



PARISH OF ST. MARGARET CLITHEROW

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SACRED HEART
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Kingsway, Rochdale
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20th December 2020

Masses & Services

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)

11.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Monday 21st December

9.30am Requiem Mass for Ina Harrington
at Sacred Heart

Tuesday 22nd December

7:00pm Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

Wednesday 23rd December

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

Thursday 24th December

6:00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family

8:00pm Vigil Mass at Sacred Heart

Midnight Mass at Sacred Heart

Friday 25th December

10:00am Holy Mass at Holy Family

11:30am Holy Mass at Sacred Heart

Saturday 26th December

12:00 Noon Holy Mass (SH)

St Stephen

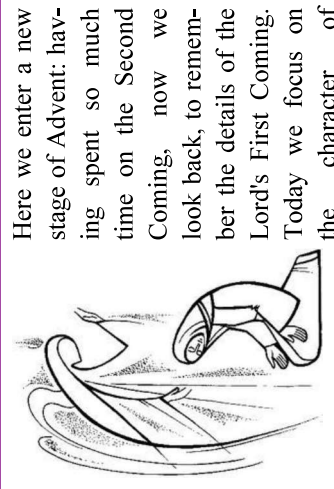
NO VIGIL MASS AT 6:00pm

Sunday 27th December

The Holy Family

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)

11.30 am Holy Mass (SH)



Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming.

Today we focus on the character of

Mary, and hear of the angel Gabriel being sent to her, to invite her to take her part in the mystery of the Incarnation, the revelation of the mystery kept secret for endless ages. This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the establishing of that house. An interesting idea is that the first reading talks of David wishing to build a house for the Lord; through the prophet he is told not of the house that he would build, but the House which is his line: eventually, in Mary (betrothed to Joseph) the House of David does itself become the house of the Lord, the womb wherein he has a dwelling place.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE
NO VIGIL MASS ON
SATURDAY EVENING 26th Dec**

Please Pray For the Following

Sick: Eileen Naven, Louise Sherrington, Ken Hargreaves, Frank Mullarkey, Philomena Hill, Kathleen Payne, Doreen Boardman, Cindy Nuttall, Gemma Beeny, Lindsay Hillen, Jim & Helen Hyndman, Andrew Swaby, Marjorie Molloy.

Lately Dead: Ina Harrington, Alan Bowles, Kathleen Clarke, Eileen Guiver.

Anniversaries & B'days: Ronnie Russell, Margaret Gough, Edward & n Sarah Anne Nally, Fr Peter Birmingham, Fr Francis Cavanagh, Mary Jones, Eddie O'Callaghan, Kevin Anthony Boardman

Prayer for the Sick & Housebound

Father we thank you for the gift of your Son in the Eucharist.

We now place before you all the sick and housebound of our parish

As they share in His Eucharist with us, we pray that they may come to know the depth of your love for them and the joy, peace and healing of your presence, through Christ your Son, Our Lord.

Hospital Chaplains

Springhill Hospice: 01706 649920

Royal Oldham : 0161 627 8796

Fairfield Fr. Starkie 07979351744

North M/c Hospital 0161 720 2293

The Christie 0161 446 3097

Newsletter by Email

To receive the newsletter by email please drop a note to the parish email: parish@sacredheartchurchrochdale.org.uk



'Continuously ask your guardian angel for help. Your guardian angel has to become your best friend'.

Blessed Carlo Acutis

SVP FOOD COLLECTION

Many, many thanks to all who have donated to the SVP appeal for children's clothes, shoes and toys. We now have enough clothes to help those who need them. This appeal is now closed. Many thanks once again. The **FOOD COLLECTIONS** continue on **Sunday afternoons** in the car park at Sacred Heart from 2pm till 4pm. If you would like to donate any items of non perishable food then please bring them along to help those from our parish who are struggling a little. Many thanks.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER

can be emailed to the parish office (parish@sacredheartrochdale.org.uk) or dropped through the door at Sacred Heart. Please make sure that they arrive no later than 12:00noon on Fridays. Many thanks

NEW WEBCAM

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this project **We have currently raised a wonderful £1,918 towards the total cost of £3,500.** If you would still like to make a donation drop your donation into the collection at Mass—marking your envelope 'Webcam' Many thanks.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The SVP want to deliver a gift to each Care Home and Nursing Home in the Parish. They need help from volunteers in order to deliver them. If you are able to help please ring, send a text or email with your contact details to: 07584 875804
e mail PresidentD111401@svp.org.uk

MAGNIFICAT BOOKS

for December and January have arrived. Please collect your copy when you come to Mass. Many thanks

Parish of St. Margaret Clitherow Christmas Mass Booking 2020

Space in church is limited due to Covid 19. Please complete this form and return to the **Parish Office at the Sacred Heart Presbytery** to reserve your place at Mass this Christmas. Please tick the box of your preferred Mass time:

Christmas Eve Holy Family 6:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Please tick
Christmas Eve Sacred Heart 8:00pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Christmas Eve Sacred Heart Midnight	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Christmas Day Holy Family 10:00am	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Christmas Day Sacred Heart 11:30am	<input type="checkbox"/>	

No. of people in your bubble who can sit together as a group _____

Main Contact Name _____

Tel. No _____

Email _____

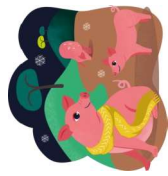
Please tick if a wheelchair user place is required

If, after booking, you realise you will be unable to attend or wish to make an alteration to numbers, please inform the Parish Office as soon as possible. **All bookings must be returned by 20/12/20 at the latest.** Thank You.

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CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

World Gifts are a range of virtual charity gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families living in poverty. By making a donation to CAFOD you will be helping to support the poor. Further details are available on the website: www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a leaflet from the back of church.

READERS AT MASS

Saturday 19th December –12:00 Noon

Christopher Howard

6:00pm Anthony Rungay

Sunday 20th December

10:00am E Capper

11:30 Josie Collier

CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00pm T Napier

8:00pm Matt Breen

Midnight Bartek Stepniewski

CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am A Capper

11:30am Amory Nickson

A Christmas Message from the Parish Priest

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas and all the blessings that the Christ Child brings.



What a year 2020 has been! Let's hope and pray that with the advent of a vaccine we can return to a little more normality in 2021.

At the Mass to mark the end of term for our children at school I spoke about a song that was popular a few years ago. 'From a Distance' Many would see this as a Christmas song. I beg to differ.

The song tells us that from a distance there will be no more wars etc. It then goes on to proclaim that 'from a distance God is watching you.

The whole point of the Feast of Christmas is to tell us that God does not watch us from a distance. He took on our flesh in the Person of His only Son our Lord Jesus Christ by being born of the Virgin Mary. God truly understands our difficulties because he has experienced everything that we do, but without sin.

Christmas is a time to draw close to God as he draws close to us through the birth of his Son. It is a time to renew our faith and the practice of that faith. If you have grown lukewarm in your faith now is the time to do something about it. There is always a welcome in the Church for those who return.

Wishing you all the peace and joy of this Holy Season and I look forward to welcoming you here at Christmas.

Drodzy Parafianie,
Z okazji tego rocznych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia składam Wam serdecznie Życzenia. Niech Boże Deteię obficie błogosławi Wam i Waszym rodzinom! Z Życzeniami. Wesolych Świąt!

Fr. Thomas

MASS DURING THE OCTAVE

Please note that Mass for the weekdays of the Christmas Octave Monday 28th December to Friday 1st January 2020 will be at 12:00 Noon.

FUNERAL SERVICE

for Eileen Willmore 30th December at 1:30pm in the chapel of Dixon's Funeral Home. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

HOSPITAL BLEEP

I'm covering the hospital bleep this weekend. Please remember all who are sick and in hospital at this time

SANCTUARY LAMPS

We now have three lamps in the sanctuary at Sacred Heart. One burns by Our Lady, one by the Sacred Heart and one by the Tabernacle. These lamps can be purchased to burn for your intentions. If you would like to purchase a lamp (donation £5) then have a word with Fr Francis or place your offering in an envelope marking it 'Sanctuary Lamp' and where you would like the lamp to burn and for what Intention.

The lamps this week burn as follows:

Sacred Heart

Our Lady

The O'Keefe Family

Tabernacle

Fr Liam Comer

Please note lamps are burnt in the order that they are received. Names will appear in the newsletter when they are being burnt. It may mean you have to wait a little while before your lamp is burnt.

THE DIOCESAN ALMANAC

giving details of all the parishes, priests, schools of the diocese. is available when you come to Mass. Priced just £3.50

HOPE IN THE FUTURE

As Christmas approaches we pray for the parish of St. Joseph, Ramsbottom, for Fr. Frank Thorpe, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, inspire them to imitate her faith.



REQUIEM MASS

9:30am Monday 21st December at Sacred Heart for the repose of the soul of Iona Harrington RIP. Our condolences go to her family and all who mourn her passing

CHRISTMAS DECORATING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For those who are willing and able to help with decorating our churches for Christmas could we please gather at the following times?

Sacred Heart Tuesday after the 7pm Evening Mass

Holy Family Wednesday at 7:00pm.

The more who come along the merrier it will be.

CHRISTMAS CANDLES

to help us decorate the church for Christmas you may wish to purchase a memorial candle that will burn from Midnight Mass for one week. The names of your loved ones will be placed on the candle and they will be remembered at Masses during the Christmas Octave.

The suggested donation for each candle is £5:00. Place your offering in an envelope and mark it clearly **CHRISTMAS CANDLE together with the name you wish to be added to the candle.**

The last day for handing in candle requests will be Sunday 20th December.

(Picture taken in my last parish)

