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Kingsway, Rochdale
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13th December 2020

Masses & Services

Third Sunday of Advent

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)

11.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Monday 14th December

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

St. John of the Cross

Tuesday 15th December

7:00pm Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

Wednesday 16th December

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

Thursday 17th December

NO MASS

Friday 18th December

9.30am Holy Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

Saturday 19th December

12:00 Noon Holy Mass (SH)

Advent Weekday

6:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 20th December

Advent 4

10:00am Holy Mass (HF)

11.30 am Holy Mass (SH)

Third Sunday of Advent



So who is coming? This Sunday's readings help to answer that question. John the Baptist is asked about the coming of the Messiah - is it him? He affirms his role as a witness to speak for the light, by pointing to the one who stands among the crowd unknown to them who is coming after him. This idea is present in the First Reading, where Isaiah proclaims what the anointed one (Messiah in Hebrew) will do, and the joy that this will bring. It is interesting that the Psalm appointed for this Sunday is the Magnificat - Mary's song of praise at the announcement that the Messiah would be born of her - in which she sings of the works of the coming Messiah. Paul then reminds us that we are still waiting patiently: God has called you, and he will not fail you. This is why, on this 'Gaudete' Sunday, we as God's people rejoice in his care, made visible in his promises, fulfilled in Jesus.

Please Pray For the Following
Sick: Louise Sherrington, Ken Harrington, Alan Bowles.
 graves, Frank Mullarkey, Philomena Hill, Kathleen Payne, Doreen Boardman, Cindy Nuttall, Gemma Beeny, Lindsay Hillen, Jim & Helen Hyndman, Andrew Swaby, Marjorie Molloy.

Lately Dead: Fr Peter McKie, Iona Harrington, Alan Bowles.
Anniversaries & B'days: Ronnie Russell, Fr John Reynolds, Mary Jones, Eddie O'Callaghan, Fr Joseph Corcoran, Fr David McGarry, Fr Anthony Sudlow, Fr Peter Knowles, 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 £1,718 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 Please tick
- Christmas Eve Sacred Heart 8:00pm
- Christmas Eve Sacred Heart Midnight
- Christmas Day Holy Family 10:00am
- Christmas Day Sacred Heart 11:30am

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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SCHOOL MASS

The 9:30am Mass on Friday will be livestreamed for the children at Holy Family and Sacred Heart Primary Schools. The children will remain in school so parishioners will still be able to attend Mass but I will be addressing the children during the homily.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL 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.



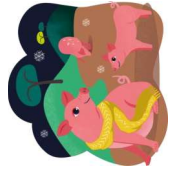
The suggested donation for each candle is £5.00. Place your offering in an envelope and mark it clearly **CHRISTMAS CANDLE together with the name you wish to be added to the candle.**

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

(Picture taken in my last parish)

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.



A YEAR IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH

On Tuesday last the Holy Father inaugurated a year on honour of St Joseph, the foster father of Our Lord. You can find Pope Francis Letter on the Vatican website. It is a good read and I recommend it to you. The Holy Father also encourages us to pray this daily prayer to St Joseph.



Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

READERS AT SH

Saturday 12th December 12:00 Noon

Jane Mawdsley

6:00pm Anthony Rumgay

Sunday 13th December

11:30am Bartek Stepiewski

Saturday 19th December –12:00 Noon

Christopher Howard

6:00pm Anthony Rumgay

Sunday 20th December

11:30 Josie Collier

Readers for Christmas will be in next weeks newsletter

‘Never be afraid to love the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love Her as much as Jesus did’.

St Maximilian Kolbe

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

John Knowles

Our Lady

Tabernacle

Joan Mary Fleming

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 our Advent journey reaches its mid-point we pray for the parish of St. Gabriel and the Angels and St. John the Baptist, Castleton and Rochdale, with Fr. Michael Johonnnet, their parish priest, and the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. We pray also for their parish primary schools. May the call of John the Baptist inspire them to serve the Lord.



CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

We are currently in the process of sorting out the applications received so far for tickets to the Christmas Masses.

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM SATURDAY 19th DECEMBER.

If we are not able to allocate you a place then we will contact you.

Please return your applications as soon as possible to help us in the allocation of places. Please do not leave it to the last minute. Unfortunately if you have not reserved a place then you will not be able to attend the Mass. For this year at least you will not be able to just turn up and come into church. Thank you for your understanding.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORMS TO THE PARISH OFFICE AT SACRED HEART BY 20th DECEMBER so that tickets can be allocated to you.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

If any one is willing to help with decorating our churches for Christmas then please get in touch so that we can get things moving. The more people that are involved the better. We will need help with putting up the Crib and other decorations in both our churches. Also if anyone would like to help with arranging flowers then please get in touch. We've all had an awful year so a bit of coming together in friendship would give us all a boost.

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

