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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 21ST DECEMBER 2025 ALSO DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

### Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent

With Christmas almost upon us, the mystery of the Incarnation is the focus of all our prayers. That Christ should be born of a virgin was established in scripture from of old, as is made plain in the reading from Isaiah. And it is not just a child that is about to enter our midst, the baby is Emmanuel - 'God with us'. We anticipate His coming with joy.

### Advent Service of Reconciliation and Confessions

On Sunday 22nd December, 3-4pm, at St Charles Church, Hadfield, SK13 1PQ.

*Fr Martin* writes, many people find that a reconciliation service is the easiest way back to confession after a period away. Readings and an examination of conscience help us confront our own sinfulness and renew our trust in the mercy of God; a choice of priests are present, for individual confession; and then we all stay to give thanks together for the forgiveness of sin and restoration of innocence that Christ gives us in this mighty sacrament.

### Weekly donation envelopes

*Moirra Hind* writes, the new envelopes for 2026 will be at the back of church for you to collect this weekend. Please dispose/recycle any of this year's unused envelopes and start using your new 2026 envelopes. Thank you!

### First Aiders

*The Core Leadership Team* write, if any parishioner holds a current First Aid certificate, and wishes to add their name to the list of those able to help, they should send their name and photo to Father Martin along with a copy of their certificate.

### Sycamore Sessions

The sessions exploring our Christian faith will resume on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. Full details on our parish website.

### Thank you

*The Parish Pastoral Council* writes, thank you to everyone who has volunteered their skills to prepare our churches for Christmastide. We are grateful to the cleaners, floral arrangers, musicians, readers and those serving refreshments. Thank you to our sacristans, altar servers and Eucharistic ministers. Every contribution elevates our liturgies and enhances parish life.

On Thursday, 25th December, we celebrate  
Christmas Day, the first day of the season of  
Christmas.



*Our crib offerings this year will go to Missio*

### Twelve Days of Christmas in Scripture and Art

*The God Who Speaks* website offers, biblically inspired free resources and articles for Catholics to celebrate the Christmas season. Why not look at their scripture and art collection here-  
<https://tinyurl.com/12DaysChristmasArt>

### New Year's Eve celebrations

On Wednesday 31st December we will look forward to the new year by celebrating Holy Mass at All Saints church at 7pm, with the Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. After Mass there will be an early evening New Year's Eve party, starting at approximately 8pm and finishing by 9pm. Everyone is invited to the party. Bites will include a selection of sausages and cheese and crackers. Soft drinks and tea/coffee will be provided, and please do bring a bottle!

### Parish Friendship Group

*Christine Hulley* writes, the friendship group are having a break and will next meet on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 1pm until 2.30pm in Wetherspoons. All are welcome.

### In Memory of Liz Nash

*Peter Nash* writes, the family would love to have photos, stories and tributes of our mother, Liz Nash, to include in her funeral due to be held at St Mary Crowned on Friday 9th January at 12 noon. At your earliest convenience, please send contributions to Peter Nash.

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<b>ASC= All Saints Church, SMC= St Mary's Church, SMH= St Mary's Hall, SMS= St Mary's School, SPH= St Philip Howard School</b>	
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm	Advent Feria <b>ASC Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent –</b> <b>Also Day of special prayer for expectant mothers</b> (Gertrude Rogan RIP - Anniversary (BD))
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b> 9.15am 11.15am 3.00pm 5.00pm	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent - Also Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Timothy Greenhalgh RIP (Family)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>At St Charles Hadfield SK13 1PQ, Advent Reconciliation Service with Confessions</b> <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> 10.00am	Advent Feria <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Tony Payne RIP - Christmas Memories (BP))
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	St John of Kanty, priest <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass for the Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b> 5.45pm 6.00pm	Advent Feria – Christmas Eve <b>SMC Carols</b> <b>SMC Vigil Mass of The Nativity of Our Lord</b> (The People of the Parishes)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	<b>Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day</b> <b>A Holyday Of Obligation</b> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Anthony and Howard Mellor and Kevin Fallon RIP (SM-F))
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	Feast of St Stephen <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Frank and Kathleen Turton RIP (CH))
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00 – 9.30am 6.00pm	Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist <b>SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>ASC Vigil Mass of the Feast of The Holy Family</b> (Sean Gerard Coomber RIP – Birthday Memories (C&BMcM))
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am 11.15am 5.00pm	<b>The Feast of The Holy Family</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Jean and Phil Hoath RIP (BP)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the Feast of The Holy Family</b>
<b>This week's prayer intentions for Vocations:</b> Mon: The Pope; Tues: Married Life; Weds: Staff at Allen Hall, London; Thurs: Priests in Lincolnshire; Fri: Religious Novices; Sat: Nottingham Seminarians; Sun: School Chaplains.	
<b>Cardinal St John Henry Newman</b> memorial cards are available from the back of church. They are a gift from Bishop Patrick to all parishioners.	
<b>EXTRA-ORDO-NARY Schools' Word of the Week:</b> Love	
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.”	
<b>Please remember in your prayers:</b> Don and Roseline McLeish, Doreen Leech who is unwell, Philomena Brennan who has a long-standing problem, and her husband Martin who is unwell.	
<b>The Glossop Rosary</b> We will continue Monday 22nd December with the Joyful Mysteries.	
<b>Stop press: New Archbishop of Westminster</b> Let us remember in our prayers Bishop Richard Moth, appointed by Pope Leo to succeed Cardinal Nichols as Archbishop of Westminster. More information at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/bishopmoth">tinyurl.com/bishopmoth</a>	

