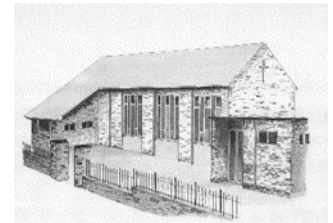


ST MARY & ST ALBAN

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6TH DECEMBER 2020

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

Day	Time	Intention
Sunday 6th December—Second Sunday of Advent	9:30a.m. (L) 11:00a.m.(L) 1:00p.m. 6:00p.m.	Fr Hubert McNamara Yorkshire Brethren Polish Mass For the Parish
Monday 7th—St Ambrose	No Mass	
Tuesday 8th— The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Vigin Mary	7:00p.m. (L)	Martin and Frances Curley
Wednesday 9th—St John Diego Cuahtlatzoatzin	9:30a.m.(L)	Marjorie Blackburn
Thursday 10th—Day In Advent	9:30a.m. (L)	Fr Lister
Friday 11th—St Damasus	9:30a.m.(L) 3:15 p.m.(L)	Winifred and Michael Horan Requiem Mass for Eamonn Dunne
Saturday 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe	12:15p.m.(L)	Eddie and Mary Coates

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

MASSES RECEIVED: Declan Martin, Maureen Lechy, Margaret Killough, Lily McCann, Robert Traynon, All priests, C.S., Susan Coates, Marjorie Blackburn.

DEANERY ADVENT CONFESSIONS. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at St Mary's from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. on Saturday 19th December.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Because of the various restrictions this year, people have been asking about the celebration of Christmas Masses

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 (Daily Public and Christmas) 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 Knapton,
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 DEAD LIST

Dead List envelopes are still available now the church has reopened for Masses. The List will be posted at the back of Church.

THE GATHERING PLACE FOOD BANK

Over the next two weeks we will be collecting Foodstuffs and Domestic Products for the local Food Bank. You can bring your contribution to any of the Masses on those days.

This will be the last collection before Christmas and we would ask for your generosity to help those less fortunate than ourselves at this special time of 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 jcoates@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

200 CLUB

November winners

£100—No 28—Tracey Mullan

£70—No 22—John Makrill

£30—No 109—Peter Carolan

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**.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

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