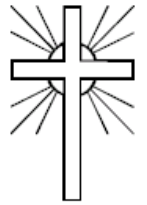
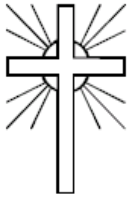


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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 2024 – 14TH JANUARY ALSO DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR PEACE

Fr Martin writes,

Preparing for a baptism, First course of 2024

The church wants parents to take their child's baptism seriously, and to approach the day of their child's baptism fully aware of the commitment they will make to bring up their child in the practice of the faith.

The next course for people hoping to have a baby or infant baptised in a Glossop parish will take place at St Mary Crowned Catholic Church on two Sunday afternoons, each time from 3.30pm until 5pm.

Part One is on Sunday 3rd March, and Part Two is on Sunday 17th March, God willing.

The courses help parents enjoy the day of their child's baptism more fully, because they know what to expect and have had a chance to reflect on the meaning behind the ceremonies of baptism.

Please pray for children soon to be baptised in our parishes, and for their parents.

Please bring this information to the attention of anyone whom you think might be wishing to have a baby or infant baptised this year, and who might not see this newsletter; even if they have already made contact with Fr Martin.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place each year from the 18th to 25th January. This year the theme 'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27) has come from an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso, in West Africa. They have reflected on the familiar story of the Good Samaritan, and all are encouraged to 'Go and do likewise'. The main service for the week takes place at St Mary Crowned next Sunday, 21st January, at 3pm, and starts with refreshments. Resources for the week, including daily reflections, are available at: <https://cte.org.uk/wpcu2024/>

During the coming weeks, our bishops invite us to join them in praying for:

Peace on earth, Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The sick and those who care for them, Victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it, and Unemployed people.

Today we celebrate Peace Sunday, a day of special prayer for peace

This year, Pope Francis has chosen the theme of Artificial Intelligence and Peace.



An excerpt from His Holiness's message for Peace Sunday:

'Sacred Scripture attests that God bestowed his Spirit upon human beings so that they might have "skill and understanding and knowledge in every craft" (Ex 35:31). Human intelligence is an expression of the dignity with which we have been endowed by the Creator, who made us in his own image and likeness (cf. Gen 1:26), and enabled us to respond consciously and freely to his love. In a particular way, science and technology manifest this fundamentally relational quality of human intelligence; they are brilliant products of its creative potential....

'It is my prayer at the start of the New Year that the rapid development of forms of artificial intelligence will not increase cases of inequality and injustice all too present in today's world, but will help put an end to wars and conflicts, and alleviate many forms of suffering that afflict our human family.

May Christian believers, followers of various religions and men and women of good will work together in harmony to embrace the opportunities and confront the challenges posed by the digital revolution and thus hand on to future generations a world of greater solidarity, justice and peace.'

Pax Christi have produced a prayer card for this special day, these are at the back of our churches, please take one with you.

THE GLOSSOP ROSARY:

We will be continuing our rosary devotion on Monday 15th January 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.127, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11/12

Saturday 13th 6.00pm,	Feria ASC Vigil Mass (The People of the Parishes) Second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund
Sunday 14th 9.15am, 11.15am,	Second Sunday of the year, Day of special prayer for peace SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> Second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> Second collection for the Sick and Retired Priests' Fund
Monday 15th 10.00am, 7.30 – 9.00pm,	Feria ASC Holy Mass (Veronica Hallam RIP (CM)) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team</i> ASC New Testament Greek reading group
Tuesday 16th	Feria <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 17th 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	St Anthony, Abbot ASC Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the joint parishes events group</i>
Thursday 18th 9.00 – 10.00am, 10.00am,	Feria Dinting Church: Prayer breakfast to start the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 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 meeting of the joint parishes maintenance committee</i>
Friday 19th 10.00am, 7.00pm,	St Wulstan, Bishop SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 20th 9.00 – 9.30am, 10am – 12noon, 6.00pm, 7.15 – 8.45pm,	Feria ASC Sacrament of Reconciliation SMH Sycamore session 14 – The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation ASC Vigil Mass (The People of the Parishes) ASC Lent and Easter Liturgy planning meeting
Sunday 21st 9.15am, 11.15am, 3.00pm,	Third Sunday of the year SMC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> SMC Main service for the week of Christian Unity, starting with refreshments <i>Today is the 5th Anniversary of Fr Martin's arrival in Glossop</i>

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.