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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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| Saturday 26 Nov | 5-30pm | VIGIL | November Dead List 2022/23 |
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| Sunday 27 Nov | 11-00am | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A | Deceased of the Green and Andrewan families |
| Monday 28 Nov | - | Advent Week 1 | |
| Tuesday 29 Nov | 09-30am | Advent Week 1 | November Dead List 2022/23 |
| Wed | | ST ANDREW, APOSTLE, | |
| 30 Nov | | PATRON OF SCOTLAND | |
| Thursday 01 Dec | 7-30pm | Advent Week 1 | Catherine O'Donnell [LD] |
| Friday 02 Dec | 09-30am | Advent Week 1 | For healing |
| Saturday 03 Dec | 5-00pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| Saturday 03 Dec | 5-30pm | VIGIL | Deceased of Teesdale Families |
| Sunday 04 Dec | 11-00am | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A | Sister Una Casey [LD] |

Tea & Coffee after Sunday Mass today (From 11.45 - 12.45)

PARISH GIVING OFFERTORY BANKED **11 November 2022 £975.63** Thank you so much for your support. **STANDING ORDERS** monthly benefit to the parish **£1150**.

TEA & COFFEE have made **£441** for church funds. Thank you.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - The SVP can provide help to anyone in our parish who needs assistance during these hard times. We can also make befriending visits to those who are sick, lonely or housebound. If you would like more details or need our help, please contact Tadeusz Sulich or Irene Hellowell.

ADVENT FAYRE Today Sunday 12noon to 2pm. This will be drawn at 1pm on Sunday. This is a social occasion everyone can help, support your church and meet friends– many thanks for your support.

POST - **PLEASE NOTE** I would suggest that your last mailing day is the 20/21 December, if you are sending something which you want to be received before Christmas. This would enable you to post 1st/2nd Class and it should arrive.

WINFRED CARMEL BEDFORD It is with great sadness to inform you of the death of Winfred Carmel Bedford who died 28 October in Ripponden. Please pray for the repose of Winfred's soul and for her family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

HILDA CRABTREE It is with great sadness to inform you of the death of Hilda Crabtree who died 10 November in Gloucester. Please pray for the repose of Hilda's soul and for her family and friends at this time. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS If you would like a Mass offering for a particular intention or for the repose of the soul of a loved one, please put your offering in an envelope and write the name of the intention, the date requested and your contact details & pop it into the collection box or through the presbytery letterbox. In most parishes, there are never more than two maybe three weeks of Mass intentions outstanding at any one time.

ADVENT DAYS OF REFLECTION led by Fr Dennis Cassidy on Friday 2 or Saturday 3 December at the Briery from 10am-3.30pm, "Images of Christ – Reconciliation & Mercy". To book a place please call the administrators on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

ADVENT PREACHED WEEKEND RETREAT: Christ a Light Shining in the Darkness led by Fr Kevin Duffy, S.M. Residential weekend on 9 -11 December at the Briery, Ilkley. For more information and to book a place please call the administrators on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

A SERVICE OF CAROLS & READINGS on Wednesday 14 December at 7.30pm in the Briery Chapel followed by mulled wine and mince pies. To book please call the administrators on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com. Poster attached.

THE SODALITY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT The Sodality of the Blessed Sacrament is a Confraternity devoted to the Most Holy Eucharist, based at the Shrine Church of Corpus Christi in Covent Garden, London. Masses are offered each month for the intentions of Sodality members, wherever they might be in the world. A newsletter containing that month's homily, along with spiritual readings, is also emailed out to members along with a Monstrance lapel pin badge to wear as an outward sign of our devotion to the Eucharist. More information can be found at https://sodality.co.uk/.

SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT This parish is committed to safeguarding as an integral part of the life and ministry of the Church. The Church recognises the personal dignity and rights of children and adults who may be at risk towards whom it has a special responsibility. The Church and individual members of it undertake to take all appropriate steps to maintain a safe environment for all and to practise fully and positively Christ's Ministry towards children, young people and adults and to respond sensitively and compassionately to their needs in order to help keep them safe from harm. Safeguarding **Diocesan Office** 0113 261 8069

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CONFIRMATION 2023 Bishop Marcus Stock will be celebrating Confirmation for all candidates in our Halifax deanery **2023 7pm at St Malachy's Church Ovenden.**

THE NEW DATE FOR CONFIRMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON

| Sessions, led by Mrs Hutchings (nee Halloran) will be held in school, lasting one hour. | | | | | |
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| DATE | LESSONS | TIME | | | |
| Thursday 01 December | (5-6) The Gift of the Holy Spirit (both sessions) | | | | |

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HOLY SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM A date and time for your child's Baptism can be provisionally given once you have completed the parish form and established a relationship with the parish. The choice of godparents is important. A godparent is a role model for your child by living a fully Christian life, there are usually two godparents. Godparents must be at least 16yrs of age, practising Catholics and should have received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Parents are responsible for instructing and forming their children in both the teaching and practice of the Catholic faith. Although Catholic schools exist to help parents in this regard, they are not a substitute for it. The best instruction that you can give your child is through commitment to the Mass. As you make this request for your child, it should also be a reality in your own life. If after reading this information you feel ready to present, your child to the Church for Baptism please see Fr Larkin after Mass for Pre-Baptism form.

Royal Mail Strikes

Thur 24th November Fri 25th November Wed 30th November Thur 1st December Fri 9th December Sun 11th December Wed 14th December Thur 15th December Fri 23rd December Sat 24th December



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Sunday 27th + FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS can be found at: www.universalis.com

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Isaiah 2:1-5

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 121(122):1-5f
RESPONSE: I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **R.**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **R.**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Ultimate Defence Against Modernism and the Culture of Death keep us safe.