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The Month of November is devoted to All Saints

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

22 November 2020 Psalter 2

Saturday

NO Private Prayer

Mass Intention - People of the Parish

Sunday

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Catherine Mary Tetzlaff

Monday

DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Conversion of Sinners

Tuesday

Feria

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - John Walton

Wednesday

St Catherine of Alexandria, martyr

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Pauline Reese

Thursday

Feria

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Pat Kirk

Friday

Feria

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Mass Intention - Dead List

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

~~5.00 p.m.~~

~~Private Prayer~~

Sunday (Meadowhead)

10.00 a.m.

Private Prayer

Please Pray for:

Our sick: Anne Brown, Rae Goodlad, Marie Lennox, Sr Emma Bechold, Sheila Ryan, Katie Glackin, Neville Garratt, Pauline Souflas, Lucia Fojut, Michael Goodfellow, Linda Costello, Pauline Collins and Edward Keefe.

Lately dead: Pat Kirk, Bridie Pakenham, Mgr Peter Moran, Fr Michael Horrax, John Walton, and Catherine Mary Tetzlaff **RIP**

And let us remember in our prayers Zisimos Souflas who is missing.

Sunday Collections

Please remember, you can pay your weekly contributions directly into the parish account. The details are below.

If you are paying by cheque and sending the money to the presbytery, please remember cheques **MUST** be made payable to

'Woodseats R C Parish Account'. The bank will not accept any variation.

Weekly Offertories – If you would like to make a bank transfer for your weekly offering instead of the loose plate or your weekly envelope you may do so using the following details.

Sort Code: 40-41-07 Account Number: 01095153

Please put Offertory in the Reference box. Please include your name also if it is to replace your envelope or for gift aid.

Registered Charity No 512021

Anyone wishing to set up a Standing Order, the account name you should use is: **Diocese of Hallam Woodseats RC Parish.**

Fr Stephen will be saying Mass privately each day. You can see the intentions on the front of the newsletter. Don't forget, you can still send in any Mass requests and donation anytime.

Private Prayer - The church will be open Sunday - Friday from 10.00am Please feel free to come along any-time during that hour. You do not need to book (though this may be reviewed if numbers are high). *However, the 2 metre rule will still apply, masks MUST be worn and names and contact details are still required for tracking and tracing.* Don't forget, you can also use the QR Code if you have downloaded the NHS app.
NB - There will be no Private Prayer on Saturdays until further notice.

CAFOD on-line events

- ◆ **Pray Without Ceasing Prayer Service for Climate Justice** Sunday 22 November, 2pm-3pm World leaders should have been gathering now in Glasgow for COP26, the crucial UN climate conference (now postponed until November 2021) To mark the original date, and to reflect on our role in pushing for more ambitious climate action in the coming year, we will gather from all over the world for a short service of prayer, reflection and action on climate justice with friends from around the world. [Register to join us.](#)
- ◆ **The coming of Christ in Advent - Meditating stories from Peru** Thursday 26 November, 11am-12pm Join us online for reflections on Advent from Rev. Deacon Sean Loone with his book *Born for Us - A Journey Into the Real Meaning of Christmas* and Lucy Jardine, CAFOD program officer Peru, to tell us more about Advent traditions in Peru. [Register to join us.](#)
- ◆ **CAFOD Advent Prayer - A Journey To The Manger** Every Sunday from 29 November to 6 January, 6pm-6:30pm Join us for some simple and peaceful prayer and reflection as we share our journey of Advent together. We will gather around a candle and be gently led in a time of prayer. No need for a computer camera or microphone or worrying about what to say. Just register then click the link on Sundays through Advent and on Epiphany, the 6th of January. The prayer will start at 6pm and run for less than half an hour. All are welcome to join us on this journey. [Register to the series.](#)
- ◆ **Top of the Christmas Card List?** As November is the month when we pray particularly for those who have died, let us remember some of CAFOD's partners who have been killed for standing up for their people and speaking out for justice – something we are privileged to be able to do in comparative safety here in the UK. More than 300 human rights defenders were killed last year while trying to protect their lands and nature, to halt the climate crisis or stand up for peace and human rights. Hundreds more were threatened or criminalised. CAFOD invites us to support these communities by sending Messages to the Brave either online or by making or sending a card via CAFOD by 7th December. Find out more at www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Latest-campaigns/Messages-to-the-brave

More updates on our parish Outreach partners.

Parish Outreach partners benefit from your generosity – at its Zoom meeting on 9th November the Outreach Committee agreed the following allocations to our partners at home and overseas:

Mind the Gap – Africa £500; (see update below), Assist £300; The Besom £300; Reaching the Unreached £300; Ben's Centre £200; Sheffield Samaritans £200; SVP Furniture Store £200.

On behalf of our partners, thank you for your generosity in donating a total of just over £2,000 in recent weeks, roughly the same amount we would have hoped to raise through the annual raffle and Coffee, Cakes and Crackers (which would have been taking this weekend in a normal year). In the lead-up to Christmas we invite you to support some of our local Outreach partners with gifts in kind - see the article on Advent Collections. And please keep all of our Outreach partners in your prayers. Thank you again.

Mind the Gap – Africa, a small charity registered in 2012, seeks to care for orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children in Zimbabwe by establishing and running small family homes, and employing local people to provide them with loving care, with particular attention to medical, nutritional, educational and developmental needs.

Our parish contact is Claire Parsons who has a long-time old friend working on the project. Claire's friend reports that whilst their village hasn't been hit in a big way by Covid – though there is so little testing that they have no idea of true numbers – their needs are still great. Simply keeping everyone fed is a challenge. And basic things that we take for granted, such as school books and stationery are out of reach for many. The project team have been overwhelmed with requests for help. They are expanding their gardens and looking to acquire more animals, particularly goats, so that they can help more people, particularly children. More immediately, they are hoping to be able to hold a Christmas party for the children. Longer term, they would like to acquire a farm truck and a minibus. With so many needs to be met, our parish's gift of £500 will be very welcome.

The Bishops' Conference has said that .during this time, there will be a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6.00pm, and that the Vigil of Christ the King, Saturday, 21st November, will be observed specially as a day of prayer for the ending of the pandemic.

Please sign this petition if you think Mass should be resumed. All are encouraged to sign the following petition calling for the government to reconsider its stance on a blanket ban on congregational worship: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/548621>.

St Wilfrid's Centre is selling their popular Christmas Cards online through their website. This year's card image "Looking out from the Warmth of St Wilfrid's" is taken from a painting by their Head of Centre, Ruth Moore. Cards are only £4 for a pack of 10 cards and postage for up to 10 packs is only £2.95 Please visit <https://www.stwilfridscentre.org/online-shop/christmas-cards-1>



For Sale; Nativity Christmas - Cards to help establish the very first Hospice in Bethlehem . Available In church or from Philomena and Joe McNally 0114 236 4076 or Graham and Valerie Smith 0114 236 8859. Price same as last year £3.50 packet of 10.

Catholic Vocation Projects - Compass in #Advent. Our lives are being turned upside down at the moment due to #COVID19 - Join us to reflect on some of the characters in the #Christmas story whose lives were also radically changed. Email us: CompassInAdvent@gmail.com More info: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent> How is God speaking to us through these stories today? Each Friday we will focus on one set of characters. The meeting will also include a sharing of a contemporary story of vocation/call. There will be time for sharing, questions and discussion.

Who? – Young adults 18-35; When? Fridays - 27th Nov, 4th , 11th , 18th Dec; Time? 7pm for one hour
Zoom link: email us on CompassInAdvent@gmail.com for the link and for any other information.

Facebook event: <https://bit.ly/CompassInAdvent>

Compass is a project of CVP (Catholic Vocations Project). CVP is supported by a group of religious women and men in the UK who are interested in promoting a culture of vocation in our Church.



ADVENT OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS – may be a bit different from usual this year but the needs are still here in our local community and we know parishioners value this opportunity as part of the preparations for Christmas to focus on what helps to spread the real message of Good News. So, here's the list of needs for over the 4 weeks, though there are more ways for you to deliver items because of restrictions.



(Alternatively you can send financial donations via Outreach. Details on the parish website.)



1st Sunday of Advent - 29th November for Grace Food Bank (**needed by 7th**) Festive Fare: (Full list on the backpage of the newsletter) Donations can be made at the Michael Church on Mondays 10.30am- 12noon.or at Sainsbury's Archer Rd, Morrison's Meadowhead or Co-op Derbyshire Lane. Or at OLST.*



2nd Sunday - 6th December for St Wilfrid's Centre (**needed by 11th**) Men's toiletries of shower gel, shampoo, roll on deodorant, shaving foam, tooth paste and toothbrushes, Men's medium underpants/boxers. Tubs and boxes of wrapped chocolates (Celebrations, Heroes etc), Christmas crackers. Donations can be made directly to St Wilfrid's or to OLST.*



3rd Sunday - 13th December for our parish SVP (**needed by 13th**) Boxes of chocolates and biscuits. Donations to OLST.*



4th Sunday - 20th December for Ben's Centre (**needed by 20th**) Men's new medium underwear- pants & vests, hats & gloves (no scarves please) and new or second-hand CLEAN sleeping bags for outdoor use.

Donations can be made directly to Ben's or to OLST.*

Donations can be left in the church porch on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday, from 9.45 -11.30am., Meadowhead ONLY

PLEASE LABEL your gifts with the name of the charity. THANK YOU.

Thought for the Week

Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

Matthew 25: 34-40

(from the Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King)

Prayer for the Feast of Christ the King

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray, that the whole creation,
set free from slavery,
may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen

This Week's Readings Christ the King

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17*

Responsorial Psalm: 22

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28*

Gospel: *Matthew 25:31-46*

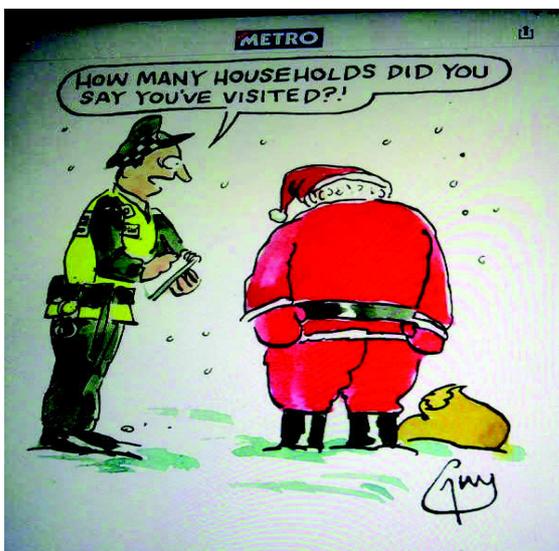
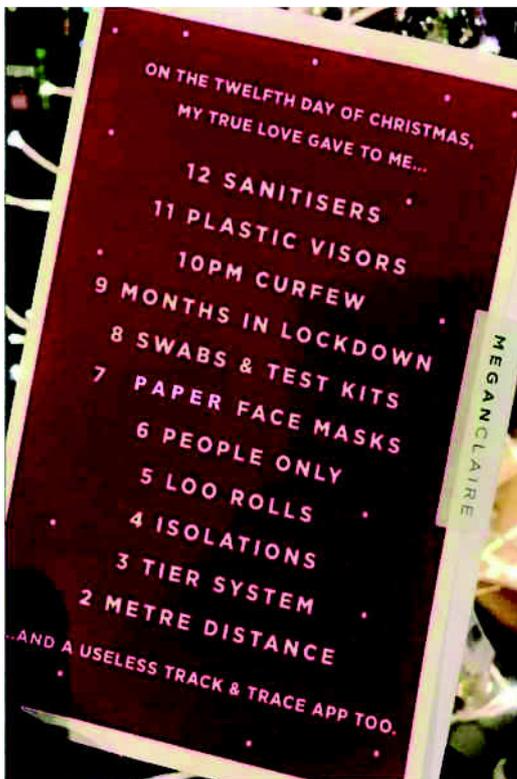
Next Week's Readings First Sunday of Advent (B)

First Reading: *Isaiah 63:16-17*

Responsorial Psalm: 79

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Gospel: *Mark 13:33-37*



How many references to well-known poems can you recognise?

A Lockdown Poem

I won't arise and go now, and go to Innisfree
I'll sanitise the doorknob and make a cup of tea.
I won't go down to the sea again, I won't go out at all,
I'll wander lonely as a cloud, from the kitchen to the hall.
There's a green-eyed yellow monster to the north of Kathmandu
But I shan't be seeing him just yet and nor, I think, will you.
While the dawn comes up like thunder on the road to Mandalay
I'll make my bit of supper and eat it off a tray.
I shall not speed my bonnie boat across the sea to Skye,
Or take the rolling English road from Birmingham to Rye.
About the woodland, just right now, I am not free to go
To see the Keep Out posters or the cherry hung with snow.
And no, I won't be travelling much. within the realms of gold,
Or get me to Milford Haven. All that's been put on hold.
Give me your hands, I shan't request, albeit we are friends
Nor come within a mile of you, until this virus ends.

Grace Food Bank - Collecting Christmas Food

We will be giving out Christmas food on December 8th, 10th, 15th and 17th. The food we give out is non-perishable and by giving it out in plenty of time for Christmas we hope that people won't end up going into debt trying to buy extra nice things. We also give food (particularly chocolates) to local community groups.



SO, that means that we would really like Christmas food to arrive at the foodbank by Monday 7th December. We have to weigh it, sort it and pack it and then buy items to fill any gaps in what we need. We will happily receive it earlier and will still be able to use things arriving the week after but we need at least half of it to arrive by 7th. I hope I have explained why but please do ask if you want any more information!

Some of the traditional Christmas foods that we might enjoy are less popular with our clients – they are not part of their own Christmas traditions. And while we might stock up on dried fruits and mincemeat for Christmas baking, many of our clients don't have the right equipment or experience to make use of those items.

We can't give out alcohol or liqueur chocolates so please don't send us those. If you have to be 18 to buy it then we can't give it out! We can't accept donations of chilled goods because we have to be able to prove that the cold chain has been maintained.

We will always try to pass on things that we can't use to a good home, but the earlier things arrive at the foodbank the more chance we have of being able to do this before Christmas.

Our Christmas Wishlist

Christmas biscuits – MEDIUM or small boxes (large tins are harder to fit into the bags. The picture here is a good size and most supermarkets seem to sell similar sized boxes.)

SMALL Christmas cakes or packs of Christmas chocolate mini rolls, etc

Chocolates/sweets (medium sized boxes) anything that looks festive!

Selection boxes/chocolate coins etc.

Pringles, cheddars or similar crisps In a cardboard tube (more robust for packing and transporting) (Aldi sell a cheap version)

Bottles of fizzy grape juice or similar

Tins of salmon

Tins of ham

Sachets of instant custard

SMALL boxes of crackers/biscuits for cheese

Boxes of mince pies –preferably without lots of brandy (last year we did get rather a lot of mince pies so if in doubt, perhaps buy something else!). Mince Pies do come with a shorter shelf life so please check before you buy!

All with a Use By date that's after 25th December and nothing that needs refrigerating.

Please remember that these items will all be packed into bags then transported to our collection sessions. So, for example, small bags of solid milk chocolate Santas are more useful than hollow and very fragile chocolate Santas!

Reverse Advent Calendars

Some of you will have seen this idea on Facebook. The suggestion is to get a cardboard box and put an item of food or basic toiletries in it every day in Advent. Then they suggest that you take the box to a foodbank on Christmas Eve. This is a really lovely idea and we were very grateful for all the reverse Advent calendars donated by schools and individuals last year! BUT – please don't phone up on Christmas Eve and say that you want to drop off one or several reverse Advent Calendars at the foodbank. There won't be anyone there. Lots of our volunteers are from churches and Christmas is rather a busy time at churches, even when church is virtual.... If you would like to adopt the idea of a reverse advent calendar then we would suggest that you start it early and deliver it to us the week commencing 7th December. OR you could start on 1st December but don't add festive items like Christmas cakes, just put in basic foodstuffs or toiletries. Then you could give the box to us in the New Year.



Sorry if I sound like the world's biggest killjoy, but we need to be realistic about when our volunteers are available and how quickly we can get food out. One week last

December we had nearly 3 tonnes of food arrive in the foodbank. We really do have to be as organised as we can!

No Coats for Christmas this year

Because we are currently delivering all our food parcels we are not able to work with PreLoved Uniform to make coats or warm jumpers available to our clients this year. We're sad about this but, for 2020, please don't donate any coats to us.