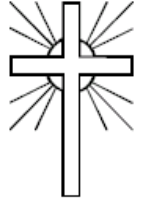


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF 2024 – 28TH JANUARY

ALSO DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

Today is Racial Justice Sunday,

and the theme this year is:

"Seeing one another in the life of the Church".

It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. This year's theme seeks to promote reflection, discussion and action on our theme and to encourage us to carry this through in the weeks and months after Racial Justice Sunday.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have provided this prayer for individuals or parishes to use in 2024:

God of light and truth,

you call all men and women to live lives of holiness and justice.

Help us to see in one another: a heart which is tender, a mind which is humble,

and a care for our brothers and sisters;

so that together we may build up the Body of Christ as a sign of hope and mercy for all.

We make this prayer through Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

On this coming Friday, February 2nd, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, marking the presentation of Jesus at the temple, occurring forty days after the birth of Jesus.

This day is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in the liturgy.

Founded by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997, we also celebrate the **World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**.

He attached it to "Candlemas Day" because the consecrated men and women are to be the light in the world, imitating Jesus, the Light of the World.

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.

Confirmation 2024

Confirmation gives us a special **strength** of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by **word and action** as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and **never to be ashamed** of the Cross.

Are you ready for the gifts of the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Or do you want to find out more? Or do you know of anyone who might be interested?

The Confirmation programme is for baptised Catholic candidates over 12 years of age on January 1st 2024.

Enquiry forms for anyone interested are available at the back of our churches.

The introductory meeting for candidates (and a parent/carer for those under 18) is at St Mary Crowned Church, Glossop, SK13 8DP, at **6.00pm on Sunday 25th February**, when the full details of the Confirmation programme will be provided.

A message from the National Justice and Peace Network:

Are you concerned about injustice in our world?

Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard?

Would you like support and encouragement?

If the answer is yes, then please look at what the **National Justice and Peace Network** (NJPN) has to offer. The National Justice and Peace Network is a grassroots body with Catholic roots, working with groups and individuals of all faiths and none, who share its aims and values. It is based in England and Wales. The network offers: Opportunities for action, access to related agencies, Information sharing, Friendship, solidarity and mutual support.

Contact NJPN at: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk>

NJPN will be holding their annual conference, 'Just Politics' in Swanick, Derbyshire on 19 – 21st July, further details at the above website.

Labels Sunday: Next weekend to further enhance our welcoming of parishioners, you will again be asked to wear a name label and to pray for someone else during Holy Mass.

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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.132, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11/12

Saturday 27th 6.00pm,	Feria ASC Vigil Mass (Mr M Eades RIP (D&MT))
Sunday 28th 9.15am, 11.15am,	Fourth Sunday of the year 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 (The Holy Souls) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i>
Monday 29th 10.00am,	Feria ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team</i>
Tuesday 30th	Feria <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 31st 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	St John Bosco, Priest ASC Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ASC Holy Mass (The Holy Souls) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the High Peak health and well-being partnership</i>
Thursday 1st 9.00am,	Feria SMC Holy Mass (Intentions of Margaret Burke (DL)) <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>
Friday 2nd 10.00am, 7.00pm,	The Presentation of The Lord, Candlemas, Feast SMC Holy Mass (Margaret Clarke RIP (DL)) <i>Our ceremonies begin as we gather around the font for the blessing of candles</i> Also day of special prayer for consecrated life SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 3rd 9.00 – 9.30am, 10am – 12noon, 6.00pm,	Feria ASC Sacrament of Reconciliation SMH Sycamore session 17 – The Christian Vocations ASC Vigil Mass (The People of the Parishes)
Sunday 4th 9.15am, 11.15am,	Fifth 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>

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: Saturday 9th March, coffee morning at Bradbury House, 10am-12noon, with a planning meeting for this event after Holy Mass on **Thursday 8th February**.
THE GLOSSOP ROSARY: We will be continuing our rosary devotion on Monday 29th January with the Mysteries of Light.
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.
Any of our parishioners who are unwell at home or in hospital.