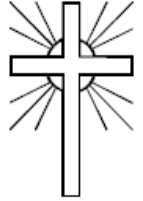


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Glossop Catholic Parishes – Jesus Christ calls everyone
to experience His **transforming love**.

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2023 – 3RD DECEMBER

ALSO DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS

Today we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent.

Advent and Christmas urge Christians to hear and answer God's wake-up call and to open our eyes to those around us, allowing Jesus to be born in our lives. They encourage us to say,
'Here I am, Lord, send me'.

Opportunities to respond to His call include:

• Advent Solemn Vespers –

The evening prayer of the church – at All Saints Church each Sunday during Advent at 5pm, until approximately 5.30pm.

• Sycamore Sessions –

The Catholic Faith explained – in St Mary's Hall on Saturdays. A short film and time to discuss the important questions. The next sessions are:

Saturday 9th December: 10am – 12noon,

'The Light of Christ', breakfast included. In this session we look at Jesus as the Light of the World, so timely as we prepare to celebrate his birth.

Saturday 16th December: 10am – 3pm,

Retreat Day, 'The Gift of Faith' and 'The Power of Prayer', breakfast and lunch included.

• Advent Extra – Your journey to Christmas

This year's *Advent Extra* magazine includes really interesting articles and a reflection for each day of Advent.

Buy your copy from either church (just a few copies left!), for just £2.75. A meditation for every day of Advent for just 12p a day!

+ Advent marks the start of the new Church Year +

We now move to Year B (St Mark)
for our Sunday Mass readings

and to Year 2 for our weekday Mass readings.

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).

Father Martin and the Core Leadership Team write:

We are making our welcome at Holy Mass more personal, and this week at Holy Mass you are again invited to write your name on a label. Parishioners have welcomed this initiative, saying how they have appreciated learning the names of those sitting near them.

We are also asking that you pray for one of the parishioners during Holy Mass. We will continue this at the First Sunday each month.

Forthcoming events:

Carols on Norfolk Square: A special family event, with traditional carols around the Christmas tree, on **Friday 15th December, from 5.45pm**, and the theme this year is 'What is the gift?' Join us and sing with the Dark Peak Brass Band, & enjoy Christmas refreshments on offer!!

Christmas Roses:

We will again decorate our churches with roses 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.

Friday Penance: Why Catholics do not eat meat on Fridays, Part 3:

What is abstinence? Abstinence is the act of going without. The more rigorous form of abstinence is fasting – going without food. Catholics fast on Good Friday, for example. On other Fridays we are not required to fast, only to abstain from a particular food, and for most of us, we are asked to abstain from meat.

Abstinence, plus.... However, for the act of abstinence to fulfil its spiritual purpose two other things are needed. The first is that the going without should be done in a spirit of prayer. Our act of abstinence is done to help us to a closer relationship with Jesus, and to be drawn by Him to a closer relationship with the Father. The second is that the 'suffering' of going without should prepare us for the Church celebration of feast. Good Friday leads us to Easter Sunday; every Friday leads us to the Sunday which follows, and to the spiritual feast that is the Mass.

THE GLOSSOP ROSARY: We continue on Monday 4th December with the Glorious 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.82, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11	
Saturday 2nd 6.00pm,	Feria ASC Vigil Mass (The People of the Parishes)
Sunday 3rd 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.00pm, (until approx. 5.30pm)	First Sunday of Advent SMC Holy Mass (Rita Hussell – Birthday Blessing (CJ)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Holy Mass (Jack Dickinson RIP) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Solemn Vespers for the First Sunday of Advent
Monday 4th 10.00am,	St John Damascene, Priest and Doctor ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team</i>
Tuesday 5th 2.00pm,	Advent Feria ASC All Saints School Mass (The Holy Souls)
Wednesday 6th 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	St Nicholas, Bishop <i>Please pray for today's meeting of ministers of the various Christian churches around Glossop, and for today's meeting of the Events Group</i> ASC Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls)
Thursday 7th 10.00am,	St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor SMC Holy Mass (The welfare of Lynda Berrisford) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i>
Friday 8th 10.00am, 7.00pm,	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese, Solemnity SMC Holy Mass (Deceased members of the Callaghan, Duffy and Travis families (AT)) SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 9th 9.00 – 9.30am, 10am – 12noon, 2.00pm, 6.00pm,	Advent Feria ASC Confessions SMH Sycamore session 11 – The Light of Christ SMC Christmas Wreath Making Workshop ASC Vigil Mass (The Holy Souls) Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes
Sunday 10th 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.00pm, (until approx. 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
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.	