

## DIARY EVENTS:

**W/C SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER** there will be **NO** Christian Meditation (resume 15<sup>th</sup> Jan), **NO** Prayer Meeting (resume 10<sup>th</sup> Jan), **NO** Cenacolo Prayers & Meeting (resume 4<sup>th</sup> Jan), **NO** Children's Liturgy & Junior Church.



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.

Next weekend there will be a **DOUBLE BULLETIN** covering Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The following issue will be Sunday 14th January, therefore if you would like anything in the bulletin **BEFORE 14<sup>th</sup> January** you will need to let the parish office know by **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December latest**. Thank you.

**THANKS:** A huge thank you from Esther Williams and family for the many Masses, messages of sympathy, love and support from the parish and especially Fr Hugh following Mike's death. Thank you also for the donations to Mary's Meals which, with separate donations, came to £700 (this will be doubled by the charity).

First Holy Communion **PARENTS' MEETING** Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January,

**MANNA HOUSE WOMEN'S GROUP 'SEW WHAT'** meeting every Monday starting on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30am – 12.30pm. All welcome to come along.

**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!

The last **THURSDAY CLUB** was on 14<sup>th</sup> December and will return in the New Year. Last year we decided to move the 'Drop-In' to a Thursday Club and it has gone very well. Thank you to all who have helped make this such a success. *Fr Hugh*.

The **ORATORY** will close on the evening of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and will reopen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. *The church will be open for prayer.*

**WINTER SHELTER IS CLOSED** from 24th December until after Christmas.

## WEEKLY DUTIES COMMENCING Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

<b>COFFEE:</b>	Prayer Group
<b>COUNTERS:</b>	Mr & Mrs Graham
<b>CLEANING:</b>	Mrs E Scanlan & Dr J Clough
<b>FLOWERS:</b>	Mrs A Winders ( <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> )

## HOLY TRINITY & ST GEORGE CATHOLIC CHURCH

24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> December 2017



### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT READINGS

*Let it be done to me...*

Mary was given a choice and the world awaited her answer. She could have refused to allow God's plan to work through her. She could have agreed grudgingly to His plan, but she was open to the Word of God and so she allowed His Word to enter her and transform her from being a simple young woman into becoming the Mother of the God. She was open to God's Word, and His Word used her to transform the world. Today God's Word whispers into our ears, calling us to continue the transformation of the world. He calls us to make the Saviour real to those who long for His presence. Will we reject the Word and force Him to look for another's ear? Or, will we make a real decision for the Lord, and offer ourselves totally to God? The Word of God whispered into Mary's ear, and she conceived. He is shouting into our ears, and we want to continue transforming the world with His living Presence: and so we pray - Come, Lord Jesus – do not delay!

*...according to Your Word!*



### CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS:

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come...!*

The angels sing out: *Glory to God in the highest and peace to people of good will.* They are telling us that the transformation of the world has begun. The presence of God is in the world in a way that tangible. Responding to the angels we sing: *...let earth receive her King!* Jesus came to bring joy. This joy is found in our freedom as sons and daughters of God. He comes to draw love out of us and as we learn to respond He gives us many freedoms. Freedom from anger; how can we live in His Presence and be angry with anyone? Freedom from the pull of our temptations; they will always be there, but so will Jesus. He gives us power and strength to get through each day with the freedom from being swayed by the judgment of others. We are no longer enslaved by what everyone else is saying and doing. We are given the freedom to love. Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Prince of Freedom, the Prince of Peace. Let us receive our King!

*... Let earth receive her King!*

### **'Happy Christmas' from Fr. Hugh.**

*Thank you for all your help over the past year and it's a great pleasure to be celebrating Christmas with you all once more. Huge thanks to all who prepared the church and centre for Christmas and to those involved with the preparation and delivery of our liturgy during this holy season.*

*(And keep praying for a new Bishop in the New Year)*

# MASSES WEEK COMMENCING SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

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<b>Sun</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> 6.00 pm Vigil: Andrew Noblett RIP 10.00 am: People of the parish <b>NO</b> 12.00 noon at Sedbergh  <b>CHRISTMAS EVE (Sunday evening)</b> 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
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>10.00 am:</b> Kathleen Winter, Rosa Salamone and Domenico Petruso  NO EVENING MASS
Tues 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Stephen</b> 12.15 pm: Holly Howe (sick)
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St John</b> <b>9.15 am:</b> Ted & Kathleen McCarthy, Anne & Derek Wise Family & friends RIP
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b> 12.15 pm: <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>St Thomas Becket</b> 12.15 pm: <b>Eucharistic Service</b>
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Sixth Day of Christmas Octave</b>
<b>Sun</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 6.00 pm Vigil: Norah Tobin & Pat Delaney RIP 10.00 am: 12.00 noon: (Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: People of the parish

**SATURDAY CONFESSIONS (30th December)** in confessional 5.10pm-5.40pm.

**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.**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**LATELY DEAD:** Elizabeth Mary McEntegart, Trevor Alderson.

**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:** Desmond Scanlan, Ian Holloway, Gina Waddington, Maureen Robinson, Raymond Crawford, Ann Haslett, Frank McAvoy, Thomas O'Malley, Francis Rocks, Tom Carlton, Anne Gunby, Vincent Hall, Norman Almond, Ethelreda Fisher, Doris Konczynski, Marie Briggs, Edith Goodall, Trevor Thomas, Albert Woof, Margaret McCartney, Alan Gibson, Marian Vadas, Maria Tatt, John Dawson, Ada Hutton, Honora Tobin, Maureen Stackhouse.

**Last Week's Offertory: £942.76. Attendance: 314. Thank you.**



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF



Mary Sheila Flood, family & friends of David & Ann Neil, Reynolds & Riglar families, Anne Loveland, John Peters, Clarke & Walters families, Bill Hodson, Arthur O'Flaherty, Bernadette Watts family, Frank McAvoy, Cashel & Kelly families & friends, Raymond & John Shepherd, Noblett & Lomax families, John Hallac, Carlisle family, Margaret Kinley, Anthony Dodd, Armer & Bowman families, McNamee family, Kathleen Bell, John & Doris Graham, Dorothy Stephenson, family & friends of Faith, Chambers family, Haslett & Walker families, Michael Peoples, Mary Stoker, Cook & Hayes families, Devlin family, Esme Jenkins, Papa & so many dear friends, Clive Thompson, Bill & Tess O'Reilly, Chris O'Reilly, Bob & Peggy Sharpe, Mary & Joe Blamire, Edith Smith, Janet & Billy Stewart & deceased relatives, Kitchingman & Smith families, Isabella & Herbert Norris, Thomas & Mary Alice Flanagan, Ned Williams, Jack Brookes, Pat & Keith Butcher, Agnes & Danny Miller, Stacey & Barry Nicholson, Rob & Geordie Munroe, Sheila & Bill Bryan, Sr Lena Emilia Serafino, Andrew & Margaret Welch, Olga Whenray & Jo DePalma, Harry McDonald, Henry, Ruby & George McDonald, Wilfrid, Eva & John Kelly, Stanley & Hannah Herbert & deceased members of the Herbert & Dover families, Hubert & Rachel Croasdell & deceased members of the Croasdell & D'Souza families, Roger Bidwell, Wilfred Holloway & deceased members of the Richens & Holloway families, Brian & the Hudson family, Terry & the Frackey family.

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