



# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## CELEBRATIONS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

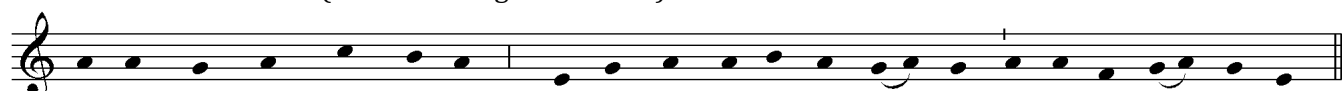
4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT 2013 AND CHRISTMAS

Sunday cycle A/weekday cycle II

Day	Rank	Mass times	Mass Intention
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Vigil 6 pm	
		10.00 am	Jean Smith
		5.00 pm	
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Feria	9.00 am	Special intention
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Feria	7.00 pm	
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> December	SOLEMNITY: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS	4.30PM	
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> December	SOLEMNITY: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	Christmas Midnight Mass	00.00 am
		Christmas Dawn Mass	8.00 am
		Christmas Day Mass	10.00 am
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> December	FEAST: St Stephen	No Service	
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> December	FEAST: St John, Apostle & Evangelist	7.00 pm	Molly & Horace Walker
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> December	FEAST: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	10.00 am	Richard Fitzgerald-Hart
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> December	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	Vigil 6 pm	
		10.00 am	Gerald Knowles
		5.00 pm	

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER PRAYER:** As we thank God for the gift of his Son to us in Holy Communion, let us remember those of our parish who are sick, old & housebound. May the Body and Blood of your Son, which we now send to them through our Eucharistic ministers, bring them hope, consolation & peace, through Christ our Lord.

**MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION** (for use throughout Year A):



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-sur-rec tion un-til you come a-gain.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** (Confession) on Saturday 10.30 am to 11.00 am, and by request at other times.

**ADORATION:** Each weekday beginning 45 minutes before Mass **THE DIVINE OFFICE** is recited twenty minutes before each weekday Mass

**WEDDING ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST SIX MONTHS IN ADVANCE:** Couples asking for marriage over the next year or so should contact Fr William as soon as possible.

**BAPTISM:** If you are asking to have your baby baptised in the next few months, and have not received any instructions on the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact Fr William.

**IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:** Joan Akroyd, Maureen Bickford, Ellen Brown, Brian Buckley, Alma Corrie, Katie Deaton, David Doling, Alice Eckert, Jessica Ellerker, Pat Eve, Brian Greaves, Philip Hall, Eileen Hawkes, Barbara Hawksworth, Rosemary Hill, Sheila Madden, Dot McEvoy, Myrtle McEvoy, Mariana Robinson, Stephen Thorndike, Vitoria Windsor and all who are ill and those who care for them.

**WE REMEMBER** Dorothy Anderson, Margaret Hamill, Julia Inscoc, Josie Fieldhouse, Ellen Mulligan, David Purcell, Margaret Copgrove, Dennis Hart, Edward Bradley, Michael Reaveley, Richard Fitzgerald-Hart and all whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

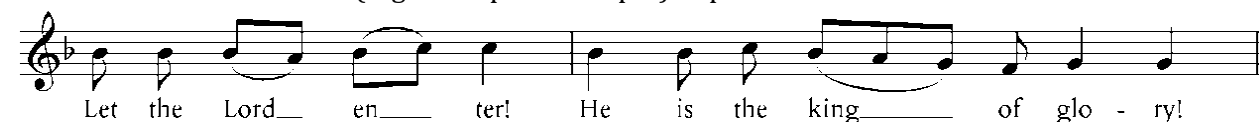
### THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION INTENTIONS

That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Saviour's coming.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### EVENTS AND NOTICES

**SUNDAY RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Vigil 6.00 pm & 5.00pm) Repeat after cantor and after each verse



**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** 6.15pm to 7.00pm Sundays in Advent in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**A SERVICE OF READINGS AND CAROLS** 6.30pm Sunday 22 December There will be mulled wine, tea & coffee and mince pies served after 5pm mass in the hall. We would like people to put names forward of parishioners that need transport. Please add their name and address to the list in the Atrium. If you can volunteer to help with transport please write your name and contact details on the separate list.

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER & 200 CLUB CHRISTMAS DRAW** in the Hall after Mass on Sunday 22nd December. Join us for mulled wine and mince pies.

**200 CLUB DECEMBER WINNERS:** £40/62 B Cunningham: £25/122 D Watson: £20/137 Y Bell: £15/163 M Dawson.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MASS** 24<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (4.30pm) in our Parish has traditionally been led by the Children. We want to ensure that all the children of the Parish are included. If your child doesn't go to St Mary's School please contact either Emma Tolan ([dreltolan@gmail.com](mailto:dreltolan@gmail.com)) or Liz Jones ([lizzy.rigs@btinternet.com](mailto:lizzy.rigs@btinternet.com))

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** Please would Reading and Eucharistic Ministers who are available to assist at Christmas Masses, sign up on the lists in the Atrium. (It is useful to have reserves in case of last minute changes)

**MIDNIGHT MASS** There will be Carols and Readings from 11.30pm leading up to Midnight Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** From the beginning of the new Liturgical Year (1st December this year) Confessions will be at 10.30am to 11.00am on Saturday mornings instead of 5.15pm to 5.45pm Saturday evening. It will be in the Blessed Sacrament chapel instead of the confessional.

**COMMUNITY HELPERS** we are looking to set up a new team for the parish called Community Helpers. There are members of the parish who are housebound and possibly feeling lonely and isolated and might appreciate a visit from a fellow parishioner on a regular basis, perhaps weekly. It would also be a reassurance to them if there was somebody on the end of a phone they could call if necessary. Please let Fr William know if you would be interested or willing to be a community helper in this sense. [william@ampleforth.org.uk](mailto:william@ampleforth.org.uk)

**YEAR 6 TEACHER + TLR** for suitable applicant - St Joseph's Catholic Primary school, Pontefract Road, Castleford, WF10 4JB. The Academy Council is seeking applications from experienced teachers to Teach in Year 6 and Lead and Manage KS2. The successful candidate will join the School Senior Leadership Team. This is an excellent opportunity for an ambitious teacher who is seeking to develop and enhance their own career. To visit school or for further details please contact the School's Senior Admin Officer - Mrs P Slater on 01977 723060 or by emailing [trish@st-josephs-castleford.wakefield.sch.uk](mailto:trish@st-josephs-castleford.wakefield.sch.uk)

**FOOD BANK** Churches Together in Knaresborough (CTIK) are to start a foodbank in town one morning a week. Volunteers needed. Training will be provided for everyone. This is a service that we can give working alongside other churches. If interested please contact [william@ampleforth.org.uk](mailto:william@ampleforth.org.uk) 01423 862388.

**'THE BIBLE' TV SERIES ON CHANNEL 5** being watched by 1.2 million viewers, is proving to be a great talking point with people inside and outside the Church. You are invited to come to The Bridge Coffee Bar at The Methodist Church Centre On Gracious Street at 11.00 am every Monday morning in January (6, 13, 20 & 27) to chat over coffee about the programmes. This epic 5-episode series features famous stories, iconic characters and dramatic tales of faith and courage. We will use film clips from the series and special souvenir booklets to help our conversations. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**PRAYER GROUP** Wednesday 7.25pm (Healing Prayer Group) Adoration, Lectio Divina, then prayers for inner or physical healing as required. For more information please contact Maureen 869264

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:** w/e 15<sup>th</sup> December plate £168.75; envelopes £210.87; votive £12.02; Attendance 251

**CHURCH SHOP** Benedictine Yearbook 2014 now on sale, Christmas cards (including charity cards) diaries, calendars and gifts also on sale.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** We do NOT have use of St John's car park on **Sunday mornings**. Please respect this.