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The Month of December is devoted to The Immaculate Conception



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
Sunday, 19 DECEMBER 2021 Psalter Week 4



Saturday (Totley)

5.00 p.m. Angela McKinney

Sunday

9.15 a.m. Lucia Fojut

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday *Advent Feria*

No Mass

Tuesday (Totley) St Peter Canisius

10.00 a.m. Dead List

Wednesday *Advent Feria*

10.00a.m. Susan Willcock & Mary Willcock

Thursday No Mass



The Season of Christmas



Christmas Eve

3.00 p.m. *Mass with Children's Nativity*

Kath Jarman

5.00 p.m. *Mass with Children's Nativity*

Angela McKinney

10.00 p.m. *People of the Parish*



CHRISTMAS DAY
THE BIRTH OF THE LORD



9.00 a.m. (Totley) *Annie & Brendan McBride*

10.00 a.m. *John Phelan Jnr*

Next week's Masses (Sunday 26th)

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday (Totley)

9.00 a.m. *People of the Parish*

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. *Liz & Danny Grant*

11.15 a.m. *James Moffett*

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Alison Bingley, Tom Bennett, Neville Garrett, Danny Grant, Pauline Souflas, Teddy Howes, Katie Glackin, David Gage, & Edward Keefe.

Registered Charity No 512021



O Holy Night

**FOR UNTO US A CHILD
IS BORN, FOR UNTO US A
A SON IS GIVEN**

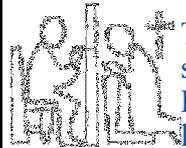
The latest from Bishops' Conference regarding the omicron variant and our Churches:

With respect to the current situation with the omicron variant it is important to ensure the following points are followed in our churches:

- That people displaying Covid symptoms stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is used on entering and leaving church.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughout in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important to wrap up well in church!
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

Further to the above - following the recent Government announcement, with effect from Friday 10 December, **FACE COVERINGS (NOSE AND MOUTH) ARE NOW COMPULSORY ONCE AGAIN** in places of worship Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Advent Penitential Service



There will be a penitential service on Wednesday, 22nd December at 7.00pm followed by an opportunity to go to confession.

As ever, everything is COVID permitting!



Church Decorating - The decorating of the church for Christmas will take place after 11.15 Mass **TODAY** December 19th. If you can spare half an hour or so to help with the preparations it would be much



Church Cleaning or Christmas will take place tomorrow, on Monday 20th December from 11am onwards. Please come along. The more the merrier and the quicker it will all be done!



Christmas Nativity Masses - There will be a maximum of 200 at each of the 2 Masses. Seats will not be allocated but you must book a place.

Please ring the office between 11.00am - 2.00pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, or email the parish. Your name and number of seats required will be necessary.

The children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, kings, sheep etc. **Masks are STRONGLY recommended, and are COMPULSORY FOR ALL AGED 12 OR OVER.**



Servers for Christmas If you would like to serve at any of the Christmas Masses, could you please sign up in the sacristy this weekend.

Memory Stars - Memory stars for the Christmas Tree are on sale now. They cost £1.00 each. Please use this opportunity to remember loved ones and help raise much needed funds for Bethlehem Care & Hospice Trust. Bethlehem people have suffered more than most during the pandemic. Borders were closed. Tourism and Pilgrimages stopped. Unemployment still at 80% there continues to be real need for food and healthcare. **Thank you.**



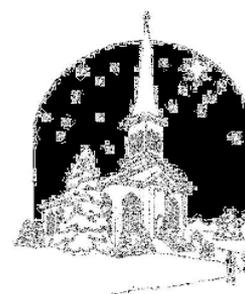
Masses for Christmas



*Christmas Eve: 3.00pm Mass with Children's Nativity (Places to be booked in advance)
5.00pm Mass with Children's Nativity (Places to be booked in advance)
10.00pm Mass of Christmas (Carols beforehand from 9.45pm)*

*Christmas Day: 9.00am Totley
10.00am Meadowhead*

*The Holy Family: 9.00am Totley
(Sunday) 9.15am Meadowhead
11.15am Meadowhead*



NEWSLETTER MATERIAL BY MONDAY PLEASE - I will be printing the Christmas weekend newsletter on Tuesday 21st, so please submit any items by Monday afternoon at the latest. Thank you.

Shape The Future of Your Church

Pope Francis would like to hear from **YOU**. He has summoned a Synod for 2023, but before it meets, he wants every Catholic in the world prayerfully to participate in the preparation.

A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” Pope Francis wants us to listen to one another’s stories and he has asked us to reflect on the following questions.

1. What has been your experience of living in your Catholic community been like?
2. How is this “journeying together” happening today in your local Church?
3. What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?

How are you finding your journey right now?

Our parish's Synod Representatives - Anne-Marie Fletcher, Andy Blinston, Matthew Richardson, and Beth Craggs - would love to hear about your experience. Find them after any of the Sunday Masses, or email olstsheffieldsynodreps@gmail.com to arrange a time to talk.

NIGHTSTOP South Yorkshire a service of DePaul UK

Nightstop tackles youth homelessness by providing emergency overnight accommodation for young people who are facing a night on the streets or sleeping in an unsafe place.

Nightstop is a unique project which relies on community hosting to provide a safe, welcoming place for young people in crisis. Volunteer hosts, who are ordinary members of the community, open their homes to young people aged from 16 to 25 years, offering: a private spare room, a hot meal, a shower, laundry facilities, a listening ear.

Nightstop South Yorkshire is looking for volunteers across the region to support young people in the region who may have nowhere to sleep that night. If you think you can help please contact 01142 787152. For further information see the notices at the back of church.

Home from Home Hallam – supporting a refugee family Our project has made good progress and we are hoping to submit our application for the Community Sponsorship programme to the Home Office in the next few weeks, when the Council have approved it.

An updated newsletter is available on our new webpage on the Diocesan website

(<https://hallam-diocese.com/caritas/home-from-home/>). Thank you for your continued prayers.

Reflection on the readings for the Forth Sunday of Advent

When Micah was writing in the late 8th century BC, Jerusalem was under siege and David’s dynasty was in jeopardy. But he said that salvation would come from a comparatively insignificant place – Bethlehem.

The author of the second reading states that Jesus didn’t come to offer the sacrifices of the old law, but to do God’s will. His sacrifice was essentially one of obedience, which meant accepting death on a cross.

His one perfect sacrifice did what the sacrifices of the Law of Moses was unable to do; it brought about the reconciliation between God and his people.

Luke gives us the story of Mary’s visit to Elizabeth. Mary is portrayed as making her way in haste – a haste inspired by friendship and charity but yet more by her recognition of a divine invitation.

At Mary’s greeting Elizabeth felt the infant stir in her womb. This indicates the connection there is between John and Jesus. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth recognises the blessedness of Mary and hints at the uniqueness of the child she has conceived.

Advent Offertory Collections



As usual we are invited to make additional practical offerings as part of our preparations for Christmas for those in need in our area at this time .



4th Sunday (19th) MEN’S CLOTHING eg. new sm/med pants, vests, socks, footwear, warm hats, gloves, (no scarves) for BEN’S CENTRE for people on the streets in Sheffield.

Thank you for making Good News a reality in more people’s lives by all your generosity throughout Advent . It has been greatly appreciated.

Hymn for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

O come, now King David, come,
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high,
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!
O come, now Day-spring from on high,
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!
O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid now our sad divisions cease,
And be yourself our King of Peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel!

From the "Great O Antiphons"

Prayers for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

O God,
who wonderfully created the dignity
of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

God, who makest us glad with the yearly
remembrance of the birth of Thy only Son Jesus
Christ; Grant that as we joyfully receive Him
as our Redeemer, so we may with sure
confidence behold Him, when He shall come to
be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with
Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and forever.

Book of Common Prayer, 1928

This Week's Readings FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: *Micah 5:1-4*

Responsorial Psalm: 79

Second Reading: *Hebrews 10:5-10*

Gospel: *Luke 1:39-45*

Next Week's Readings THE HOLY FAMILY

First Reading: *Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14*

Responsorial Psalm: 127

Second Reading: *Colossians 3:12-21*

Gospel: *Luke 2:41-52*

Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTMAS EVE ((Meadowhead))

Nativity Masses

Communion	3.00 p.m.	P Corkell
Readers	3.00 p.m.	C Farragher, R Portaluri
Communion	5.00 p.m.	A Tucker
Readers	5.00 p.m.	D Lewis, F Glaze

Night Mass

Communion	10.00 p.m.	K O'Brien
Readers	10.00 p.m.	H Simmerson, A Willcock

CHRISTMAS DAY

Totley

Readers	9.00 a.m.	D Fletcher, G Wilkinson
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Meadowhead

Communion	10.00 a.m.	H Stones
Readers	10.00 a.m.	K Corker, S Corker

Week Commencing Sunday 26 December 2021 The Holy Family

Communion:	9.15 a.m.	P Ashby
	11.15 a.m.	J Tucker
Readers:	9.00 a.m. (Totley)	V Coomer, C Nicholson
	9.15 a.m.	C Perryman, F Green
	11.15 a.m.	M Richardson, J McNally
Welcome:	9.15 a.m.	N Parsons
	11.15 a.m.	A Willcock

Thought for the Week

Love has no meaning
if it isn't shared.
Love has to be
Put into action

(Saint Teresa of Calcutta)

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