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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th December 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent (Bible Sunday)

MASSES and SERVICES

Monday : 9th December: Mass at 9.00 a.m. *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*
 Tuesday 10th December: Mass at 9.00 a.m. *Advent Weekday.*
 Wednesday 11th December: Mass at 9.00 a.m. *St. Damasus I, pope.*
 Thursday 12th December: Mass at 9.00 a.m. *Our Lady of Guadalupe.*
 Friday 13th December: Mass at 12.00 noon. *St. Lucy, virgin and martyr.*
 Saturday 14th December: Mass at 11.00 a.m. *St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor.*
 CONFESSIONS: 11.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon and 5.45 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. Vigil Mass 6.30 p.m.
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during the morning Confessions.

Sunday 8th December: *Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)*
 Masses at 8.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.

READERS AT MASS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - 14th/15th December.

6.30 p.m. Dawn Winfield. 8.30 a.m. Tony Ronnan. 10.30 a.m. Michael Purcell.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND -14th/15th December.

6.30 p.m. Steve Mawdsley. 8.30 a.m. David Postlethwaite. 10.30 a.m. Bernadette Dawes.

Please pray for the Sick: Rachel Louise Keenan, Roger Dawes, Nora Apps, Sheila Haile, Ted Davies, Maureen Griffin, Martin Chesworth, Ian Frank Howarth, Madeline Doherty, Grace McClosky, Baby Freddy, Michael Chesworth, Alice Lucas, Daniel Taylor, Zac Tattersall, Nicola, Dennis Chadwick, Margaret Aspin, Eileen Marsh, Eleanor Hilton, Martin Miles, David Parkinson, Mary Blackburn, Father Nathaniel, David Simpson, Roger Dawes, Colin Hardman, Jack McGee, Pat Pennington.

Lately Dead: Anthony Hodson.

Anniversaries & Remembrance: Mary & Peter Connolly, Michael & Alice Manning, Peggy & Fred Dawes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Thank you to all who have worked so hard to make last Sunday's Christmas Fair a great success. We made just over £4,000 on the day and on the Raffles. Results of the Raffles are available on the table at the church door. The Christmas and Summer Fairs are the two major fundraising events for the parish.

GIFT AID - Many thanks to all who have signed up for Gift Aid. If you pay tax then you should be able to sign up for this opportunity to increase your contribution to the parish without spending a penny more! This year we were given a total of £11,879.25 by the Inland Revenue. A very big 'Thank You' to you all and especially to David Pilling who works tirelessly to ensure that this great benefit to the parish is properly claimed and received.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MEAL - Sunday 15th December at 12.30 p.m. Tickets are on sale after Masses at £5 each. Please get your tickets as soon as possible so that catering may be organised.

PRAYERS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION - There will be an Ecumenical Service to pray for the General Election on Wednesday 11th December at 6.00 p.m. in St. Mary's, Rawtenstall. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH MAGAZINE - You know it's almost Christmas when the Parish Magazine arrives! It should be ready for distribution next weekend, 14th/15th December. So bring your £1 coin and experience value for money.

PRIMARY SCHOOL PPTA COFFEE MORNING - THIS SUNDAY after both Masses. *All are welcome.*

A BIG 'THANK YOU' to those who came to 'Night Fever' last night and especially our singers, musicians and refreshment organisers. *You were great as usual!*

THIS WEEK IN THE OLD SCHOOL ROOM

Sunday: Children's Liturgy. 10.30 a.m. Mass
 Monday-Friday: Pre-School Playgroup. 9.00-12.00 noon.
 Monday: Rainbows. Irish Dancing.
 Tuesday: Irish Dancing.
 Wednesday: Brownies. Line Dancing.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH CENTRE

Monday: Guides 7.00 - 8.30 p.m.
 Friday: No Youth Club until Pantomime on 13th Dec.

Second Sunday of Advent

Praying for PEACE



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