

# Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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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]
Monday 05 Dec	-	Advent Week 2	
Tuesday 06 Dec	09-30am	Advent Week 2	Tommy Carr [LD]
Wed 07 Dec		St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
Thursday 08 Dec	7-30pm	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Parish SVP
Friday 09 Dec	09-30am	Advent Week 2	Winfred Bedford [LD]
Saturday 10 Dec	5-00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Saturday 10 Dec	5-30pm	VIGIL	Arthur Oldfield & Wilfred Teesdale [A]
Sunday 11 Dec	11-00am	+ GAUDETE SUNDAY +	Mary Ryan [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.

**A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK** On Monday 28 November 2022 it was announced that His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed **Mgr Philip Moger** as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. Born in 1955, Bishop-Elect Philip Moger grew up in Halifax. A priest of the Diocese of Leeds for 40 years, Bishop-Elect Moger has, until now, been the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk. I ask everyone in our parish and school communities to pray for him as he prepares for this new mission.

**Date for Episcopal Ordination** The date for Bishop-Elect Moger's Episcopal Ordination is Tuesday 21 February 2023 in St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY.

**ADVENT** – It was wonderful to welcome our families and children of the Sacred Heart school to the first Sunday of Advent, there was over 220 in attendance. The children helped us to sing & pray the Mass beautifully – well-done everyone.

**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.

**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. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**DAVID PITCHFORTH and GERALD DOODY**, it is with great sadness to inform you of the death of David and Gerald who died during November, Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**ADVENT FAYRE 2022** - The following outlines the funds raised over the two days of the Advent Fayre

Stall		Stall Total
Cakes & Cake Raffle		212.95
Bottle		235.00
Coloured Stall		166.40
Piety – Religious Cards		85.65
Refreshments		87.50
Soft Toy Tombola		80.50
Raffle Draw		528.00
	<b>Sub Total</b>	£1396
<b>Costs</b>		
	<i>Cost of printing tickets</i>	£128.00
	<i>Refreshments for helpers</i>	£13.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1255</b>

**A huge thank you** to all who helped by putting on such a wonderful Advent Fayre! Children, parents and friends of the parish enjoyed the festivities and made the two days very special – once again thank you all.

**PRINCIPAL SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2022**

**Advent Reconciliation** I would like to invite you to the sacrament of reconciliation an opportunity for individual confession on **Saturdays during advent at 5-00pm – 5-30pm**

**Advent Confessions for the Deanery Saturday 17 December**

St Mary’s from 9-00a.m. to 5-00p.m The following priests will be available at the following times:

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|---------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 09-00 – 10.00 | Fr Peter Nealon      | 13-00 – 14.00 | Fr Robert Owen  |
| 10-00 – 11.00 | Mgr. Michael McQuinn | 14-00 – 15.00 | Mgr. Paul Owens |
| 11-00 – 12.00 | Fr Michael Hall      | 15-00 – 16.00 | Fr J Hilton     |
| 12-00 – 13.00 | Fr M Larkin          | 16-00 – 17.00 | Fr J Hilton     |

**THE NEW DATE FOR CONFIRMATION - TUESDAY 28TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM - ST MALACHY’S OVENDEN**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:briery@btconnect.com).

**CHRISTMAS EVE** 24 December

5-30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - Family Mass - a warm welcome to our families and children

**CHRISTMAS DAY** 25 December - Christmas Morning – 11-00am

**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.

**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. We have had a request from Annette Haigh, local SVP area Manager for the shops in Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, Halifax, Brighouse and Knaresborough, they are really struggling for staff at the moment and it is making things very difficult.

SVP Shops - Job Vacancies:

We urgently need:

- Assistant Manager for Brighouse
- Casual Managers in Brighouse, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Knaresborough
- Casual drivers to support the shops clearing clothing banks etc Bradford and/or Leeds
- Assistant manager at Sunbridge Road Bradford
- Assistant Manager at Seacroft Leeds
- Assistant Manager for Tinshill shop

Also, a volunteer Pat tester for our shops. Also, keyholder volunteers needed in the following shops Lidgett Lane, Butcher hill, Halifax & Dudley Hill to help with covering shop managers day off.

Contact: Annette Haigh, Area Manager. T: 01274 726790, M: 07584 341290

email [AnnetteH@svp.org.uk](mailto:AnnetteH@svp.org.uk)

We are also desperate for clothing, shoes, bags, Bric a Brac etc donations at Brighouse in particular but all our shops would welcome donations.

## **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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**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](mailto:briery@btconnect.com)

**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

Safeguarding **Parish** Irene Hellowell 07432121757

### **CONFIRMATION 2023**

Bishop Marcus Stock will be celebrating Confirmation for all candidates in our Halifax deanery

## **THE NEW DATE FOR CONFIRMATION**

**Tuesday 28th February at 7pm**

**St Malachy's Church Ovenden**

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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.

**SWITCHING TO STANDING ORDER FOR COLLECTIONS** Most people setup payments on a monthly basis. Please reference the monthly donation with surname plus first initial. Also, please let Fr Larkin know if you do change to this system. Our bank details are: Account name: DoL Sacred Heart & St. Patrick  
Bank: HSBC / Sort Code: 40-27-15 / Account: 41 01 7454

## Sunday 4th + SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**READINGS, PRAYERS AND MASS TEXTS** can be found at: [www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com)

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold,  
the Lord will come to save the nations,  
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard  
in the joy of your heart.

### FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots:

on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight,  
a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.

(The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless,

his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,  
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,  
the panther lies down with the kid,  
calf and lion feed together,  
with a little boy to lead them.

The cow and the bear make friends,  
their young lie down together.

The lion eats straw like the ox.

The infant plays over the cobra's hole;  
into the viper's lair  
the young child puts his hand.

They do no hurt, no harm,  
on all my holy mountain,

for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse

shall stand as a signal to the peoples.

It will be sought out by the nations

and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

**PSALM** Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,12-13f

**RESPONSE: In his days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails**

O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever  
and endure like the sun.  
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,  
all nations bless his name. **R.**

## **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight,  
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.***

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to keep in your prayers those who are unwell or recovering from surgery, especially Canon John Nunan, Fr Gerald Creasey, Fr Michael Kelly, Fr Michael Nealon and Rev Peter Rudd. Please support with your prayers also, all the priests and deacons of our diocese who are burdened with long-term illnesses of various kinds and strive to continue to carry out their ministry either in full-time parochial office or in retirement from office.

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