

St. Gregory's Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent

24th December 2017

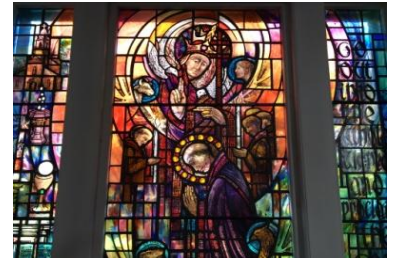
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O come all ye faithful

Christmas Services

Christmas The Nativity of the Lord
7:30pm Christmas Eve Carols in the church
8:00pm " First Mass of
Christmas
9:30am Christmas Day Children's Mass
11:00am " Sung Mass
St. Stephen's Day
11:00am Guild of St. Stephen (Altar Servers)
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10:00am Mass, excl. Friday – Comm. Service
Sunday The Holy Family/New Year's Eve
9:30am Mass
11:00am Mass *Note no evening Mass*
New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God
11:00am Solemn Parish Mass
The Epiphany of the Lord, Sunday, 7th Jan.
Masses at usual Sunday times



Children's Corner

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Pre-Christmas Message from Father Graeme

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those many people who have worked so hard within the parish and for the parish this year. A special word of thanks to those who are giving up their Christmas Eve up to ready the church for our Christmas celebrations. Your dedication is much appreciated.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas & may the Prince of Peace bless you and your loved ones. Thanks & God bless you all!

Fr Graeme

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Reflection

Last Preparations For Christmas

*We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas time,
Not in a cold manger of our heart
But in a heart full of love and humility,
In a heart so pure,
So immaculate,
So warm with love for one another.*

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

A VERY BIG THANK-YOU
*From our food bank STOREHOUSE
for your generous Christmas gifts*

Items always required are tuna, tinned meat such as ham, biscuits, dried packets of pasta with sauce, jam, hygiene products, shampoo, etc.

4th Sunday of Advent

24th December

9:30am Joseph Robinson, Cyril Iddon, Cyril Moss

No 11:00am Mass and no 6:00pm Mass

31st December, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:30am Ken Wareing

11:00am Cynthia Williams (LD)

Note no 6:30pm evening Mass

Christmas - The Nativity of Our Lord

7:30 pm Carols

8:00pm Christmas Night Mass, First Mass of Christmas, offered for the people of our Parish

9:30am Christmas Day, Children's/Family Mass offered for the people on the Christmas List

11:00am Christmas Day, Sung Mass offered for the people on the Christmas List

Christmas Week Masses

Monday 9:30am and 11:00am Christmas List

Tuesday 11:00am Teresa Critchley

Wednesday 10:00am Successful Operation

Thursday 10:00am Thomas Bromley

Friday 10:00am Communion Service

Saturday 10:00am Int. of Hugh O'Daly

The Nativity of the Lord

St. Stephen, The First Martyr

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Please Pray For Our Sick Brothers And Sisters

Margaret Wood, Bill Burns, Margaret Bower, Margaret Brindle, Winifred Calderbank, Hugh O'Daly, Victoria Mary Birkett, Lois Chiasson, Mildred Bridge, Agnes Martindale, Robert Stretton, Bill Barnes, Maureen Jackson, Olive Farnworth, Theresa Kershaw, Gerard McGuigan, Julie Hurley, Thomas Moss, Paul Spedding, Maureen Hill

PARISH NEWS

Children's Liturgy for Christmas

This Sunday's Children's Liturgy will be at the 9.30am Mass as is no Mass at 11 o'clock. **Christmas Day Mass** for children will be at 9.30am as usual. Once again we are supporting the children in orphanages in Romania and ask the children to bring a *small* gift (per family) to be placed by the crib on Christmas Day.

"Living Crib"

On **7th January** when we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, at the 11:00am Mass the children are invited to come to church dressed as a character from the Nativity story.

Christmas List

The two masses on Christmas Day will be offered for those on the 'Christmas List'. See the list at the back of church. All offerings for these masses will be sent to SHELTER, the diocesan charity for homeless persons.

Collection

Thank you very much for last week's collection of £1109.14.

Crib Offering

Any crib offerings left in the basket by the crib will be sent to Nugent Care to be used for their Crib Appeal to help children and adults in need across the Archdiocese.

Christmas Message from Archbishop Malcolm McMahon

Please see the Archbishop's Christmas message to us all on the notice board.

Used Stamps

These can still bring in revenue for charities, please save and put them in the box at the back of church.

Spectacles

We have quite a collection of glasses at the back of church. Please have a look and reclaim yours, if you have lost some!

NEWS FROM FURTHER AFIELD

Eucharistic Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

7 night pilgrimage 'Life Changing Week', departing 7th May on a half board basis in a 4* Hotel Grace. Flights from Manchester. Early bird offer of £585 available until 15/01/2017. To find out more visit www.aglowpilgrimages.com/medjugorje-pilgrimages or call 0800 689 4792 . Leaflets in the porch.

MINISTERING TO THE ASSEMBLY

Counting - 27th December

John and Mary Mark

S.A.S. - 31st December

Yvonne Cunliffe and Marian Knight

Dial a Ride

Malc Scard & Ruth Simpson

Readers

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Pauline Doyle

Carla Blears

Ulrika Yeomans

Eucharistic Ministers “

Richard Jackson

Barbara Slater

Chris Huddy, Yvonne Cunliffe

Marian Knight

George Walmsley

Ulrika Yeomans

Edward Brierley

Margaret Scard

Carol Hardman