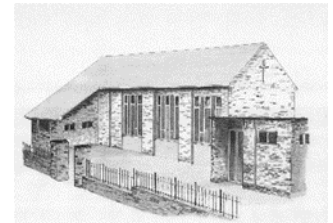


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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GAUDETE (REJOICE) SUNDAY

12TH DECEMBER 2021

CELEBRATION OF MASS—(L)= LIVESTREAMED ON YOU TUBE

	Time	Church	Intention
Sunday 12th December	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Susan Coates
The Third Sunday in Advent	11:00a.m.(L)	St Mary's	For the Parish
Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday	1:00p.m.	St Mary's	Polish Mass
	6:00p.m.	St Alban's	The Dead List
Monday 13th—St Lucy	No Mass		
Tuesday 14th—St John of the Cross	7:00p.m.	St Alban's	Ewa Josefowicz
Wednesday 15th—Day in Advent	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Elaine Scott
Thursday 16th—Day in Advent	9:30a.m.	St Alban's	Laurie Hopkins
Friday 17th—Day in Advent	9:30a.m.(L)	St Mary's	Rose Rothery
Saturday 18th—Day in Advent	12:15p.m.(L)	St Mary's	Czeslaw and Felicia Zieba



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place from 11 to Noon on Saturday at St Mary's and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available from 11 to Noon on Saturday at St Mary's and from 5:45 p.m. on Sunday at St Alban's.

PLEASE PRAY FOR all those who have died recently and for Canon Austin Hewitt and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

PRAYER LIST

David Sutcliffe, Gladys Megson, Patricia Hintze, Patricia Ellison, John Wallis, Millie Haigh, David Murphy, Peter Fekete, Fawzia Mohamed, William Long, Sonya Box, Julie Simpson, Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Peter Carolan, Peter Smith, Julie Hall, David Hopkinson, Moya Andrew, Suzanne Peaker, Larry Byrne, Winnie Whelan, Kathleen Hannan, Nancy McGrath, Eleanor Foran, Maureen Colleran, Patricia Reynolds and all the sick and housebound of the parish, their families and those who care for them.

MASSES RECEIVED Eddie & Mary Coates, Laurie Hopkins, Tom & William Brennan, Peter Carolan, Joe Riddeal, Moska Family, Tony Lennon, Private Intention.

THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER—CATECHISTS. Let us pray for the catechists summoned to announce the Word of God. May they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS – FACE MASKS: With the introduction of 'Plan B' restrictions in England by the government, it has again become a legal requirement for all those who are not exempt to wear a face mask while in places of worship from Friday 10 December.

Please wear a face mask during your visits to church. :

SOCIAL DISTANCING: As you enter St Mary's, the benches on the right (organ side) will remain as they are with social distancing in place. The benches on the left can all be used with no social distancing. **HAND SANITISING:** Please continue to use the hand sanitising gel as you enter and leave church. **HOLY COMMUNION:** Those on the left side of church should make their way to the altar gates to receive Holy Communion. Those who are socially distancing on the right will have Holy Communion brought to them as is the present practice.

ST ALBAN'S CHURCH Social Distancing cannot be guaranteed at any Masses at St Alban's.

PRAYER GROUP

There will be a Rosary Zoom Meeting 79885782514 Password C8RKVv on Wednesday evening at 7pm:

SVP

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

SYNODAL PROCESS

Thank you to those parishioners who attended last Wednesday's meeting and a special thank you to those members of Sacred Heart and St Patrick's who facilitated the event for us.

If you were unable to attend or if you would rather engage with the process online, you can complete an online questionnaire at <https://www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk/parish-to-mission-survey>.

Hardcopies of the questionnaire can be obtained from Fr Martin.

ADVENT DEANERY CONFESSIONS

At St Mary's, Clarence Street, on Saturday 18th December from 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Priests will be in attendance throughout.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve 5pm & 7pm,
Christmas Day 9.30am & 11am
(all Masses at St Mary's).

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS

The School closes for the Christmas Holiday on Friday (17th)
and reopens on Tuesday January 4th 2022.

We wish all the pupils, staff and helpers, and their families a happy and holy Christmas.

CREATE A CHRISTMAS SPARKLE

Parishioners are invited to come and help bring some Christmas Sparkle to St Mary's and St Alban's Churches by helping with a big clean including brasses.

Volunteers should turn up at St Mary's at 10:00a.m. this Tuesday (14th)
and/or at 10:30a.m. at St Alban's on Thursday (16th).

Cleaning materials will be provided but to bring a pair of marigolds or similar would be a good idea.

THANK YOU in anticipation of a good response.

THE BETHLEHEM CARE AND HOSPICE TRUST

The mission of this Trust is to help those in most need in the Holy Land. When the elderly and terminally ill people of Bethlehem reach the end of their lives, they have nowhere to turn. They have launched a fundraising campaign to raise enough funds to build the city's first ever hospice. To help this good cause please consider buying their Christmas cards which are on sale at the back of St Mary's.

GIANNA PROJECT

In readiness for this Christmas the organisers have made a very specific request where they have identified the greatest need. To meet this challenge we have been asked this year if we can supply baby clothes, **ESPECIALLY** for girls between 0-3 months, nappies and wipes. As usual, a Moses basket will be at the back of Church to collect these items.

THE GATHERING PLACE FOOD BANK (EBENEZER)

Thank you for your tremendous response to the collection for December.

£100.000 CHALLENGE

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale after Saturday and Sunday morning masses. (£1 per ticket £5 per book) Prizes include 3 luxury hampers.

CAROL SING WITH SOUTH HALIFAX CHURCHES TOGETHER

at Tesco Express (bottom of Free School Lane) Thursday 16th December 6:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

This week's Notices from the Diocese are held their own page 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)

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