

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### CELEBRATIONS AND MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday cycle A/weekday cycle II

Day	Rank	Mass times	Mass Intention
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Sat 6.00 pm Sun 10.00 am Sun 5.00 pm	<b>Frank Wood</b> <b>Margaret Moore</b> <b>Parish</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Feria</b>	9.00 am <i>in Chapel</i>	<b>Joseph McCann</b>
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Feria</b>	<b>No service</b>	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Feria</b>	9.00 am <i>in Chapel</i>	<b>Fr Abbot</b>
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Feria</b>	<b>No service</b>	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Feria</b>	7.00 pm <i>in Chapel</i>	
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	<b>Feria</b>	10.00 am <i>in Chapel</i>	<b>Peter Owens</b>
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>	Sat 6.00 pm Sun 10.00 am Sun 5.00 pm	<b>Conceicao Matos</b> <b>Parish</b>

**BEFORE MASS** Our three Sunday Masses have each a different character and offer parishioners a variety of choice. The time before Mass begins Sat 6pm and Sun 5pm tend to be quiet and prayerful in the church, Sun 10am more socialising. All are welcome at any Mass including children and babes. And please feel free to use the side chapel before Mass for an alternative quiet and prayerful space.

#### INVITATION



#### ACCLAMATION



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

**PRAYER GROUP:** We are now meeting **2pm Wednesday** (Healing Prayer Group) for Adoration, Lectio Divina and prayers for inner or physical healing as required. For more information please contact Maureen 869264

**IN YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE REMEMBER:** Harry Boucher, Heather Bulcock, Torben Jacob Cartey, Alison Drake, Graham Drake, Lyze Dudley, Victoria Fulcher, David Little, Eleanor Mayhew and all who are ill and those who care for them. To protect privacy please send all prayer requests to Fr William: [william.wright@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:william.wright@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Harry Rowbotham, Bryan Wilford, Edmond Bergin, Cyril Madden, Fr Gabriel McNally, William Doyle, Isabella Thompson, Edith Kenyon, Muriel Greenwood, Joan Gale, Betty Dodds, Annie Tierney, Lily O'Brien, Mary Logan, Basil Rawson and all whose anniversary of death occurs at this time.

#### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Future of the Very Young. That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

**READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY** Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23(24):1-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24. You can now find the full text for next Sunday's readings on the parish website. The link is on the homepage next to the link to this week's Parish Bulletin

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** No mass at church. I will be celebrating Advent mass with the school in school.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Saturdays 10.30 am until 11.00 am.

**ST JOSEPH'S TABLE:** Collection of food for the homeless in the area. Please put items in the box in the Atrium.

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD** Our Ministers of the Word will be commissioned/recommissioned at Mass next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR** Boxes for donations will be in the Atrium until the last Sunday of Advent. Please support this appeal and share the spirit of Christmas. Would like to add particular thanks to Boroughbridge High School who have already generously given 5 boxes of donations to this appeal.

**CHURCH FLOOR** Progress on agreeing a cost effective way forward to repair the church floor and potentially try to prevent further problems in the future is proving difficult. There is no easy solution to the problem due to access issues that are exacerbated by the 2001 underfloor heating installation (continuous water pipe loops in the floor that cannot be cut and which form an impenetrable floor covering) and real difficulty in getting ventilation to all the floor areas (caused by thick outer walls, floor sleeper walls and varying external ground levels). Dialogue with the Diocesan Property office and building surveyors continues and we don't expect an agreed implementable solution until January 2020 at the earliest.

**ST MARY'S SINGERS** present A Christmas Cracker, a festive feast of Christmas classics together with seasonal refreshments, 2.30 pm 21 December in The Old School. Tickets £7.50 from Ian Burrell 07764366812. Proceeds to the church Building Fund. See poster in the atrium.

**FUNDRAISING EVENTS:** (1) Pantomime- Mother Goose Thu 2 Jan The Old School Hall, 7.30pm £8.50/£4(child). Tel Maureen 07949 779446 (2) Christmas Hamper raffle tickets will be on sale in The Atrium £1

**PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP** (hosted by Catholic Care) meets every Monday (except Bank Holidays) in the Old School Hall, 1.30pm to 3.00 pm. 2<sup>nd</sup> December is the Friendship Group lunch at the Mitre. For more details please contact Rachel on 0113 3885400 or 07739 975021.

**VISITING THE PARISH WEBSITE** Carmel Bridson (01423 868783) and Teresa Britton (01423 541737) would be very happy to help anyone to visit the parish website.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** If you wish a Mass to be celebrated for a particular intention, please use the orange envelopes available in the Atrium. These can be dropped into the collection plate, or given to Angela Smith who keeps the intentions diary. Please give at least three weeks' notice if you would like the Mass celebrated on a particular date.

**ST JOHN'S CAR PARK** can be used during Sat 6pm and Sun 5pm Masses, but not Sunday 10am Mass. St John's have their own service at this time. Parking options: Tentergate, Stockwell Rd (shortly before Boroughbridge Rd) and Boroughbridge Rd; disc parking (2hrs) on the High Street, Station Road and Kirkgate; Conyngham Park 90p for 1hr and £1.80 for 2hrs – or talk to other parishioners. Please also consider walking or cycling if you can.

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS** w/b 8<sup>th</sup> December: plate £262.02; envelopes £161.00; votive: £7.30; Building fund £10.00; Second Collection (Peru Mission) £140.41; International Outreach £17.00; Attendance 252.