Holy Mass Time

THE SEASON OF ADVENT 1st Sunday of Advent

Sacrament of Reconciliation; TBA

(Fr.Joe)Sat.30th Nov (PC) 5:00pm - People of the Parish

(Fr.Joe)Sun 1st Dec (KE) 8:00am - Sisters' Intentions

(StM) 9:30am - Bill Corcoran & Anne Gilmartin (A)

(Deep) 6:30pm - People of the Parish

Tue.3rd Dec - St Francis Xavier

(KE) 8:00am - Sick Person

(StM.) 9:30am - William & Mary Minogue (A) (School Mass)

Wed.4th Dec - Advent Weekday/St John Damascene

(CC) 9:30am - Nellie Duggan Intentions

Thur 5th Dec - Advent Weekday

(PC)9:30am Advent Mass in School - Vera Steer (NDL)

Fri. 6th Dec - Advent Weekday/St Nicholas

(PC) 9:25am Morning Prayer 9:45am - NO MASS 10:30am OCDS Day of Prayer, Doncaster - 11:45am Anne Ferguson (LD)

2nd Sunday of Advent (Bible Sunday)

Sacrament of Reconciliation - TBA

Sat 7th Dec (PC) 5:00pm - Nicola Stubly (LD)

Sun 8th Dec (KE) 8:00am - Jozef Wojcik (A)

(Fr.Joe)(StM) 9:30am - Eric Priestly (A)

(Pen) 6:30pm - People of the Parish

December 2019: Devotion: The Immaculate Conception of Our Lady

The Holy Father's Worldwide Prayer: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritise the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering

Parish Mass Book: 1st Sunday Advent (A) p82

Preface of Advent & Eucharistic Prayer III

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Pope Recalls Apostolic Journey to Thailand and Japan

I returned yesterday from the Apostolic Journey to Thailand and Japan, a gift for which I am very grateful to the Lord. The witness of the Church in Thailand passes also through the works of service to the sick and the least. Excelling among these is Saint Louis Hospital, which I visited, encouraging the health personnel and meeting some patients. Then I dedicated specific moments to priests and consecrated persons, to the Bishops, and also to brother Jesuits. I celebrated Mass in Bangkok with all the People of God in the National Stadium and then with young people in the Cathedral. There we witnessed that in the new family formed by Jesus Christ there are also faces and voices of the Thai people. The motto of my visit to Japan was "Protect All Life," a country that has imprinted the wounds of the atomic bombing and is spokesman for the whole world of the fundamental right to life and to peace. I paused in prayer at Nagasaki and Hiroshima; I met some survivors and relatives of the victims, and I reiterated the firm condemnation of nuclear arms and the hypocrisy of speaking of peace while constructing and selling weapons of war. After that tragedy, Japan has demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to fight for life; and it did so also recently, after the triple disaster of 2011: the earthquake, tsunami, and incident in the nuclear plant. To protect life it's necessary to love it, and today the grave menace, in the more developed countries, is the loss of the sense of living. Copyright © 2018 ZENIT.

Christmas Holy Mass Time

Evening Mass of the Vigil: St Thomas More Parson Cross; 6.00pm Tuesday 24th December Dawn Mass of the Solemnity: Carmelite Monastery, Kirk Edge; 8:00am Wednesday 25th December Day Mass of the Solemnity: St Mary High Green; 10:00am Wednesday 25th December

St. Thomas More's Parish Events

Parish Meeting - Tuesday 26th November 7:30pm

5.V.P. - Every Monday at 6:40pm in the Weekday Chapel. All welcome.

Toilet Rolls for St Wilfrid's - 2nd weekend of the month: Thank you for giving the November toilet rolls for St Wilfrids a "push from the pulpit". We had our best collection for months which completely filled the back of my car. St Wilfrids were absolutely delighted.

Food Bank - 4th weekend of the month; Dry foods and tins only please & small packets of coffee/tea and cordials

Diary Dates - Parish Christmas Fayre - Sunday 1st December; All donations welcome. Volunteers on the day most welcome. See Jane Lowson.

Parish night to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the St Thomas More Centre - Saturday 14th December..

Birthday Invitation - David Carrigan will be 90 years young next month and we are planning on having a small, informal gathering to help him celebrate. This will be held at Henleigh Hall Care Home, 20 Abbey Lane Dell, Sheffield, S8 OBZ at 3pm on Saturday 14th December. We would be very happy to see any friends of Dad's who feel able to join him. Indeed, he and my late mother were parishioners from 1963 and Dad was part of the committee that oversaw the building of the new church. Andrew Carrigan; Home 0114 2305869

St. Mary's Parish Events

Parish Forum - Tuesday 19th November 7:30pm.

S.V.P.- Next meetings: Wed 11th Dec & 8th Jan in the convent at 7:15pm. The next Luncheon Club - is on Monday 9th Dec 2019. Orders must be places by Noon on Thursday 5th Dec 2019. The list is at the back of church or contact Maria on Email smch.1886@yahoo.co.uk or 07943373492

Basics of the Catholic Faith - Mondays 7.30 - 8.30pm at St Mary's, High Green: More information from Deacon Bill (contacts at top of this newsletter)

St Mary's School Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December 3.30 - 5pm - come and join us for an afternoon of fun with stalls run by the children, refreshments, music and Father Christmas - all welcome

St Mary's Catholic Primary School - Christingle and Advent Wreath Service. Monday 2nd December. 10am in school. All welcome. Christmas Crib Exhibition to support Bethlehem Care and Hospice Trust. Tuesday 10th December. 3.30pm in school. All welcome.

Advent Reflections - Wednesday 11th December, 2:00-3:30pm at the Convent, High Green. Come and join us for reflections in preparation for Christmas Tea & Riscuits to follow All welcome

Other Notices

Hospital Admissions - If you would like to receive Holy Communion while in hospital phone 2714999 (non-emergency chaplaincy ansaphone) and state that this is a request for Holy Communion for a Catholic patient (give your name, the site & ward).

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2020 - Bishop Ralph will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2020. The Pilgrimage will depart from Manchester on 18th March and Return on 25th March 2020. Cost £1449.00; per person sharing. There is a single room supplement of £265. There are no other costs.

For further information please contact: Joe McNally Tel: 0114 236 4076 Mobile 07891072858 E-mail: joegmcnally@btinternet.com

Journey with Matthew - From The Prologue and Jesus' Birth to The Passion and Resurrection; Mgr John Ryan will lead an Introductory Presentation and Discussion on the 9th & 16th December from 7:30pm at Our Lady and St Thomas, Meadowhead. S8 7UD. All parishioners are welcome.

Caritas Diocese of Hallam - An exciting opportunity has arisen to work as a counsellor working with children or adults across the whole of the Diocese. To begin with sessional hours are available. Please contact Bernie Ware 07980 406198 bware@hallam-diocese.com for an informal discussion.

Nightfever Sheffield - will be on Saturday 14th December 2019 at St. Marie's Cathedral. The evening will begin with the usual 5:30pm Mass and will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10pm. During this time, Mission teams will go out into the streets around the Cathedral and invite people into the Church to light a candle and place it near the altar. Facebook 'Nightfever Sheffield 'or email:nightfeversheffield@gmail.com < nightfeversheffield@amail.com >.

Please pray for the sick of both parishes. We also remember; Bernie Keane, Mr Lally, Ken Ward, Michael J. Fox, Enid Gibson, Jean Shepherd, Margaret Hillon, who died recently and all whose anniversaries are at this time.

2nd Collections: 11/12th Jan - White Flower Appeal (SPUC) 22/23 Feb - Diocesan Caring Services

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