



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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – 17TH AUGUST 2025

Fr Martin writes, RIP

Our prayers are asked for the repose of the souls of Terry Christy and Mark Lupton, who died recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The funeral of Mr Christy is expected to be celebrated at Dukinfield Crematorium at 3.30pm on Wednesday 27th August; and that of Mr Lupton at All Saints Church at 12 noon on Monday 1st September; God willing.

Fr Martin and the Parish Pastoral Council write.

As you will remember from Fr Martin's letter given out at Holy Mass last month, Bishop Patrick has directed him to begin a new consultation process regarding the future of our parishes, and three open meetings at St Mary's Hall are planned as part of this process (Sunday 7th September at 3pm, Saturday 4th October at 10am, and Thursday 23rd October at 7pm). Registered members of our parishes will have first priority for booking a place at a consultation meeting.

Thankfully, the majority of our parishioners had responded to Fr Martin's request (repeated requests!) last year and this year asking us to fill in a parish census/registration form. That means we have an up to date parish register. You will remember that Fr Martin told us the earlier register had to be destroyed as it was no longer compliant with data protection regulations that safeguard people's privacy.

If you ticked the box on the 2024/2025 census/registration form to allow the parish to contact you by email, you should receive an email within the next two weeks with a link to book a place at one of the meetings. If you didn't tick that box but did tick a box to permit contact by another method, you can expect a phone call, text, or letter, in accordance with your indicated preference.

Once registered members of our Glossop parishes have had a chance to book a place, booking will then be opened to others.

Anyone who failed to return their census/registration form, or who wants to fill in a new one to permit email contact if they didn't permit it before, can collect a new blank form from the back of church.

Our guest correspondent writes –

Joy and Hope

'My children's Godmother was born and raised in the Caribbean. On several occasions, she has commented on what she sees as the lack of joy in a great many Catholic parishes in this country, and contrasts this with the abundant joy in the parishes back home.

'The Dowager Lady Grantham dismissed this English characteristic as being merely a consequence of our climate, and we in Glossop know a lot about such weather. But as I reflect, I think it goes much deeper than that.

'My recollection of my own Catholic upbringing could be summed up by the word *conformity*. We were expected to conform, to do certain things – go to Holy Mass, say our prayers, give money to charity, etc.

'And there is little joy to be had in conformity. When I am confronted by parishes or Catholic societies and organisations that are evidently joyful, I notice one common element: hope.

'By hope, I do not mean mere wishful thinking. But a hope that stems from a vibrant, living relationship with God and a profound trust in him. Those parishes and organisations feel the call to live as members of the Kingdom of God and, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, play their part in building up God's Kingdom on earth.

'The recent letter from Bishop Patrick about the future of the Church in Glossop could, at first, cause us to feel downhearted, and we may be tempted to wallow.

'But let us rather see this as a great opportunity.

'If we remember to seek first the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33), then we can be filled with hope and live in joy.

“All of us, however, need to recover the joy of living, since men and women, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26), cannot rest content with getting along one day at a time, settling for the here and now...”

(Pope Francis - *Spes non confundit*)'

A few places remain on our Parish Pilgrimage on Tuesday 26th August. To book a place bring £24 (cash please) in a sealed envelope with your name on to your church and give it to: Ann King, Barbara Payne, Christine Hulley or Liz Nash.

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Joint Parish Pastoral Council:	08445 880856. Andrew Elliott, Christine Hulley, Ann King, Liz Nash, Barbara Payne, Tony Sealy and Fr Martin Sylvester. (Calls to 0844 numbers cost 7p/min plus your phone company's access charge. The church does not receive any income from your call - 7p/min is retained by the virtual switchboard service provider and the rest by your own phone company.)
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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)	
Saturday 16th 6.00pm	Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary ASC Vigil Mass of the twentieth Sunday of the year (Agnes and Thomas Herbert RIP (BD))
Sunday 17th 9.15am, 11.15am,	Twentieth Sunday of the year SMC Holy Mass (Mary Machin RIP – Birthday memories (JR)) <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>
Monday 18th 10.00am, 7.00 – 8.30pm, 7.30 – 9.00pm,	Feria ASC Holy Mass (Margaret Maloney – Birthday blessing (JR)) <i>Please pray for today's meetings of the Core Leadership Team and the hall committee</i> At Bradbury House, WHY? course part 3, WHY The Church? ASC New Testament Greek reading group
Tuesday 19th	Memorial of St John Eudes, priest <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today, Intention to be announced</i>
Wednesday 20th 1.00 – 2.30pm, 7.00pm, 7.30pm,	Memorial of St Bernard, abbot and doctor At The Smithy Fold (Wetherspoon), Glossop, Parish Friends gathering ASC Holy Hour begins with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ASC Holy Hour continues with Holy Mass (In thanksgiving to St Francis of Assisi (JM))
Thursday 21st 10.00am,	Memorial of St Pius X, pope SMC Holy Mass (Gertrude McSherry RIP (JM)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <i>Please pray for today's meetings of the maintenance committee and our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</i>
Friday 22nd 10.00am, 7.00pm,	Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary SMC Holy Mass (Elizabeth Heffron RIP (JM)) SMH Prayer Group
Saturday 23rd 9.00 – 9.30am, 6.00pm	Memorial of St Rose of Lima, virgin SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation ASC Vigil Mass of the twenty first Sunday of the year (Susan McGovern RIP – Anniversary (KMcG))
Sunday 24th 9.15am, 11.15am,	Twenty first 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 (Margaret Maloney – Special intention (O&PB)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i>
This week's prayer intentions for Vocations: Mon: Permanent Diaconate; Tues: Priests in Derbyshire & Staffordshire; Weds: Staff and Seminarians at Beda, Rome; Thurs: Hospital Chaplains; Fri: The Pope; Sat: Married Life; Sun: Staff at Allen Hall, London.	
During the coming weeks, our bishops invite us to join them in praying for: A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human life; and Seafarers.	
Please remember in your prayers this week: Don and Roseline McLeish, and Doreen Leech who are unwell, Philomena Brennan who has a long standing problem, and her husband Martin who is unwell.	
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.”	
THE GLOSSOP ROSARY continues on Monday 18 th August with the Joyful Mysteries.	

