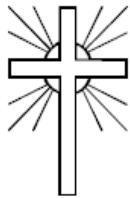


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2024 – 17TH MARCH

Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent

We started our Lenten journey with ashes on our brows and 'Have mercy on us, O Lord' on our lips. Lent is a time for self denial and prayer, and also a time for renewal and growth.

It's worth asking ourselves: What has this time taught us? Are we seeing the world differently? Are we engaging more deeply in conversations with the Lord, in prayer and meditation and reflection and sacred silence?

Are we giving ourselves to others more generously and joyfully? Are we striving more purposefully to see Christ in the stranger — and to be Christ to those in need?

It's not easy but we need to keep trying. Jesus understood as much. Even facing his own death, Jesus offered this resolute hope: 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'

Maybe we don't realize it, but each of us is part of that harvest. We are the fruit of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection, the Christian faithful who, all these generations later, continue to spread his Good News, in ways large and small.

Lord, help us to deepen our awareness of that extraordinary fact — and help us to understand more deeply what was given for us, and what we have to give to others.

Palm Sunday Masses:

Next weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord, when the church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery.

Our Masses will begin as follows:

6.00pm, Solemn Procession from the church grounds near the gate,

9.15am, Solemn Procession from St Mary's Hall,

11.15am, Solemn Entrance from the doorstep of the church.

Please be aware that the Masses will be longer than usual and lifts/taxis should be planned accordingly. *Additionally, the 11.15am Mass may begin a little later than usual.*

The Lord's Passion will be read on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, and the congregation are encouraged to join in with the part of the 'crowd', labelled 'C' in the Parish Mass Book.

Fr Martin and the Core Leadership Team write,

This year in the UK, the Muslim holy month of Ramadan began on the evening of Sunday March 10th and will end on April 8th. It would be a good and virtuous thing for us to express to our Muslim friends, colleagues and neighbours our appreciation of their example of fasting from dawn to sunset each day, and to wish them either a *Generous Ramadan* (if we know they are fasting) or a *Happy Ramadan* (whether they are keeping the fast or not). Little things can go a long way to stand against those who would turn sincere religious differences into an occasion for hostility and division.

The Sycamore Team write,

Our recent series of Sycamore sessions proved very fruitful for participants and helpers alike. It was a joy to welcome participants from parishes other than those in Glossop. Feedback was highly positive, with participants saying: "*my faith has really deepened*", "*the films were informative and thought provoking*", "*Sycamore made me think and I'm surprised how much I learned*", and "*thank you for inviting me, I would definitely recommend Sycamore to other people*". Many thanks to all who came as participants or as helpers. **Sycamore sessions will run again from early September, do look out for dates and times in this newsletter.**

OUR EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES:

Maundy Thursday 28th March:

ASC 7pm, Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper

ASC 9.30pm, Night Prayer.

Good Friday 29th March:

SMC 3pm, Solemn Liturgy

ASC 7pm, Stations of the Cross and Veneration

Holy Saturday 30th March:

ASC 7.30pm, Easter Vigil Mass,

There will be a 'bring your own bottle' celebration after the Vigil Mass.

Our Easter Sunday Masses will be at the times of usual Sunday Masses: SMC 9.15am, ASC 11.15am

Easter Lilies – We will be decorating our churches again this Easter with lilies;

If you would like to remember a loved one with a lily this Easter, please put £1 in the basket at the back of your church.

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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.167, Gloria p.9, Creed p.11/12	
Saturday 16th 6.00pm,	Lenten Feria ASC Vigil Mass (The People of the Parishes)
Sunday 17th 9.15am, 11.15am, 3.30 – 5.00pm, 5.30 – 6.00pm,	Fifth Sunday of Lent SMC Holy Mass (Margaret Burke RIP (DL)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Holy Mass (Jean Hoath RIP – 3 rd Anniversary (BP)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> SMC Baptism Course for Parents – Session 2 ASC Solemn Vespers for the Fifth Sunday of Lent
Monday 18th 10.00am, 7.30 – 9.00pm,	Commemoration of St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop and doctor ASC Holy Mass (Seamus Devlin RIP (O&PB)) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team</i> ASC Greek New Testament reading group
Tuesday 19th	St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for The Holy Souls</i>
Wednesday 20th 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	Commemoration of St Alcmund, martyr ASC Holy Hour, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ASC Holy Mass (Mick Rodden RIP (RP))
Thursday 21st 10.00am, 7.00pm,	Lenten Feria SMC Holy Mass (Margaret Burke RIP (A&JT)) Holy Trinity Church Dinting Vale – Ecumenical Lenten Prayer Meeting <i>Please pray for this evening's meeting of the Buildings and Maintenance Committee</i>
Friday 22nd 10.00am, 6.00pm, 7.00pm,	Lenten Feria SMC Holy Mass (The staff of Colinvale Nursing Home (O&PB)) SMC Stations of the Cross SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 23rd 9.00 – 9.30am, 6.00pm,	Lenten Feria SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation ASC Vigil Mass (Maureen Elliott RIP (LD))
Sunday 24th 9.15am, 11.15am, 5.30 – 6.00pm,	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord SMC Holy Mass (Eileen Duggan RIP (LD)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Holy Mass (The People of the Parishes) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> ASC Solemn Vespers for Palm Sunday
This week's prayer intentions for Vocations are:	
Mon: Permanent Diaconate; Tues Priests in Derbyshire and Staffordshire; Weds: Staff and Seminarians at Beda, Rome; Thurs: Hospital Chaplains; Fri: The Pope; Sat: Married Life; Sun: Staff at Allen Hall, London.	
Please join your fellow parishioners in praying our parish prayer daily – <i>"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."</i>	
THE GLOSSOP ROSARY:	
We will be continuing our rosary devotion on Monday 18 th March with the Joyful Mysteries.	
Please remember in your prayers this week:	
Don and Roseline McLeish who are unwell. Cath Broadbent (née Walsh) who is unwell. Philomena Brennan who asks for prayers for healing and relief from a long standing problem. Lynda and Tony Berrisford, who are both unwell.	