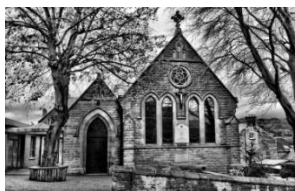


Sunday 4th December - Second Sunday of Advent

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

Second Sunday of Advent



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Newsletter



There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of **Jesse**, and a branch from his **roots** shall bear fruit.

And the **Spirit of the Lord** shall rest upon him, the **Spirit of wisdom** and understanding, the **Spirit of counsel and might**, the **Spirit of knowledge** and the **fear of the Lord**.

And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. **He shall not judge** by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, **but with righteousness he shall judge the poor**, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and **faithfulness the belt of his loins**. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Isaiah 11:1-10

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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 at the end of Advent.

(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 3rd December - St Francis Xavier, Priest

10.30am to 11.30am - Matlock - Advent Confessions

12:30pm - Matlock - Baptisms

4.30pm - Matlock - Rosary - Joyful Mysteries

5.00pm - Matlock Vigil - John & Bridget McLarkey RIP & Kathleen McLarkey RIP - Cruagh, Malin (John McLarkey & Family)

Sunday 4th December - Second Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Hassop - Mass - Juliet Peel RIP (Kathleen M Colhoun)

11.00am - Matlock - Mass - James Johnson RIP Ann. (Family)

Monday 5th December - Weekday of Advent

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

Tuesday 6th December - St Nicholas, Bishop

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

Wednesday 7th December - St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor

9.30am - Matlock - Rosary - Glorious Mysteries

10.00am - Matlock - Mass - Holy Souls

12.00pm - Hassop - Mass - Deacon John Hague RIP (Cynthia Ryder)

Thursday 8th December - Immaculate Conception (Solemnity)

9.30am - Rosary - Mysteries of Light

10.00am - Matlock Mass - Holy Souls

Friday 9th December - Weekday of Advent

9:00am - Matlock 'Meet Fr Robbie' by appointment

5.30pm - Matlock - Rosary - Sorrowful Mysteries

6.00pm - Matlock - Mass - Holy Souls

Saturday 10th December - Weekday of Advent

10.30am to 11.30am - Matlock - Advent Confessions

12:30pm - Matlock - Baptisms

4.30pm - Matlock - Rosary - Joyful Mysteries

5.00pm - Matlock Vigil - Holy Souls

Sunday 11th December - Third Sunday of Advent

9.00am - Hassop - Mass - Holy Souls

11.00am - Matlock - Mass - Deacon John Hague RIP (Elizabeth/Fam)

Dear Parishioners, I appreciate we are entering very difficult times as we move now into Advent and Christmas. It is a time of worry for many, in regards to employment; finances and keeping warm and fed. As your Parish Priest I wish to let you know you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. You are both very generous communities at Matlock and Bakewell/Hassop and it does not go unnoticed by me that you continue to support your church. I continue to strive to be frugal with spending, but Council Tax, Building Insurance, Diocesan Quota and the utilities and building maintenance still require paying. I appreciate your ongoing generosity. I will do my best to keep parish costs to a minimum. These are not times though to be proud – if you are struggling, please come to me and I will try to help, do not suffer in silence but come to me in total confidentiality and compassion. For the Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. Keeping you in my prayers. **Fr Robbie**

Hassop & Bakewell - News for the Pews

Christmas Flower Collection – This weekend there is a retiring collection - envelopes or directly into the basket. Let us be as generous as possible so that our church looks beautiful. Please return your envelope next weekend. **Thank You - The Flower Team**

Last weekend - there was a retiring collection to support 'Poor and Needy Parishes' - which raised **£101.40** **Thank you**

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.

Christmas Fair Winning Tickets - Congratulations

The results of the draw are as follows:

The Christmas Hamper Prize was won by **Margaret Trend**.

The results for the Raffle on the Pink Tickets are as follows:

1st prize for the spirits, the winning ticket **49**

2nd prize for the Madeira, the winner - **David Jordan**

3rd prize for the chocolates, the winner - **Archie**

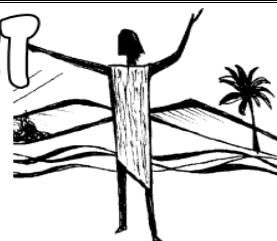
4th prize for the marshmallows, the winning ticket **60**

(Prizes for numbers pink **49** and **60** yet to be claimed)

Welcome to our Visitors & Parishioners this weekend

Advent Confessions at Hassop with Fr Robbie (10:30-11:30am)
Saturday 10th December & Tuesday 20th December

JOHN THE BAPTIST PREACHING ...



1. John said "I _____ with water".

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		R			

2. He went to _____ in the desert.

		E			
		P			

3. He said, " _____ ", for Jesus is coming.

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		R			

4. "Jesus will baptise you with the Holy _____".

5. John baptised people in the River _____.

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6. He said, "Make his paths _____".

7. Many people _____ their sins.

Nov/Dec - Groups and Regular Events - All welcome - Anytime!

Choir Practice	Tuesdays at 3:30pm	
Matlock Friday Bible Study Group	Friday 11:00am in Matlock	
Holy Hour & Benediction	Thursday 7pm Hassop/Matlock (alternate)	
Rotas	Hassop 4 th Dec	Hassop 11 th Dec
Sunday Wardens - Close	Volunteers	Volunteers
Welcome - Sunday	Mike W	Vicky D
Readers - Sunday 9am	Sarah M	Linda B
Sunday Morning Coffee	<i>Volunteers</i>	<i>Volunteers</i>
Wednesday - Reader	Liz M	Roland
Flowers	No Flowers During Advent	No Flowers During Advent

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

Loose: £82.00 Env: £110.00 S/O: £452.07 Total: £644.07



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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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Christmas

Carol Service - Matlock

Sunday 18th December 5:00pm

Carol Service - Hassop

Tuesday 20th December 7:00pm

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Hassop - Sat Dec 24th - 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Family Mass

Matlock - Sat Dec 24th 6:00pm

Christmas Day - Hassop

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Sanctuary Lamp – Intentions of Bob Hilton

Simple Supper after the Saturday Vigil. All Welcome.

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.

Advent Confessions at Matlock with Fr Robbie (10:30-11:30am)
Saturdays 3rd Dec & 17th Dec & Thurs 22nd December

Our Warm Space goes live on Monday 5th December 9am until 5pm

A huge thanks to all who have contributed as volunteers, donors, cooks, shoppers or sponsors so far. We aim to run through to March so if you want to be involved, please contact:

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jlangle@uwclub.net - to donate items from the 'shopping list'
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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.

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Parish Christmas Hamper Raffle

£1.00 per ticket

£5.00 per strip

All funds raised go to the maintenance of the parish
Good Luck

Also - 2nd - 3rd & 4th Prizes to be won!

"O most merciful Father, put far from me all my iniquities and all my offences; so that, by Thee made whole in body and in soul, I may be accounted worthy to approach the Holy of holies."
Saint Ambrose

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Welcome - Saturday	John & Denise	David & Paula
Readers - Saturday 5pm	Liz & Paul	Lance & Michelle
Simple Saturday Supper	Sue & Michelle	Chris & Chas
Welcome - Sunday	Phyl & Volunteer	Phyl & Volunteer
Readers - Sunday 11am	Derrick & Catherine C	Phyl & Bernard E
Church Cleaners	Sheila Sheppard	Bernard & Shirley

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Loose: £237.09 Env: £217.50 S/O: £738.81 Total: £1,193.40



Advent – Week Two

Humility Prepares the Way for Christ

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

“A voice of one crying out in the desert. ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.’” Luke 3:4

On this, the Second Sunday of Advent, we are given the person of St. John the Baptist to ponder. What a gift he is! Jesus Himself stated that “among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist” (Matthew 11:11). What a compliment!

What is it that made John so great? We can point to two things in particular. The first has to do with his calling and the second has to do with his virtue.

First of all, John was great because he was the transition from the Old Testament Prophets to the New Testament. He was the bridge that prepared for the new life to come. His unique mission makes him truly great.

But John was great not only because of his unique calling, he was also great because of the virtue he had in his life. And it is this gift that is worth pondering for our own inspiration more than any other.

The particular virtue that John had was that of humility. He saw himself as nothing other than a “voice of one crying out in the desert.” And the Word he spoke was Jesus.

John acknowledged that he was not even worthy to stoop down and untie the sandal straps of Jesus (Mark 1:7). He was praised by many and followed by many and yet he continuously said of Jesus that “He must increase and I must decrease” (John 3:30). John was not in it for praise and honour; rather, his mission was to point everyone to the Saviour of the World. He could have sought the honour and praise of many and he would have certainly received it. They may have even made him king. But John was more than willing to fulfil his mission and then submit himself to the cruel sword of his executioner. His humility was such that he was focused only on Jesus and desired only to point to Him.

Reflect, today, upon this humility in your own life. Do you tend to point to yourself or to Christ? Do you seek the praise of others or do you humbly point all praise and glory to God? Humility is the path that St. John the Baptist took and it’s the path we must strive for each and every day.

Lord, thank You for the gift of St. John the Baptist. May his witness of humility inspire me in my Christian walk. Help me, Lord, to always point others to You rather than to myself. Jesus, I trust in You.

Astonishment at the Mercy of God

Monday of the Second Week of Advent

Then astonishment seized them all and they glorified God, and, struck with awe, they said, “We have seen incredible things today.” Luke 5:26

They were “astonished” because Jesus cured the paralytic after he was lowered through the roof of a house in which Jesus was teaching. Jesus cured him and they were amazed.

But this was not what amazed and astonished people the most. What was most astonishing was that Jesus also said to the paralytic, “As for you, your sins are forgiven” (Luke 5:20). Jesus then confirmed that He had the power to forgive sins by performing this physical miracle. True, most people went home that day speaking first about the physical healing. But you can be certain that, as they pondered this experience, they were even more deeply moved by the forgiveness of sins. Perhaps they did not fully understand what this all meant. But, nonetheless, His words of forgiveness were quite powerful and transforming.

Reflect, today, upon your desire to receive God’s forgiveness in your life. Do you long to hear these words spoken to you? Do you long to experience the mercy and forgiveness of Jesus in your life? The reason He came from Heaven to Earth was to offer you the forgiveness of your sins. Miracles do not matter in the end. What matters is mercy and forgiveness. When you receive this gift of His mercy you will also glorify God with a joyous and holy astonishment as you see this incredible gift unfold in your life.

Lord, I do desire Your mercy and forgiveness in my life. Help me to lower myself before You so that I can hear You say, ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ Jesus, I trust in You.

God Never Gives Up on You

Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

“In just the same way, it is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost.” Matthew 18:14

Jesus makes this statement after telling the parable of the one lost sheep. The shepherd leaves the ninety-nine and goes searching diligently for that little one. The parable goes on to state that, “If he finds it, amen, I say to you, he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine that did not stray” (Matthew 18:13).

We are all “one of these little ones.” At first, it may seem unfair that the shepherd rejoices more over the one lost sheep than over the ninety-nine. But if we understand that each and every one of us is that one lost sheep, it makes sense.

As we ponder this parable, it’s essential that we reflect upon the deep desire of the shepherd to find us. We must look at his concern, his tireless effort and his diligence in seeking us out. This is the care God has for you.

Reflect, today, upon you being that one lost sheep. Being “lost” in our sin is not a pleasant experience. Sin brings fear, despair, confusion, anger and the like. But if we can turn our eyes to the Good Shepherd in the midst of our sinfulness, we will regain hope. We will regain hope that our God cares for us so much that He will never stop searching for us. And when He finds us, His heart will be filled with the greatest joy!

Lord, in the midst of my sinfulness and confusion I turn to You. I trust that You will seek me out. May I always trust in Your burning love for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Come to Me with Your Burdens

Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

“Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” Matthew 11:28–30

What a beautiful invitation from Jesus! This passage is worth reading over and over and memorizing so that it can easily be reflected upon during those more difficult moments in life. We all have those moments. The moments when we feel overwhelmed and burdened. It could be we are burdened by some tragedy in life, or it could be we are burdened by the small and monotonous aspects of life. One of the greatest daily burdens is that of our own sin. But whatever the case may be, Jesus wants us to hear and believe these words. “Come to me...” He says. Come to me no matter what is going on in your life. Come to me without hesitation and without fear.

Jesus also promises us that His “yoke is easy” and His “burden is light.” What does that mean? Does it mean that coming to Jesus will remove all hardship from our lives? No, not really. What it means is that coming to Jesus will enable us to endure and walk through any hardship we encounter in life. Advent reminds us that God the Son came and took on our human nature and all that goes along with being human. And though He never sinned, He allowed Himself to experience the effects of sin and the burden it imposes. So as God, He is able to look us in the eye and tell us that He understands our hardships because He lived them. He lived them out of love for us so that He could help us endure, joyfully, all we face in life.

Reflect, today, upon this gentle and glorious invitation from Jesus. Let Him enter into whatever it is that burdens you. Let Him carry the yoke that you carry and give you, instead, the gentle yoke He has prepared for you. The cross you bear may not go away, but it will be transformed and made light in His grace.

Lord, I surrender my life and all that I am to You. I accept Your invitation to come to You. Thank You for Your unfailing compassion and concern for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

The Road of Charity

Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

“Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 11:11 As we reflected upon St. John the Baptist this past Sunday, so also we are given his witness in today’s Gospel. John was great first and foremost because of his humility. But Jesus also makes it clear that John’s greatness as the greatest of the Old Testament Prophets is nothing in comparison with being a member of the Kingdom of Heaven!

Heaven must be our goal. It must be the purpose of our life. What good is it if we obtain much greatness in this world and fail to make it to Heaven? Interestingly, Jesus does not put down St. John in this statement since “Saint” John the Baptist is in Heaven. Instead, He points to the fact that John was not only great because of his humility and all he did in this life, but he was even greater because he is now enjoying the rewards of eternal life in Heaven.

Too often we measure our lives from a worldly point of view. We look for greatness here and now and fail to recognize that eternity is what matters most. Think about it. What will you rejoice in for all eternity? Will you rejoice in the fact that you accomplished this or that in this world? That you made lots of money? That you were praised by many in this world? No, from Heaven none of this will matter. What will matter is one thing: charity. The charity we live here and now will radiate from our lives forever in Heaven. Even if our charity is not seen by others, it will be seen in Heaven. Charity is the result of a life lived fully surrendered to Christ.

Reflect, today, upon the ultimate goal of getting to Heaven and look at the fact that daily acts of charity are the road to this goal. Is this your focus in life? If not, look at your priorities and recommit yourself to this eternal calling.

Lord, I desire to be with You forever in Heaven. Help me to keep eternity as my ultimate focus in life. Help me to build a glorious life in Heaven through the charity I live now. Jesus, I trust in You.

Overcoming Harsh Words

Friday of the Second Week of Advent

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they said, ‘He is possessed by a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking and they said, ‘Look, he is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’” Matthew 11:18–19a What we have here is the ugly sin of calumny. Calumny is the intentional twisting of facts so as to misrepresent the truth. Basically, calumny is a lie meant to do harm to another.

Jesus points out that both He and John the Baptist were ridiculed and falsely accused of being sinful. John, for example, fasted much which was quite virtuous. But the Pharisees interpreted it as the work of the devil. Jesus spent time at many people’s homes as a guest and He was accused of being a glutton and drunkard. When someone gives into calumny, they often look at some virtue in another and twist it some way so as to deceive and misrepresent the truth. And it is often done out of envy or jealousy. This sad situation should be an opportunity for each of us to look at how honest we are in our relations with one another. When you see goodness in another are you able to rejoice in that fact? Are you able to honestly give thanks to God for their goodness? Or do you immediately start to interpret their virtue in a false way?

Reflect, today, upon the way you look at others around you and, especially, how you speak about them. Look at their virtue and try to honestly honour them for it. And if you see yourself falling into any form of jealousy or envy, surrender it over to our merciful God so that it doesn’t turn into the ugly sin of calumny.

Lord, help me to see others in the light of humility and truth. Help me to see their goodness and virtue and to rejoice in it. Strip from me any falsity and calumny. Jesus, I trust in You.

Repent of Your Sins this Advent

Saturday of the Second Week of Advent

“I tell you that Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him but did to him whatever they pleased. So also will the Son of Man suffer at their hands.” Then the disciples understood that he was speaking to them of John the Baptist. Matthew 17:12–13

As we continue to reflect upon St. John the Baptist, we see that his role of being Elijah was missed by the scribes. They failed to see him fulfilling Elijah’s role of preparing the way for the Lord. Though John had a unique and definitive role in preparing for the coming of Christ, so also do each one of us have a role in preparing for His continual coming. Jesus came once many years ago, but He desires to continue coming into our lives. And He can only come if we properly prepare for Him.

How do you “prepare the way of the Lord?” How do you continue the work of John the Baptist? You do so, especially in Advent, by heeding the main message of John. And what was his main message? His message was to repent of our sin. Though we all struggle with sin as a result of our fallen human nature, we should never forget that our calling is that of perfection. We are called to be perfect as the Father in Heaven is perfect. We are called to recognize our sins, confess them, and strive to become detached from them. Advent is one of the most important times of year to do this and it is especially important that we seek out the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this holy season.

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to preach to your own soul about the importance of repenting of your sins. Embracing repentance in this holy season is the best way to prepare for the continuous coming of Christ in your life.

Lord, help me to see my sin as we enter more deeply into this Advent season. Help me to be aware of the many things that keep me from You and to turn from them wholeheartedly. Jesus, I trust in You.