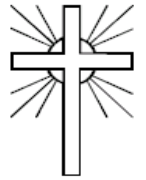


ALL SAINTS, OLD GLOSSOP, AND ST MARY CROWNED, GLOSSOP

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# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2018

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

## Today we begin the

### First Holy Communion Programme,

**and we welcome the children and families.**

Please get yourselves involved in parish life and stay with us! Let us remember them in our prayers. (FG)

**Eileen Frain RIP** - Please remember in your Masses and Prayers Eileen Frain who has died. Her funeral Service will be in St Mary Crowned Church on Thursday afternoon at 1pm. (FG)

**Happy New Year!** As they say. What do I mean? Well, in the Church we start the new Liturgical Year on the First Sunday of Advent, and that is today. There are three cycles for the Sunday Readings, A, B and C. This year we are in Cycle C, where St Luke's Gospel features prominently. (FG)

There are 2 Cycles in the weekday readings:

1 (odd) and 2 (even). This year (2019 – an odd year) we are in Cycle 1). (FG)

**So, today is the First Sunday of Advent, the preparation time for Christmas.** Why not come to confession? The light is on, and it's for you! Additionally, there will be sung Vespers and Benediction on a Sunday evening at 6pm – Beautiful! (FG)

**During Advent there will be two Deanery Reconciliation Services.** They will both be in Buxton on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December, at 10am & 7pm. There will be a few Priests hearing Confessions at each event. (FG)

### Christmas Mass Times:

6pm Christmas Eve (SMC) &

11am Christmas Day (AS) – Spread the word! (FG)

**Thank you to all of you who came to the Mass of Anointing & Healing** last week. There was a lovely Spirit present, and I know that we all received so much from being present together in the healing presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you to our musicians, sacristans, lectors, together with those who prepared the room/space and of course those who prepared such a splendid buffet! (FG)

## All change!

I have been appointed to another place as Parish Priest. I want to Thank You for all for the way you have supported me as your Priest these last 7 years. I have been very happy, and certainly did not ask for a move. Mind you, I never have but neither have I ever refused one.

Fr Martin Sylvester is your new PP, and the changeover will happen in January (FG)

### Thoughts from Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 21

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter of St Luke's Gospel before the passion narrative, in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

The community for whom Luke wrote his Gospel may have believed that they were already experiencing some of the events Jesus described. Most scholars believe that Luke's Gospel was written after the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 A.D. At the time, many Christians interpreted this event as an indication that Jesus' second coming was near.

Though Jesus predicts a time of destruction and fear, Jesus indicates that others will be frightened; Jesus' disciples are not to fear, but are to stand tall. Yet Jesus does not promise deliverance from anxiety or tribulations. He encourages his disciples to pray for strength. The early Christian communities did not find consolation in the promise of a utopia, nor should we. Instead, we find in our Christian faith the means by which we witness to God's unfailing love for us in all circumstances. Through prayer we find strength and consolation in Jesus' words and in his continuing presence with us to endure all things and to witness to the action of God in our world. © Loyola Press

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**Our offerings last week:**

	Loose	Envelopes	S/O	Total
All Saints	£127.80	£177.00	£120.00	£424.80
St Mary's	£189.42	£231.25	£261.00	£681.67

Thank you for your generosity.

**Many thanks for your continued contribution** to the sick and retired Priests fund.

**All Saints £32.92; St Mary Crowned £30.01.**

**Parish Diary - for the next few months:**

<b>15<sup>th</sup> Dec'ber</b>	Let's Act Performance, 6.00pm – 7.30pm, St Mary's Parish Hall
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Dec'ber</b>	Let's Act Matinee Performance, 3.00pm – 4.30pm, St Mary's Parish Hall

**Parish Rotas: Weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**Sacristans:** All Saints, 6pm Chris & Anna; 11 am Sandra & Natalie; St Mary's, Jack & Chris;

**Welcomers:** All Saints, 6pm Claire, Amelia, Ruby & Max; 11am Gemma; St Mary's, Beatrice & John;

**Ministers:** All Saints, 6pm TBA; 11am TBA; St Mary's, Rita, Steve & John;

**Readers:** All Saints, 6pm, Maddy, 11am L Newsham; St Mary's, Louise, Samantha & Wynn;

**Bidding Prayers:** Jim T (following week – Andrew)

**Band Concert, All Saints Church** Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.45pm, Admission £5, donations of Mulled Wine and Mince Pies would be appreciated. Tickets now on sale, or pay at the door.

**Victorian Markets:** This Sunday, our churches have a stall at the markets with Irish Coffee, come along to the markets and seek us out, have an enjoyable afternoon out with Christmas treats on sale!

**Christmas Roses:** Our churches will again be decorated with roses in memory of our loved ones, please put the names of your loved ones with a donation of £2 per rose in the basket at the back of your church. Thank you.

**Church Cleaning** at St Mary's after Mass on Thursday, come and help make the church lovely for the Christmas season, many hands make light work!

**Pope Francis' Intentions for December:**

“Evangelisation –In the Service of Transmission of Faith

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time .”

**Confessions:** St Mary's – Saturday 10.05 – 10.45am

All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm

**Parish Mass Book:** Sunday: **Gloria p.9; Readings, p. ; Creed p.11; Preface p. ; Eucharistic. Prayer, p.**

			All Saints	St Mary's
<b>Saturday</b>	1 <sup>st</sup>	December	<b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Vittoria Sonczak - Anniversary RIP	
<b>Sunday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	December	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> People of the Parish <b>6.00 pm Vespers</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Philip & Eileen Higgins – Christmas Blessing RIP
<b>Monday</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	December	<b>10.00 am Mass</b> Ernest Hall RIP	
<b>Tuesday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup>	December		No Service Today
<b>Wednesday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup>	December	<b>10.00 am Mass</b> Taylor Family RIP	
<b>Thursday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup>	December		<b>10.00 am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion <b>1.00 pm Funeral Service</b> Eileen Frain RIP
<b>Friday</b>	7 <sup>th</sup>	December	<b>10.00 am</b> Service of Word & Holy Communion	
<b>Saturday</b>	8 <sup>th</sup>	December	<b>6.00 pm Vigil Mass</b> Gerry McGuigan RIP	<b>10.00 am</b> Exposition/Confessions <b>10.45 am</b> Benediction <b>11.00 am Mass</b> Deceased Members of the Brown, Ballentine Families & Friends
<b>Sunday</b>	9 <sup>th</sup>	December	<b>11.00 am Mass</b> People of the Parish <b>6.00 pm Vespers</b>	<b>9.30 am Mass</b> Helen Bowler – Birthday Memories RIP