

Sacred Heart & St. Patrick

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SEASON OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY - YEAR A

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Saturday 10 Dec	5-30pm	VIGIL	Arthur Oldfield & Wilfred Teesdale [A]
Sunday 11 Dec	11-00am	+ GAUDETE SUNDAY +	Mary Ryan [LD]
Monday 12 Dec	-	Our Lady of Guadalupe	-
Tuesday 13 Dec	09-30am	St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr	Joyce Carr [LD]
Wed 14 Dec		St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church	-
Thursday 15 Dec	7-30pm	Advent Week 3	Peter Bridges [A]
Friday 16 Dec	09-30am	Advent Week 3	Dr Joseph Muscat-Baron [LD]
Saturday 17 Dec	5-00pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	-
Saturday 17 Dec	5-30pm	VIGIL	Paul Connelly
Sunday 18 Dec	11-00am	+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT +	Hilda Crabtree [LD]

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

PARISH GIVING - BANKED 02 December 2022 £1087.18 Thank you so much for your support.

STANDING ORDERS monthly benefit to the parish **£1220**

ADVENT FAYRE 2022 - £1383.00

JOYCE CARR It is with great sadness to inform you of the sudden death of Joyce Carr who died 7 December. Please pray for the repose of Joyce'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.

THOMAS MARTIN AND DAVID PITCHFORTH it is with great sadness to inform you of the death of Thomas and David who died recently. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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.

PRINCIPAL SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR ADVENT 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:

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

PRINCIPAL MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS 2022

Let us remind ourselves that Christmas is an octave – eight days – and that Masses celebrated between Christmas Day and New Year's Day are all Christmas Masses. The Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself. So, for example, the prayers for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer to each day as if it were still Christmas Day. Despite having days within the Octave that are feasts: St Stephen, St John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents and the Holy Family, and the concluding Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, each of these days is as the Roman Missal states, a "day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord." This means that, liturgically, each of the octave is 'Christmas Day'. If you are still anxious about the ongoing covid / flu, situation, consider attending church on one of the Octave days other than Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30pm Saturday 24th December +THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

CHRISTMAS DAY 11.00am Sunday 25th December + THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

MONDAY 26TH + ST STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR – 09.30am

TUESDAY 27TH + ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST – 09.30am

***WEDNESDAY 28 TH** + HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS – 09.30am *(Bolton Brow, Sowerby Bridge)

THURSDAY 29TH + ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR – 09.30am

FRIDAY 30TH + THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – 09.30am

SATURDAY 31ST + SEVENTH DAY WITHIN CHRISTMAS OCTAVE – 10.00am - Mytholmroyd

JANUARY 2023 - SUNDAY 1ST MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - 11.00am

DIES DOMINI: THE IMPORTANCE OF SUNDAY - At the request of the Bishops of England and Wales, the Mission Directorate has produced a series of podcasts on why the Day of the Lord is so important. Inspiration for this series has been drawn from Pope John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *Dies Domini* from 1988.
Podcast Series: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/series/day-of-the-lord/>

A NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed **Mgr Philip Moger** as an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Southwark. Bishop-Elect Philip Moger grew up in Halifax and has been a priest of the Diocese for 40 yrs, 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 to pray for him as he prepares for this new mission. **Date for Episcopal Ordination** is Tuesday 21 February 2023 in St George's Cathedral, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY.

ROYAL MAIL STRIKE I would suggest that your last mailing day is the **16 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.

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
		Sub Total	£1396
Costs			
	<i>Cost of printing tickets</i>		<i>£128.00</i>
	<i>Refreshments for helpers</i>		<i>£13.00</i>
		Total	£1255

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.

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

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

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.

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

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 11th December 2022
+ GAUDETE SUNDAY +

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult,
let the wasteland rejoice and bloom,
let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil,
let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it,
the splendour of Carmel and Sharon;
they shall see the glory of the Lord,
the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands,
steady all trembling knees
and say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy
for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy,
everlasting joy on their faces;
joy and gladness will go with them
and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 145(146):6-10

RESPONSE: Come, Lord, and save us

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free, **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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.

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