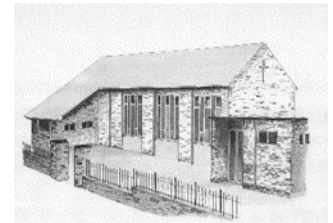


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22ND NOVEMBER 2020

MASSES CELEBRATED LIVE IN ST MARY'S AND STREAMED VIA YOU TUBE

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 22nd November—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9:30a.m.	For the Parish
Monday 23rd—St Columban	No Mass	
Tuesday 24th—Ss Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions	9:30a.m.	Winifred and Francis Coates
Wednesday 25th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.	2 Children
Thursday 26th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.	Kevin Costello
Friday 27th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.	Catherine Lopuszniak
Saturday 28th—Weekday in Ordinary Time	9:30a.m.	Aleksandrs Meerovic

Please pray for Eamonn Dunne and all those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

MASSES RECEIVED: Fr Hubert McNamara, Myra Murphy, Sadie & Sean Mills, Sr Mary Rita, Private Intention.

COVID RESTRICTIONS:

Until Wednesday 2 December, Mass will be livestreamed on the parish website at 9.30am on Sunday and Tuesday to Saturday each week. St Mary's Church will also be open for private prayer from 10am to 12noon on Sunday, Wednesday & Saturday each week. There will be NO Exposition and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will NOT be available during the current lockdown.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Because of the various restrictions this year, people have been asking about the celebration of Mass. It is to be hoped that the current restrictions on public communal acts of worship will be lifted on 3 December. However numbers able to attend each Mass will continue to be restricted. The Bishop reminds us, particularly this year, that the Octave of Christmas means that from 25th December - 1st January every day is seen by the Church as Christmas Day and if we are unable to book a seat for Christmas Eve or Christmas Day there will be plenty of seats for the daily Christmas Mass which concludes on 1st January, the end of the Octave, with the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

Thursday 24th December: Vigil Mass for Christmas: 4.00pm & 6.00pm.

Friday 25th December: Mass of Christmas Day: 9.30am & 11.00am

Saturday 26th December: Mass 12.15pm (St. Stephen)

Sunday 27th December: 9.30am, 11am, 6pm (Feast of the Holy Family)

Monday 28th December - Friday 1st January: 9.30am.

All Masses will be live streamed on You Tube.

It is **ESSENTIAL TO BOOK A PLACE** for all Masses using the online booking system
Remember 4 people from the same household or social bubble only require 1 ticket.
5 people or more from the same household or social bubble only require 2 tickets.

PRAYER LIST

Lizzie Lees,
Margaret Thomson,
Margaret Burke,
John Wallis,
Millie Haigh,
David Murphy,
Peter Fekete,
Fawzia Mohamed,
William Long,
Sonya Box,
Julie Simpson,
Charlotte Fitzpatrick,
Kathleen Knaption,
Peter Carolan,
Peter Smith,
David Hopkinson,
Julie Hall,
Moya Andrew,
Tony Lennon,
Suzanne Peaker,
Rose Marie Rothery,
Larry Byrne,
Eddie Casey,
Winnie Whelan,
Kathleen Hannan,
Nancy McGrath,
Eleanor Foran,
Maureen Colleran,
Pat Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday at 7pm:
The Rosary-Zoom Meeting
882 976 305
Password 7riK44

SVP

Anyone who needs to get in touch with the SVP in the Parish can now call 07512 011 440.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

On the Parish website there is a link on the Home Page to details of this week's Children's Liturgy activities. There are additional Children's Resources via the Parish Life tab at the top of the Home Page.

GIANNA PROJECT

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

For the last two years, St Mary's and St Alban's have generously contributed to The Gianna Project's Moses Basket appeal. Unfortunately, this year, with the Covid 19 Pandemic, it is not appropriate to use the Moses baskets. Therefore, this year they have launched what is referred to as the "Gianna Baby Bank Advent Calendar".

Eileen Holland O'Malley, our contact, has asked if parishioners or families could help by providing Christmas boxes (or bags), during first few weeks of Advent, to help single mums and their babies. The Gifts for these boxes (or bags) can be wrapped with a note detailing the contents or they can be left unwrapped.

As the attached "Gianna Baby Bank Advent Calendar" indicates, the boxes (or bags) should include new mum and baby items. For example baby wipes, baby lotion, creams, baby shampoo, good quality baby clothes and maybe a Christmas present for baby. For new mums, perhaps toothpaste, pads, deodorant and bars of chocolate. Each box or bag will be given as a Christmas present to the family. Please leave your gift box or bag at the back of Church and they will be collected from Monday 14th December so that they can be delivered before Christmas.

For any further details please contact Caroline Walsh 07826818872.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS AND REMEMBRANCE NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

There are November Dead List envelopes at the back of church and along with the bulletin. They can be returned to the box at the back of church or at the presbytery. Those who are not attending church at present can leave an envelope marked 'November Dead List' at the presbytery.

Dead List envelopes will still be available when the church Reopens The November Dead List will be prayed for at Masses throughout the year.

NOTICES FROM THE DIOCESE

See the separate entry on the Parish Website

Mass Offerings, Notices and News Items for the Parish Bulletin should be given to Fr Martin or Deacon John by Wednesday evening at the latest. Notices and News Items but not Mass Intentions can be sent to John Coates (01422 360469 or jbcoates@btinternet.com) again by Wednesday evening. The Parish Safeguarding Representative is Clare O'Neill (07792147620 psr.coneill@dioceseofleeds.org.uk) Leeds Diocese Charity Registration No. 249404

£100,000 CHALLENGE

This year we have not been able to achieve anything like the progress that we have achieved in previous years. However, we have been able to maintain some of the momentum by continuing with the Smartie Challenge which has raised **£1250.96** and the 200 Club. This is a great collective response, particularly in such difficult times.

Other ways in which we can help to keep the momentum going is by joining in one or more of the following initiatives:
DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

The children of the parish are invited to design a Christmas card. The cards should be no bigger than A5 (148mm x 210mm). Individual entries should be placed in a sealed envelope along with the entry fee of £1.00. The child's name and age and a telephone contact no. should be included on the envelope. All entries should be placed in the "Design a Christmas Card Competition" box at the back of St Mary's Church.

The closing date for entries is 13 December 2020. All entries will be displayed at the back of the Church and the winning card will be displayed on the parish website.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGES ACROSS THE PARISH

In previous years, many of us have exchanged Christmas cards with clergy and fellow parishioners. As our contact with others is restricted this year, one way we can come together is through a virtual Parish Christmas card with a Christmas message for clergy and all parishioners. This will be in the form of an insert in the parish bulletin on **20 December 2020**. It will also be added to the parish website.

In return for a donation, your name and personal message will be added to the virtual Christmas card. All you have to do is to write your name and message on an envelope and place your sealed envelope (with your donation inside) in the "Christmas Messages" box at the back of St Mary's Church. Alternatively, you can put your envelope through the door of the Presbytery, but please make sure it is marked "Christmas Messages".

If you are unable to get out and you live locally, you can contact Ros Somerville-Jones (on 07929 871113) who will be happy to collect your "Christmas Messages" envelope.

Please note that, in order to allow time for the collation of messages, the last date for delivering your individual Christmas messages is **13 December 2020**.

CREAM TEA IN A BOX (subject to sufficient demand)

We are looking to offer "Cream Tea in a Box" comprising 2 scones, a small jar of jam, a 40gm carton of clotted cream and 2 enveloped teabags. The cost will be £5.00 per box. Due to a minimum order requirement for clotted cream, we are inviting those interested to register their details and, subject to sufficient numbers, a weekend (in December) will be nominated for the collection of the Cream Teas.

A number of parishioners have already registered their interest and we are extending the deadline for registration to **TODAY**. If you wish to register for a Cream Tea would you please contact Julie Anderson on 07599 084360 or Brenda Biggins on 07914 388150 as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

There are still a few boxes of Christmas cards available to purchase when the Church is open for private prayer.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Due to the Church being closed for public worship and the restricted numbers allowed following reopening, the Parish Christmas Raffle will be replaced with an Easter 2021 raffle.