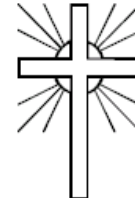
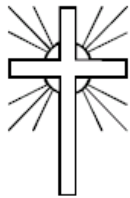


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Glossop Catholic Parishes – Jesus Christ calls everyone
to experience His **transforming love**.

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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2023 – 17TH DECEMBER

Fr Martin writes, RIP

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Tommy Meagher, who died recently. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The funeral of Mr Meagher is expected to be celebrated, God willing, at Macclesfield Crematorium at 2pm on Friday 29th December.

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday.

The term Gaudete refers to the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice".

Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

"Rejoice: the Lord is nigh." As Christmas draws near, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over all that the birth of our Savior means for us. The great joy of Christians is to see the day drawing nigh when the Lord will come again in His glory to lead them into His kingdom. The oft-repeated *Veni* ("Come") of Advent is an echo not only of the prophets but also of the conclusion of the Apocalypse of St. John: "Come, Lord Jesus," the last words of the New Testament.

*Lord of creation, may we wait in joyful
expectation for your coming
with peace in our hearts*

Christmas Mass Times:

Sunday 24th December: Christmas Eve:

SMC 5.45pm, Carols;

SMC 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).

THE GLOSSOP ROSARY: We will be continuing our rosary devotion on Monday 18th December with the Mysteries of Light.

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

Migrants and Refugees, and Expectant Mothers

Friday Penance: Why Catholics do not eat meat on Fridays, Part 5:

Body and spirit

We human beings are "composed of spirit and body". For faith to flourish in us we need an engagement of body and spirit.

Words are important Sometimes we seem to privilege the use of words as a way of communicating the content of our faith. Words are important. They engage our minds and often enough our emotions too. In Scripture and doctrine, in spiritual writings and in homilies they have their impact. At their best they explain and express what has been revealed to us by God and in the Church. But at their worst they can strike us as arid, and insufficient to sustain us in faith. They can speak to the intellect but not engage the whole person.

Actions too However in the Catholic Church there is also a rich tradition of using our body to help us enter more deeply into an appreciation and a living of faith. We use the arts to create statues, paintings and stained glass to engage our senses through their physicality and beauty. We go on pilgrimage, we keep vigil. We count the beads on our Rosary. We abstain from meat and we fast. These physical things and actions do not of themselves lead us to faith.

But when used in prayer and reflection they again and again prove themselves powerful means of deepening our understanding of our faith and helping us to live faithfully.

A message from CAFOD:

We have received a letter from CAFOD with a message thanking us for our support this year: "We are incredibly grateful to you for thinking of us and helping. It's so heartwarming to know we have friends who are there for us when we need it most."

Because of donations like ours, families facing such challenges as flooding, conflict and economic turmoil will receive the practical support they need to rebuild their lives.

If you would like to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas giving, please visit CAFOD's website for ideas of gifts that reflect some of the biggest issues facing communities around the world:

<https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

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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.87, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11

Saturday 16th 6.00pm,	Advent Feria 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
Monday 18th 10.00am,	Advent Feria ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team, for the preaching training session for clergy, and for this evening's meeting of the joint parishes maintenance committee</i>
Tuesday 19th	Advent Feria <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 20th 2.00pm, 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	Advent Feria ASC All Saints School Nativity Play ASC Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ASC Holy Mass (Phil and Jean Hoath RIP (BP)) ASC After Holy Mass: Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday 21st 10.00am,	St Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor SMC Holy Mass (Gertrude Rogan RIP – Anniversary (BD)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i>
Friday 22nd 10.00am, 7.00pm,	Advent Feria SMC Holy Mass (R Smith RIP - Anniversary) SMC After Holy Mass: Sacrament of Reconciliation SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 23rd 9.00 – 9.30am, 6.00pm,	Advent Feria ASC Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>No Sycamore session this week, Sycamore resumes on Saturday 13th January 2024</i> ASC Vigil Mass (Sean Gerard Coomber RIP – Birthday memories (C&BMc))
Sunday 24th 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.45pm, 6.00pm,	Fourth Sunday of Advent 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 (Tony Payne RIP (BP)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> SMC Carols SMC Vigil Mass for the Nativity of the Lord (The People of the Parishes)
Monday 25th 10.00am,	The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day, Solemnity ASC Holy Mass (Anthony and Howard Mellor and Kevin Fallon RIP (S.M-F))

Date for your diary: Early evening New Year's Eve Party' Sunday 31st December, 5.30pm.

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.