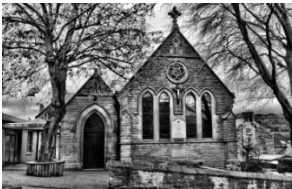


Sunday 1st January 2023 - Mary, Mother of God

The Catholic Community of All Saints Catholic Church, Hassop, and Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church, Matlock

Mary, Mother of God



Emmaus Hub

Bakewell, Hassop & Matlock



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Emir Eğriçesu - <https://www.pexels.com/photo/church-altar-with-statue-of-jesus-and-virgin-mary-12178720/>

Mary and Joseph spent hours just sitting in the silence with Jesus.

He couldn't say a word. Offer wisdom. Do anything but sleep.
And yet they learned/ grew in holiness through that, more than
anything else they had heard or done in their life.

There is nothing better to do with our time, then sit with Him.

Love HIM and let HIM love you.

You're too busy, NOT to take this time.

So much takes care of itself when we quietly
and trustingly surrender it to Him.

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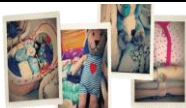
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www.chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk



Advent Crib Collection -

During advent there will be a collection point for Baby Basics in the Lady Chapel. Every item given away through Baby Basics is donated by someone in our local community. **Needed most are:** toiletries - for both mum and baby, maternity pads, breast pads, Moses basket sheets, baby towels, nappies and wipes. They currently have plenty of clothes, so these are not needed. If you would like to donate any of these things just place them in the collection box and we will deliver them to Baby Basics in Chesterfield in the New Year.

(Unfortunately, they cannot accept donations of car seats, cot mattresses, breast pumps, stair gates and or electrical items)

Mass Intentions

Year A - Cycle I - Eucharistic Prayer: III - Psalter: II

Saturday 31st December - St Sylvester I, Pope

5:00pm - **Matlock** - Mass - Mary Joe Joyce RIP (John McLarkey)

Arnie O'Malley RIP (John McLarkey)

Sunday 1st January - Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)

9:00am - **Hassop** - Mass - People of God

11:00am - **Matlock** - Mass - Castro Family:

19th Wedding Anniversary 3rd January 2023 - Congratulations

Monday 2nd January - Ss Basil the Great

No Mass/No Service (**Fr Robbie's Time Off**)

Tuesday 3rd January - Most Holy Name of Jesus

No Mass (**Fr Robbie's Time Off**)

11:00am - Hassop - Funeral Service - Elizabeth Clarkson RIP
followed by committal at Hassop Cemetery

Wednesday 4th January - Weekday of Christmas

No Mass/No Service (**Fr Robbie's Time Off**)

Thursday 5th January - Weekday of Christmas

No Mass/No Service (**Fr Robbie's Time Off**)

Friday 6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

9:30am - **Matlock** - Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries

10:00am - Matlock - Mass - Welfare: Charlotte & Matt (Gordon)

12:00pm - Hassop - Mass - Thanksgiving for Fr Hugh Davoren

Saturday 7th January - St Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

4:30pm - **Matlock** - Rosary

5:00pm - **Matlock** - Mass - People of God

Sunday 8th January - Baptism of the Lord (Feast)

9:00am - **Hassop** - Mass - People of God

11:00am - **Matlock** - Mass - Pat Terry RIP Ann. (Eileen & Alan Johnson)



Jonathan Meyer - <https://www.pexels.com/photo/three-kings-figurines-1597584/>

The Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)

Friday 6th January

Matlock 10:00am & Hassop 12:00pm

Like the **Magi**, we have discovered a star—a light and guide in the sky of our soul. “We have seen his star in the east and have come to worship him.” We have had the same experience. We too noticed a new light shining in our soul and growing increasingly brighter. It was a desire to live a fully Christian life, a keenness to take God seriously.

St. Josemaria Escriva

Hassop & Bakewell - News for the Pews

Sick and Housebound - We remember in our thoughts and prayers: Marie Hopkinson, Pat Erskine-Murray, Maria Hutchinson, Peter Peel, Annalise & Shirley Plant and Mary Howlings and all our sick and housebound parishioners and friends.

Welcome to our Visitors & Parishioners this weekend

The Emmaus Hub - is now closed for Christmas and will **reopen on Wednesday 11th January**. Please leave a message on the answer machine or email for Fr Robbie to pick up daily. For emergencies only telephone Fr Robbie on **07449 83576**

Elizabeth Anne Clarkson RIP - It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Elizabeth Clarkson, of Gainsborough, who died on the 8th December aged 96. Elizabeth's funeral service will take place at **All Saints Church, Hassop on Tuesday 3rd January at 11:00am**, followed by committal at Hassop Cemetery. Please keep all her family in your prayers at this sad time. **Requiescat in pace.**

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The Lion - No matter how long it lives, the Greatest Lion will eventually die miserably. That's the world. At their Peak, they rule, chase other animals, catch, devour, gulp and leave their crumbs for hyenas. But age comes fast. The old Lion can't hunt, can't kill or defend itself. It roams and roars until it runs out of luck. It will be cornered by the hyenas, nibbled at and eaten alive by them. They won't even let it die before it is dismembered. Life is short. Power is ephemeral. Physical beauty is short-lived, I have seen it in lions. I have seen it in old people. Everyone who lives long enough will become weak and very vulnerable at some point. Therefore, let us be humble. Help the sick, the weak, the vulnerable and most importantly, never forget that we will leave the stage one day!

January - Groups and Regular Events - All welcome - Anytime!

Choir Practice	Tuesdays at 3:30pm	
<i>Matlock Friday Bible Study Group</i>	*** Next Meeting 13 th January 2023 ***	
<i>Holy Hour & Benediction</i>	*** Next Adoration 12 th January 2023 ***	
Rotas	Hassop 1 st Jan	Hassop 8 th Jan
Sunday Wardens - Close	Volunteers	Volunteers
Welcome - Sunday	Liz M	Kate Howard
Readers - Sunday 9am	Mike W	Angela L
Sunday Morning Coffee	<i>No Coffee Today</i>	Volunteers
Wednesday - Reader	Liz M	TBA
Flowers	Christmas	Christmas

Hassop/Bakewell - Thank You so much for supporting Your Parish at Christmas

18/12 Loose: £70.70	Env: £85.00	S/O: £452.07	Total: £ 607.77
25/12 Loose: £717.65	Env: £85.00	S/O: £452.07	Total: £1,254.72
Christmas Fair: £860.16			Total: £ 860.16
			Grand Total: £2,722.65

Fr Robbie is on a fixed salary scheme - your Christmas donations are placed in the parish bank account and support his wages each month - Thank you



Safeguarding Representative

Anthony Howlings

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'As a Christian Family, we will **meet** and **celebrate** the Holy Eucharist on the first day of the week. We will **care** for and **support** each other.

We will strive to be good examples of our Christian faith and show our **commitment** to that **faith** in our daily lives. In **love** we will **support** and **participate** with other Christian Churches in and around Bakewell.'

Make a donation to Hassop



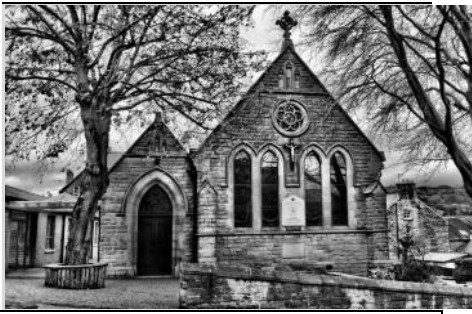
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Matlock - News for the Pews

Welcome to our Visitors & Parishioners this weekend

Sick and Housebound - We prayer for - Bob Hilton, Gordon Smythe, Lily Chapman, Imelda Hanlon, Ann Holland, Anna Thompson, Peggy Flynn, Kath Dyson, Linda Houghton and all our sick parishioners.

Our Warm Space Mondays - 9am until 5pm

If you want to be involved, please contact:

colette.hanson@btinternet.com - to help in the hall on a Mondays
paulinaswanwick1947@gmail.com - to make or bake refreshments
shirley.a.johnson@btinternet.com - to donate books, games, jigsaws
jlangle@uwclub.net - to donate items from the 'shopping list'
dauidswanwick@btinternet.com to offer transport

Warm Space is not open on Monday 26th December or 2nd January

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Joy to the World, the Lord is come. "Let heaven and nature sing...repeat, repeat the sounding joy..." "Not just today. But every day."

"Without a constant exercise of gratitude, we would end up simply cataloguing our failures and lose sight of what counts most: the graces that the Lord grants us each day." **Pope Francis**

Safeguarding Representative
Paula Scully
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Our parish community is called to build the Kingdom of God. We gather for **WORSHIP** to strengthen our Christian unity; also included are our various ministries where you can **SERVE** those most in need with love and dignity, and opportunities to **GROW** your faith in the truth of life that Jesus provides us. We appreciate and are open to your willingness to **GIVE** of your time; treasure and talent. We want you to know, furthermore, that it is here that you have a place to **BELONG**: there is always a pew for you! This beautiful building belongs to you. Cherish your time here, as God the Father cherishes you.

Make a donation to Matlock



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Honoring Jesus' divine Kingship

Symbolizing his priestly mission

An ointment for burial, myrrh foreshadows his death

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Rotas	Matlock 31/1 Dec/Jan	Matlock 7/8 Jan
Welcome - Saturday	John & Denise	Paula & David
Readers - Saturday 5pm	Tim & Jill L	Paul & Elizabeth C
Simple Saturday Supper	**Next Session 7/1/23	Tim & Jill L
Welcome - Sunday	Phyl E & Volunteers	Phyl E & Volunteers
Readers - Sunday 11am	Sheila S & Derrick W	Catherine C & Phyl E
Church Cleaners	----	----

Matlock - Thank You so much for supporting Your Parish over Christmas				
18/12	Loose: £99.75	Env: £350.30	S/O: £738.81	Total: £1,188.86
25/12	Loose: £1,674.30	Env: £405.70	S/O: £738.81	Total: £2,818.81
Christmas Raffle: £405.00				Total: £ 405.00
				Grand Total: £4,422.67
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<https://www.pexels.com/photo/homeless-people-eating-in-the-park-8078548/>

Should we give money to homeless beggars?

Monday 17th October 2022

Liz Wills, Caritas Westminster's lead on homelessness, co-founder of Feed Up Warm Up and the Hitchin Pantry, was asked the million dollar question:

Should we give money to someone begging on the street?

Her response is rooted in a deep Christian sense of compassion and acceptance:

The question of giving to beggars is one that many of us battle with daily.

Many will say “no - they will only spend it on drugs or alcohol;” or “they should just go and get a job like the rest of us”. Others will be torn as to what is the right thing to do because they want to help and they feel compassion towards the person sitting in front of them.

This question came up and challenged me in a training session I attended last year. The presenter said to me “When you get your payslip every month is there a condition or stipulation on what you can spend your money on?” Well of course not! So why should we decide what a homeless person should spend their money on if we choose to give them some?

So, now when asked “should I give to a homeless beggar?” my answer is: “if you want to give, give, but give with an open heart and not with a mind that judges or wants to control.”

Pope Francis describes this scenario and says: “People who worry about how the money might be spent should ask themselves what guilty pleasures they are secretly spending money on. There are many excuses to justify why one does not lend a hand when asked by a person begging on the street. Some may think, I give money and he just spends it on a glass of wine!”

But, the Pope joked, a “glass of wine is his only happiness in life!”

“Giving something to someone in need is always right,” the pope said adding that it should be done with respect and compassion because “tossing money and not looking in [their] eyes is not a Christian way of behaving”.

There is an awful assumption that people without a permanent home are all drug addicts, criminals and alcoholics and that is why they are homeless so we shouldn't give them any money. As Christians we make assumptions or label people in this way. We treat people as individuals.

Some homeless people might be drug addicts, but if that's the case we need to ask, why?

They are sleeping, scared in a cold doorway, or terrified to sleep in case someone hurts them or steals their stuff. Most are just trying to escape the voices of their past trauma - trying to escape the pain that they have suffered in their lives, often inflicted by others and by people that they trusted.

When asked the same question about street begging, one of our homeless friends told me recently:

“Yes, we should give money, it's not easy sitting on a cold pavement asking strangers for money to survive. It's degrading, embarrassing and humiliating. Not all homeless people are addicts or alcoholics. The last time I was sleeping out on the streets of Westminster I didn't touch any drugs or alcohol for over a year. The streets are a tough and scary place. Most addicts I know take drugs to escape the pain of their past, it numbs you and helps you make it through to the next day. When you are high it blocks the horrible memories that you are trying to escape from”.

Homelessness is a tough time in someone's life, it is a transitional period— not a final destination. With the right mental health support, kindness and belief in someone we can help make their period of homelessness as short as possible. Money alone cannot achieve this.

In fact, sometimes, choosing not to give money, but caring in some other way, might be the right thing to do. I hugged someone who was begging on the tube the other day. She did ask me for money but I declined. This lady needed something more than a pound in her paper cup. Her eyes were full of pain and sorrow. I felt God calling me to simply say “do you need a hug?” I could feel the passengers on the tube gasp as I hugged this stranger. Once she hugged me she didn't let go, she broke down and sobbed and sobbed. We must have hugged all the way to the next station. We got off the tube together at the next stop. She didn't ask me for money again just another hug and a big thank you.

Now, I don't expect everyone to start hugging random strangers but it just shows that at that time this lady needed some love, kindness and support which was far more valuable to her than money.

So, whether or not you choose, or are able, to give money to a person experiencing homelessness, always treat that person with respect, kindness and love.