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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025

### Rest in peace

*Father Martin writes*, our prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Liz Nash, who died recently. May her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

The funeral arrangements for Liz had not been announced when this newsletter went to press.

*Father Martin and the Core Leadership team write*, our parishioners will long remember with gratitude the conspicuous generosity of heart with which Liz offered her time and her many talents in service of Catholic education and of the church in Glossop. Liz was deeply committed to the vision of Catholic parishes becoming missionary and outward looking, and was part of the team that formed our parish vision statement and composed our parish prayer. May she rest in peace, and may others be inspired by her example to give themselves in service of the Gospel.

### Parish Consultation process

*The Core Leadership team write*, thank you to parishioners who attend meetings or completed questionnaires. The closing date is December 19<sup>th</sup>, in order that they can be collated and included in the final report to Bishop Patrick.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

*Ann King writes*, our first Confirmation meeting of the candidates and their parents was very well attended. They are looking forward to the next session of team building activities followed by a quiz and pizza evening! Please keep those preparing for Sacraments in your prayers.

### Journey through Advent

*NDCYS writes*, journey through Advent with the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service as we await the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, with a printable Advent prayer journal produced by the team. To download your free copy visit [www.ndcys.com/advent2025/](http://www.ndcys.com/advent2025/)

### All are welcome

*Ann King writes*, all our parishioners are warmly welcome to join the community of St Philip Howard school at Holy Mass on Thursday and Friday. Please arrive ten minutes before so that staff can welcome you and direct you to the hall.

### Labels Sunday

This initiative has helped to make parishioners feel more welcome at Holy Mass. We ask you again to wear a label and to pray for a fellow parishioner during Holy Mass.

### The Shroud of Turin

*Jenny Cieslik writes*, on November 28<sup>th</sup>, the Prayer Group organised a well-attended evening talk by Michael Kowalski. He is a leading expert on the Shroud of Turin, the cloth that many believe was the one which wrapped Jesus after he died. He gave a fascinating account of the dating evidence revealed by over a hundred years of research. He highlighted the evidence that supports the shrouds authenticity and critically investigated the results of the various testing which had suggested the shroud was not authentic. If you want to know more, Michael is the editor of a six-monthly magazine produced by the British Society for the Turin Shroud.

### Christmas Mass Times 2025

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve-*

Join us at St Mary Crowned for carols at 5.45pm followed at 6.00pm for the Vigil Mass of Christmas, the Nativity of Our Lord.

*Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Day-*

All are welcome to All Saints at 10.00am for the Holy Mass of Christmas morning, the Nativity of Our Lord.

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Boxing Day-*

Holy Mass for the Feast of St Stephen at 10.00am, at St Mary Crowned.

### Christmas Roses

*Barbara Payne writes*, if you would like to remember a loved one at this special time, please write their name on a card provided at the back of church and leave a donation of £1 per rose in the basket.

### Joint Parish Christmas Fair

*Margaret Maloney writes*, thank you to everyone who made Saturday's fair a great success. We will share the total raised next week.

### Carols in Norfolk Square

*Glossopdale Churches Together writes* to invite everyone on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December starting at 5.45pm for our carols around the tree in Norfolk Square. Music from Dark Peak Brass band and schools' choirs. Festive food and drinks to enjoy.

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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 6<sup>th</sup></b> 6.00pm	Memorial of St Nicholas, Bishop <b>ASC Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday of Advent</b> (Michael and Sarah Davies, and Reginald and Alice North, RIP (JT&CMB)) <b>Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am  11.15am  5.00pm	<b>Second Sunday of Advent - Labels Sunday</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Kathleen Hall RIP (R&AH)) <b>Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes</b> <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (The People of the Parishes) <b>Second collection for Poor and Needy Parishes</b> <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC Solemn Vespers for the Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of our Diocese <b>ASC Holy Mass</b> (Deirdre (Derry) Hawkins RIP (C&BMCM)) <i>Please pray for today's meeting of the Core Leadership Team</i>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Advent Feria <i>Father Martin will offer Holy Mass today for the Holy Souls</i>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b> 1.00pm 7.00pm	Memorial of Our Lady of Loreto <i>At The Smithy Fold (Wetherspoons) Friendship Group</i> <b>ASC Holy Hour with Holy Mass</b> (Father Jonathan and Joan Hill, Christmas Blessing (P&MM))
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00am	Memorial of St Damasus I, pope <b>SPH Holy Mass – All welcome</b> (Graham John Downs RIP) <i>Please pray for this morning's meeting of the clergy of our deanery, for this afternoon's ecumenical meeting of the ministers leading churches in and around Glossop and for this evening's meeting of the Pastoral Council</i>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b> 10.00am 5.45pm 7.00pm	Memorial of Our Lady of Guadalupe <b>SPH Holy Mass – All welcome</b> (For the intentions of Rita Hussel (O&PB)) <b>At Norfolk Square, Carols around the tree – All welcome</b> <b>SMH Prayer group</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b> 9.00 – 9.30am 6.00pm	Memorial of St Lucy, virgin and martyr <b>SMC Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> <b>ASC Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday</b> (Sheila Mitcheson, Birthday Blessing (JR))
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b> 9.15am  11.15am  5.00pm	<b>Third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday</b> <b>SMC Holy Mass</b> (Stella Cowan RIP (P&AH)) <i>Fairtrade tea and coffee will be served in the church after this Mass</i> <b>ASC 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 Solemn Vespers for the Third Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>This week's prayer intentions for Vocations:</b> Mon: Secular Orders and Associates; Tues: Staff and Seminarians at Oscott College, Birmingham; Weds: Those at University; Thurs: 'Christus Vivit' Young Adults Groups; Fri: Vocations to Religious Life; Sat: Priests in Nottinghamshire; Sun: Vocations to the Priesthood.	
<b>EXTRA-ORDO-NARY Schools' Word of the Week:</b> Peace	
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> Monica Townend writes, we will continue Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December with the Mysteries of Light.	

