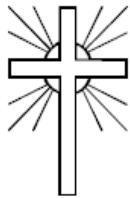


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Glossop Catholic Parishes – Jesus Christ calls everyone
to experience His **transforming love**.

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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2023 – 24TH DECEMBER

**Today, Sunday 24th December,
we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent
A reflection for today:**

As we listen to the story of the Annunciation, we stand in awe of Mary's remarkable response to this astonishing invitation from God, through the angel Gabriel. Despite her confusion and the danger to which it exposes her as a young, unwed woman, Mary finds the generosity and courage to say "yes!" to God.

As we ponder this Gospel, we might reflect on those encounters with others that have enabled us to say our "yes" to God. Who have been the Gabriels in our lives? And in what situations might God be inviting us to a new "yes" to his invitation?

This Christmas Eve, let's ask Mary to pray with us that we will be able to follow her example of openness to the empowering work of the Spirit, remembering that:

"nothing is impossible for God".

God of invitation,
help me continually to say "yes" to you,
and so bring to birth
your healing and justice
in our suffering world. Amen.

Editor Liz Nash writes,

We recently launched our '**Welcome Pack**' for anyone who is new to our parishes. The Welcome Pack contains a number of useful documents, including the 'Life in our parishes' booklet, which can also be found on the homepage of our website:

www.glossopcatholics.org.uk

Welcome Packs are available in our churches, so do take one if you have recently joined us, or are thinking about doing so.

Through the website you can also access our online **parish calendar**, showing all forthcoming events in our parishes, do take a look!!

THE GLOSSOP ROSARY: We will be continuing our rosary devotion on Monday 25th 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

**Tomorrow, Monday 25th December,
we celebrate Christmas Day,
the first day of the season of Christmas.**



*Lord God, we celebrate the birth of your Son
into our world.*

*He was your eternal Word who spoke in our
human words.*

*Let us join the angels in singing of the joy that
He gives us.*

Amen

This year the season of Christmas finishes on Monday 8th January, the Feast of The Baptism of The Lord.

On the two Sundays during the season of Christmas, 31st December and 6th January, we will celebrate **Solemn Vespers** at All Saints church, 5.00pm – 5.30pm.

On Sunday 31st December you are invited to our 'Early Evening New Year's Eve party', at All Saints church starting at 5.30pm, after Solemn Vespers, and finishing by 7.30pm.

Both non-alcoholic and alcoholic beer and wine will be available, as well as tea and coffee and soft drinks.

'Bites' include cheese and crackers and a selection of sausages.

Do come along for this festive celebration to anticipate the welcome of the New Year, and bring your family and friends!

Donations of bottles for the event will be gratefully received.

Thank you!

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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:

Fourth Sunday of Advent: p.90, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11

The Nativity of The Lord: p.98/p.102, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11

Saturday 23rd 6.00pm,	Advent Feria 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))
Tuesday 26th 10.00am,	St Stephen, Feast ASC Holy Mass (Sean Gerard Coomber RIP (Caroline))
Wednesday 27th	St John, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
Thursday 28th 10.00am,	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast SMC Holy Mass (Intentions of Angela McNally (AM)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i>
Friday 29th 10.00am, 7.00pm,	St Thomas of Canterbury (Becket), Bishop and Martyr, Feast SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 30th 9.00 – 9.30am, 6.00pm,	Sixth Day of Christmas SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation <i>No Sycamore session this week, Sycamore resumes on Saturday 13th January 2024</i> ASC Vigil Mass (The People of the Parishes)
Sunday 31st 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.00 – 5.30pm, 5.30 – 7.30pm,	The Holy Family, Feast SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Holy Mass (Intentions of Margaret Maloney) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer I for the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God) ASC Early evening New Year's Eve Party – bring a bottle

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: Sunday 7 th January, Labels Sunday Monday 8 th January, ASC, 7.00pm – 8.00pm, Meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Sunday 14 th January, Peace Sunday 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.
