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The Month of December is devoted to The Immaculate Conception

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6 December 2020 Psalter 2

Saturday

5.00 p.m. John Walton

Sunday

9.15 a.m. People of the Parish

11.15 a.m. Catherine Mary Tetzlaff

Monday St Ambrose, bishop

12.00 p.m. Requiem for John Walton

**Tuesday THE IMMACUALTE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

12.00 p.m. Requiem for Pat Kirk

Wednesday St John Diego Cuauhlatoatzin

10.00 a.m. Jack Clarkson

Thursday Our Lady of Loreto

10.00 a.m. Agnes & Ernest Gilleade

Friday St Damascus I, pope

10.00 a.m. George Brewer

Next Week's Masses

Saturday (Meadowhead)

5.00 p.m. Pat Kirk

Sunday (Meadowhead)

9.15 a.m. John Walton

11.15 a.m. People of the Parish

Please Pray for:

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

Lately dead: Margaret Miller, Pat Kirk, Bridie Pakenham, and John Walton **RIP**

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

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.

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

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.

Mass Times for Christmas



To allow as many as possible to attend Mass over Christmas, there will be 5 Masses covering Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It is also hoped that more will be allowed to attend by altering the numbers to allow for households and bubbles sitting together up to a maximum of 6 people. If there are more than 6 in ONE household, please ring to arrange separately.

Booking will be required for all Masses over Christmas.

PLEASE NOTE - IF YOU DO NOT BOOK YOU CANNOT ATTEND

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Feast of St Stephen	The Holy Family
Vigil Mass - 5.00pm	Early Morning - 8.00am	Mass - 10.00am	Mass - 9.15am
Night Mass - 10.00pm	Morning Mass - 9.15am	Holy Family Vigil - 5.00pm	Mass - 11.15am
	Mass - 10.30am		

You may start booking from **TUESDAY, 8th December**. If the phone goes to answer, please leave your name, number of seats required and a contact number.

Seating Arrangements - Of the available rows, there will be either 2x2 or 3+1 on each row, OR a maximum of 6 from one household. Please bear this in mind when you ring to book your place. Seats will be allocated like a theatre booking and you will be told where you're sitting at the time of booking. **PLEASE DO NOT** sit in any other seat as it'll mess up the entire booking system! The organ loft will also be in use, so if you have an aversion to heights let me know when booking!



Health and Safety - Just before the first lockdown (all that time ago back in March!), Fr Gus appointed **Maria Mahon and Tom Henderson** as the official Health and Safety (H&S) Reps for the parish. Both are fully qualified in H&S. Since then our lives have changed beyond imagination. Now we're trying to get back to some sort of normality, Fr Stephen has confirmed he would like to keep to this arrangement. We are coming out of the second lockdown and Maria and Tom will be doing regular checks and ensuring we are fully compliant in all things to do with H&S in the church, parish rooms and all other church property.

If you have any concerns or notice something you think may need attention please let them, or Father Stephen know. You can contact Maria at maria@verdiswaste.com or 07904499610. Tom is currently unavailable as he is having to shield.

Safeguarding - Please note that **Frances Glaze** is the Safeguarding Rep for the parish, and any concerns you may have should be made to her, including any H&S issues in direct relation to Safeguarding. Frances may be contacted on 07753 132433.

The Advent collections in kind for our local parish Outreach partners continue up to and including the fourth Sunday, 20th December. Please support them if you can - see the Advent Offertory Collections item for full details. **Please leave your bags of donations in the porch** with the stewards - don't bring them into the main body of the church as you would in a normal year. A big thank you to everyone who has already taken the trouble to bring bags of items to church in the lockdown period (during the private prayers opening hour) and for labelling your bags with the name of the partner you are supporting.

Very many thanks also to parishioners who have continued to donate money for our Outreach partners. £230 last week. Wonderful - a great start to building up funds for the next distribution to our partners, in 2021. For more information on how to support this ongoing fundraising during the current restrictions, contact Outreach Treasurer Paul Embley on (0114) 2587824 or 07849 137077.

Father Christmas - For all the children who are worried about Father Christmas being able to come, the Health Chief, Jonathan Van-Tam has promised that Father Christmas will be the first to receive the vaccination so he can continue his visits on Christmas Eve safely. He's still coming!!

Booking for Mass - Now Masses have resumed please remember you need to book for **weekend Masses**. Remember, masks **MUST** be worn throughout Mass and a 2 metre distance must be maintained at all times.

Personal Column

Our Congratulations to Alex Mahon and Aoife Davern on their recent marriage.

COVID-19 Guidelines when attending Mass - Please remember you must NOT stop and chat to others on the way in or out of church. The 2 metre rule MUST be adhered to at all times whilst in church. It is important you not congregate.



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.

Stewards - Please note, if you have any questions regarding what the stewards do, or you are interested in becoming a steward please speak to Maria Mahon or Alexis Tucker who are the lead stewards. Maria can be contacted on 07904 499610; Alexis can be contacted on 07870 422479.

CAFOD on-line events

- ◆ [The challenge of coronavirus in the Democratic Republic of Congo](#) Thursday 10 December, 11am-12pm Join Bernard Balibuno ,Country Representative for CAFOD in DRC, to hear about how coronavirus is affecting some of the most disadvantaged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. How are CAFOD and the international Catholic Church community responding to the crisis? [Register](#) to join us.
- ◆ [CAFOD Advent Prayer - A Journey To The Manger](#) Every Sunday from NOW 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 short 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 to Epiphany, the 6th of January. All are welcome to join in this journey. [Register](#) to the series. [Browse all past online talks](#)
- ◆ [CAFOD Christmas](#) cards and gifts [CAFOD World Gifts](#) allow you to do all your shopping from the comfort of your own home, find beautiful gifts, and help the world's poorest people in the process. In a year where we have all made some assessments on what really matters to us, World Gifts could be the perfect option for you. <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk>

Right To Life UK. - Stand Up and Smile campaign to protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. You are asked to pray especially for these babies over the coming weeks

December 6th - *"This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love would be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God. Lord hear us"*.



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.)



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.

Prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception
(this Tuesday, 8th December)

Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
He looks on his servant in her lowliness,
henceforth all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me, holy His name;
His mercy is from age to age on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength,
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the might from their thrones,
and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever.

The feast – and month – of the Immaculate Conception

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, *Ineffabilis Deus*, clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. In proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary, as a dogma of the Church, the pope expressed precisely and clearly that Mary was conceived free from the stain of original sin. This privilege of Mary's, derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Saviour, thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ, from the very moment of her conception. This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians. Prayer to Mary: O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin didst make ready a fitting habitation for Thy Son, we beseech Thee that Thou who didst keep her clean from all stain by the precious death of the same Son, foreseen by Thee, may grant unto us in like manner to be made clean through her intercession and so attain unto Thee. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for the Week

Jesus, my friend
Lord, in this season of goodwill help me
to show kindness to my family and friends,
to those I don't get on with,
to those who dislike me.
I wish them all well,
because you showed me friendship first,
before I ever thought of you as a friend.
Thank you Lord
Amen

Fr. Pat Sayles SSC
(from the Columban Missionaries Calendar)

This Week's Readings
Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: *Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11*

Responsorial Psalm: *84*

Second Reading: *2 Peter 3:8-14*

Gospel: *Mark 1:1-8*

This Week's Readings
Third Sunday of Advent (B)

First Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11*

Responsorial Psalm: *Luke 1:46-50, 53-54*

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-24*

Gospel: *John 1:608, 19-28*

Thought for the Week

Understanding is the reward of faith.
Therefore seek not to understand
that thou mayest believe,
but believe that thou mayest understand.

(Saint Augustine of Hippo
354-430)

Lord, as the year draws to an end
We thank You for so much,
For all the good and happy times,
Each smile and loving touch.
We thank You, too, for other times
When things went sadly wrong,
For being there to understand,
You helped us to be strong.
Now as the year is ending, Lord,
We ask You to be near,
To be our guide and guardian
Throughout the coming year.



Diocese of Hallam



The Calix Society
substituting the cup that stupifies with the one that sanctifies

A Warm Invitation From Calix

Calix is a worldwide organisation open to those who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 step program. It is certainly not a 'Catholic AA' and encourages members to also be involved with the 12 step program through AA.

The Calix meetings involve prayer, personal sharing and reflection and are confidential. Membership is also open to non-Catholics and to anyone with experience of and a concern for the effects of alcoholism in people's lives.

A Calix Group has been meeting in the Diocese of Hallam for over twenty years. Prior to Covid the meetings took place every second and last Monday evening at the Holden Hall by the side of St Marie's Cathedral. The meetings have continued during Covid on Zoom and a group app has been introduced giving further help and support.

The Calix Group in Hallam is now introducing another opportunity to meet on Zoom. It will be every first Wednesday of the month at 1-30 in the afternoon and ending by 2-30. This service begins on the 2nd Dec and it is hoped that the Wednesday meetings will appeal to those who are unable to join us on a Monday evening.

If you would like to learn more about our meetings please contact Fr Desmond Sexton on 01709 363753 or desmond.57@btinternet.com

In the meantime keep safe and God Bless you.