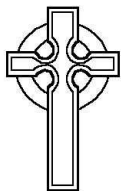


DIARY EVENTS:

MONDAY 18 th		NO Christian Meditation (resume 15 th Jan)
WEDNESDAY 20 th		NO Prayer Meeting (resume 12 th Jan)
THURSDAY 21 st	12 – 1.30 pm:	Carol Singing at Morrisons (session 1)
	6 – 7.30 pm:	Carol Singing at Morrisons (session 2)
	6.30 pm:	Cenacolo Prayers & Meeting
SATURDAY 23 rd	9.15 am:	Christmas Flowers to arrange
SUNDAY 24 th		NO Children's Liturgy & Junior Church
	11.00 am:	Prayer Ministry

COMING UP.... First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting Wednesday 10th January, Parish Helpers' Party Saturday 13th January, Paris Ceilidh Friday 26th January.

THE BISHOP'S PRAYER: Almighty God, eternal shepherd and guide. In Your love for us, grant to the Catholic Diocese of Lancaster a shepherd who will lead us to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Help him to fill our minds and hearts with the truth of the Gospel, the power of the sacraments, and the desire to build up Your Holy Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions - December 2017

Universal: For the elderly.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

WEEKLY DUTIES COMMENCING Sunday 24th December 2017

COFFEE:	SVP
COUNTERS:	F Billington & D Carey
CLEANING:	Mrs L McMillan, Mrs R Cashel, Mrs L Airey
FLOWERS:	Mrs L Sellars (Friday 29th December)



Please could all available flower arrangers meet at 9.15am on Saturday 23rd December to arrange the Christmas Flowers. Many thanks.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 17th December 2017

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Today Saint Paul tells us to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, to give thanks. Rejoice, not so much because we have found Christ, but because He has found us. As Christians we are sent to bring the poor the good news that God knows their plight and will care for them through His people here on earth. We are to tell the broken-hearted that God hears their cries. If they are mourning the loss of a loved one, they need to hear that Jesus has conquered death and that those who have let Him into their lives will live with Him forever. If their hearts are broken by things beyond their control or if they feel alone in society, they need to know that Jesus is the Mender of broken hearts. If they are held captive by others, or by their own addictions, they need to know that Jesus provides freedom and liberty. They do not have to spend the rest of their lives as victims of society. With Jesus we all can be victors, not victims. Together we can rejoice, pray and give thanks.

Emmanuel a name which means: God is with us!



Our **Penitential Service** will be on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm.

PARISH CAROL SINGING AT MORRISONS Thursday 21st December

There will be two sessions: 12 noon - 1.30pm and 6 - 7.30 pm. All welcome to come along, sing, hit a tambourine, or shake a bucket!

Proceeds to Manna House winter shelter and Yemen crisis appeal.



MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER

Mass text page 29, Office Proper Psalter week 3, Sundays Yr B Readings

Sun 16 th 17 th	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Gerald Clough RIP 10.00 am: People of the parish 12.00 noon: (Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: Leo Robinson RIP
Mon 18 th	Monday of Advent week 3 9.15 am: Vince Schembri RIP
Tues 19 th	Tuesday of Advent week 3 9.15 am: Fr Nicholas Cavanagh (sick)
Wed 20 th	Wednesday of Advent week 3 12.15 pm: Angus Macaulay RIP 7.00 pm: Penitential Service
Thurs 21 st	Thursday of Advent week 3 12.15 pm: Michael Williams RIP
Fri 22 nd	Friday of Advent week 3 12.15 pm: Nan, Willie & family
Sat 23 rd	Saturday of Advent week 3
Sun 23 rd 24 th	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00 pm Vigil: Andrew Noblett RIP 10.00 am: People of the parish NO 12.00 noon at Sedbergh CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday evening) 6.00 pm: Frank McAvoy RIP <i>The church will then be locked and will re-open at 11pm.</i> 8.00 pm: The Holy Souls (Sedbergh) 11.30 pm: Carols 12.00 am: Midnight Mass

SATURDAY CONFESSIONS (23rd December) in confessional 5.10pm-5.40pm.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

SICK: Bernadette Watts, George Weld-Blundell, Thomas Barszczewskq, Holly Howe, Anne Riding, Ged Hillon, Francis Gallagher, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Margaret West, Edmund Taylor & family members, Aleyamma Punnen, Brian Chambers, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Ray Irvine, Joan Baines, Howard Selby, Florence Pickard, Polly Robin.

ANNIVERSARIES: Arthur Titterington, Kieran & Jordan Dobson, Annie Smith, Stephen Keeley, Adriana Postlethwaite, Bridget Carlisle, Monica Wise, Margaret Moser, VincezaPeruzza, Terrence Chambers, Michael Gallagher, Catherine Judd, Gary Fitzsimons, Patricia Butcher, James Cullen, Anne Kitching, George Morris, Bridie Kitching.

Last day for **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS** in memory of loved ones is *Wednesday 20th December. Thank you.*

ADVENT EXPOSITION: I feel it would be good to pray for peace this Advent leading up to the Christmas message of the Angels. Peace internationally, amongst ourselves in our country, and reflecting on domestic violence within families too. So we will have, each weekday, half an hour exposition from 8 – 8.30 am and 5.30 – 6pm and there will be a booklet on prayer and reflection with this. Please just drop in or come and pray for the whole half hour when you have time. *Fr Hugh*

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Martin Whalley and Rachel Powell who were married here recently.

CTiC ADMINISTRATOR VACANCY: 12 hours per week, home-based. Visit www.churchestogethercumbria.co.uk for details, closing date 2nd January 2018.

SALESIAN DAGORETTI PROJECT THANK YOU to all who supported this by purchasing the various goods made by the women in Dagoretti, Kenya. A total of £150 will be sent directly to the Salesian sisters there. Many thanks for your kindness.

SVP THANK YOU to the Mini Vinnies and Dean Gibson School for packing the Christmas Presents for those in need.

DATE CHANGE: Our **PARISH HELPERS' PARTY** in the parish centre will be on **SUNDAY 14th January** after the 6pm Mass. *We mean 'helpers' in the widest possible sense!* Please sign up on the sheet in the porch.

PARISH CEILIDH will be on Friday 26th January at IBIS with hotpot supper. Tickets on sale early January. Don't forget to put it on your 2018 calendars right away!

PARISH REGISTER: If you move home or are new to the parish, please could you fill out a Parish Register form which can be found in the Narthex. Many thanks.

CATHOLIC TEACHING ALLIANCE SCHOOL DIRECT PROGRAMME:

Are you thinking of applying to train to become a primary or secondary school teacher in September 2018? If you are (or will be) a graduate you could train with the Catholic Teaching Alliance in schools in the Preston, Blackpool, Lancaster area. Visit www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org for details.

Last Week's Offertory: £948.44. Attendance: 329. Thank you.