans.

Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website that makes it easy for you to email your MP asking them to oppose a change to legislation that, if passed, would pave the way for the removal of the 14-day limit.

Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/14days to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

THE GLOSSOP ROSARY: We continue on Monday 11th December with the Joyful Mysteries.

During Advent and Christmastide, our bishops invite us to join them in praying for: Migrants and Refugees, and Expectant Mothers

The Jewish festival of Hanukkah began on Thursday night and lasts eight days.

We wish a Happy Hanukkah to our Jewish friends, relatives, workmates and neighbours.

Old Glossop Christmas Market: Many thanks to all who supported this event in any way!

Today we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent

Loving Lord, please help me to be a patient person. Grant me the serenity to preserve some personal stillness in this increasingly busy world.

Retreat Day, Saturday 16th December, 10am-3pm, in St Mary's Hall.

Next Sunday, 17th December will be the third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday.

Our readings on that day guide us in preparing for Jesus' birth with joy and anticipation.

In the Gospel for Gaudete Sunday, John the Baptist says 'Make a straight way for the Lord'.

The Retreat Day next Saturday includes two Sycamore sessions, 'The Gift of Faith' and 'The Power of Prayer', which offer an ideal way to reflect on our lives and make a straight way for the Lord this Advent.

The sessions include short films and discussions which can help us all to come to a deeper faith in Jesus. There will also be opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, some discussions and a time for quiet reading and prayer.

Do take the time to come for all or a part of the day. The morning session starts with a free breakfast at 10am, and the afternoon session starts with a free lunch at 12.40pm.

Friday Penance: Why Catholics do not eat meat on Fridays, Part 4: Bringing us back

"I didn't eat meat today because the Catholic Church has said 'Let's go back to Friday abstinence'. Now, a lot of people would think, 'What has that got to do with religion?' But I went to the fridge and saw this really nice bit of beef at the back and I went, 'Oh no I am not having it today. It's Friday; and at that moment I thought about why I wasn't having it, and it might have just been a flash-frame but it was a moment in the day when I wouldn't have thought about my belief otherwise; but I thought about it because of that.'" (Frank Skinner in conversation with the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve:

SMC 5.45pm, Carols; 6.00pm, Christmas Vigil Mass

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day:

ASC, 10.00am, Christmas Day Mass

NB The morning Masses on Sunday 24th

December will be at the usual times of 9.15am (SMC) and 11.15am (ASC).

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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	
Saturday 9th 6.00pm,	Advent Feria ASC Vigil Mass (The Holy Souls) – we are invited to wear a name label at this Mass Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes
Sunday 10th 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.00 – 5.30pm,	Second Sunday of Advent SMC Holy Mass (Maureen Jones RIP (K&PP)) Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Solemn Vespers for the Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 11th 7.30 – 9.00pm,	St Damasus 1, Pope <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the Holy Souls</i> <i>Please pray for today's meetings of the Diocesan Council of Priests</i> ASC New Testament Greek reading group
Tuesday 12th 10.00am, 2.00pm,	Our Lady of Guadalupe ASC Holy Mass (Special Intention for Noreen on the anniversary of her daughter's death (C)) SMS Sacrament of Reconciliation for children
Wednesday 13th 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr ASC Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ASC Holy Mass (Patrick Shanahan RIP - Christmas memories (GS))
Thursday 14th 9.00am, 7.00 – 8.00pm,	St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <i>Please pray for today's day of recollection for priests</i> All Saints Anglican church, Glossop, SK13 7RU, Service of remembrance
Friday 15th 10.00am, 5.45 – 6.45pm, 7.00pm,	Advent Feria SMC Holy Mass (Deceased members of the Callaghan, Duffy and Travis families (AT)) Norfolk Square, Carols around the tree, an interdenominational event for families SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 16th 9.00 – 9.30am, 10am – 3pm, 6.00pm,	Advent Feria SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation SMH Retreat Day, 'The Gift of Faith' and 'The Power of Prayer' ASC Vigil Mass (Timothy David Greenhalgh RIP (Family))
Sunday 17th 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.00 – 5.30pm,	Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday SMC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Holy Mass (Sheila Mitcheson – Birthday blessing (JR)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Solemn Vespers for the Third Sunday of Advent
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.”	
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.	