

# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 2 October 2011 27th Sunday of the Year



Mon	3	9am	Mr & Mrs A Hoyle ( Ruby)
Tues	4		
Wed	5	7pm	Mr & Mrs W Leyland (Golden)
Thursday	6		
Friday	7	9am	Angela Wharton
Saturday	8	12pm 7pm	People of the Parish Stan Storey
Sunday	9	11am	Nicola

## Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound

Mary Webster, Mary Ball, Frances Harrison, Elsie Hilton, Mary Swan, Irene Murphy, David Skillcorn, Edith Gorton, Kathleen McAuley, Teresa Bateson, Mary Ainscough, Clarice Aspey, Wilfred Ford, Sister Josephine Vecchi, Brian Rothwell, Ada Platt, Mary Platt.

Lately dead: Kevin Flatley R.I.P.

## What's Happening:

1. Rosary Sunday. Holy Family Platt Bridge 2pm.
2. The retiring collection after Mass is for Nugent Care's work with disabled people.
3. The next Parish meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 10th October in the presbytery. We would really welcome some new members to our little group. Our numbers are decreasing due to sickness and dare we say age. In view of the electrical works that Father Joe told us about last week, we could use some good fund raising ideas. Can you help?
4. Fr Tony, who is now looking after Sacred Heart and Holy Family, has sent details of a new Parish Website [www.hindleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.hindleycatholic.org.uk) where he will happily include any news or information from St Benedict's. For those of you on Facebook you can follow things on "**Hindley Catholic**"

## 27th Sunday of the Year

If we think about how deeply we care about those we love, we may begin to have just an inkling of the depth of God's care and concern for each of us.

- Readings:
1. The Lord likens his people to his favoured vineyard.
  2. We are to fill our minds with everything that is good.
  3. We are to take care of the Lord's vineyard and produce the fruit of his love.

Like Paul we live in a troubled world. Crisis in the financial world; the turmoil of wars.

Privately we are financially worried; sickness in the family; children's success .

"The lord of peace will be with you"

That peace can only be found when we are doing God's will.  
Our prayerfulness is that we are able to fill our minds with what is good and true.

# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 9 October 2011 28th Sunday of the Year



Mon	10	9am	Margaret Bowe
Tues	11		
Wed	12		No Mass
Thursday	13		
Friday	14	9am	Clifford Wilcock
Saturday	15	12pm 7pm	People of the Parish Agnes Westhead
Sunday	16	11am	Henry & Ellen Whittle

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## What's Happening:

1. I will not be here Wednesday. I'm taking a friend who has lost their vision to meet friends.
2. Confirmation:  
7th November 7.00pm. St Edmund Arrowsmith pupils have been contacted. Anyone missed out see me soon. You will know that we are changing the order in which we celebrate the Sacraments. Confirmation before First Communion. In the New Year we will catch up with those who are not yet confirmed.
3. The next Parish meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 10th October in the presbytery. We would really welcome some new members to our little group. Our numbers are decreasing due to sickness and dare we say age. In view of the electrical works needed, we could use some good fund raising ideas. Can you help?
4. There will be an appeal on behalf of Survive-Miva at Masses 22nd/23rd October. Please read the poster in the porch.
5. A Training and Commissioning Day for new lay Ministers of Communion has been arranged for Saturday the 22nd October to take place at Saint Oswald's, Ashton from 9.30am until 4pm (participants will need to take bring a packed lunch). If you feel you would like to help, contact Father Tony Mangnall 01942 866102 or Deacon T Rose 01942 515932 during this week.
6. Visit the Website [www.hindleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.hindleycatholic.org.uk) On Facebook you can follow things on "Hindley Catholic"

## 28th Sunday of the Year

The gift of heaven is open to all who respond generously to God's invitation.

- Readings:
1. God celebrates the end of death in a banquet with all peoples.
  2. Paul, in prison, rejoices in God and his companions.
  3. God's kingdom is like a great feast to which everyone is invited.

Paul is full of missionary confidence and optimism.

He is missionary because he has been "touched" by God, and feels, to use his own words, Christ is now "living in him". His strength is the strength of Jesus who has found him first.

"I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me".  
All baptised, all missionaries, are empowered by the Spirit of Christ.

ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 16 October 2011 29th Sunday of the Year



Mon	17	9am	Alan Brimilow
Tues	18		
Wed	19	7pm	Cyril Barlow & Thomas Walsh
Thursday	20		
Friday	21	9am	Pat O'Driscoll
Saturday	22	12pm 7pm	People of the Parish Marion Meehan
Sunday	23	11am	Arthur & Ellen Rigby

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2. There will be an appeal on behalf of Survive-Miva at Masses this weekend. Please read the poster in the porch.
3. SPUC. There will be a Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy Sale and Raffle on Friday 28th October from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the small Hall. If anyone is willing to bake a few cakes would they please put their names on the list in the Church porch. All proceeds will go to SPUC.
4. Visit the Website [www.hindleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.hindleycatholic.org.uk) On Facebook you can follow things on "Hindley Catholic"

**29th Sunday of the Year**

Honour, glory and praise belong to God. We raise our hearts and minds in prayer.

- Readings:
1. God can use anyone to achieve the divine purpose.
  2. Paul's words of encouragement.
  3. We must offer to God what belongs to God.

Paul and his companions had reached Thessalonica. As usual they preached in the synagogue and a number of people believed their preaching.

Paul now praises their faith in action.

By accepting his words they had received the power of the Holy Spirit who had invaded their lives and given them the utter conviction they now enjoy.

# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 23 October 2011 30th Sunday of the Year



Mon	24	9am	Wilfred Taylor
Tues	25		
Wed	26	7pm	Amy Baird
Thursday	27		
Friday	28	9am	Denis O'Connell
Saturday	29	12pm 7pm	Juliette Baker People of the Parish
Sunday	30	11am	Nicola & Sonia

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## What's Happening:

1. THIS WEEKEND. SURVIVE MIVA.  
Special collection.
2. THE CLUB. Earlier this year I said if we didn't use we would lose. WE HAVE LOST.
3. CONFIRMATION 7th November. Not much response from St Edmund Arrowsmith. Please respond to school or myself ASAP.
4. SPUC. There will be a Coffee Morning, Bring and Buy Sale and Raffle on Friday 28th October from 10.30am to 12.30pm in the small Hall. If anyone is willing to bake a few cakes would they please put their names on the list in the Church porch. All proceeds will go to SPUC.
5. CATECHIST TRAINING for the changes in the Sacramental preparations which are about to take place. Three members of the Junior Church Group will be attending the courses. A Ginty, M Ward & T Hull.
6. Paul Holden has returned to the Pastoral Area Working Group as representative for St Benedict's as at the moment we have no-one. Information from meetings will be available as to how the Parish will be affected in the changes to come.
7. Visit the Website [www.hindleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.hindleycatholic.org.uk) On Facebook you can follow things on "Hindley Catholic"

## 30th Sunday of the Year

We come together today because we believe that the greatest commandment of them all is love.

- Readings:
1. Moses: our duty is to look after the stranger and those in need.
  2. Paul rejoices because his disciples have become missionaries.
  3. Jesus plays his triumph card: everything depends on love.

Paul marvels at the enthusiasm of the community.

He must have been pleased with his role as a missionary to them, but it was the Holy Spirit who lead them to Christ.

In our own day we marvel at the stories from around the world of Christian communities finding hope in their togetherness in faith.

We too pray for, and thank God for such blessings.

# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 30 October 2011 31st Sunday of the Year



Mon	31	7pm	Vigil Mass All Saints David Cromer
Tues	1	12pm	ALL SAINTS Intention
Wed	2	7pm	ALL SOULS Derek Beesley
Thursday	3		
Friday	4	9am	Margaret Bowe
Saturday	5	12pm 7pm	Agnes & Jn Ryan People of the Parish
Sunday	6	11am	Angela Wharton

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## What's Happening:

1. ALL SAINTS: Mass Times Monday 7pm, Tuesday 12 noon.
2. ALL SOULS: Mass as usual at 7pm
3. NEXT SUNDAY: LAMP SUNDAY  
Special Collection for priests in Latin America. Gift Aid envelopes at back of Church.
4. EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY: We welcome and pray for Germaine Wharton as our new Eucharistic Minister. She completed her training and was commissioned last Saturday 22nd October
5. The Works required by the Archdiocese to the Presbytery (mainly electrical) and Church will cost in the region of £10,000 to £12,000. These are required to meet Safety and Insurance Regulations. Much money will have to be raised.
6. Following on from the above note, there will be a Christmas Raffle as usual. All proceeds, along with those from the Chris Bannister Concert, will go towards the cost. There will be the customary box at the back of Church for your generous donations of prizes in a few weeks time.
7. The next Pastoral Area Meeting is on 3rd November. Paul Holden will attend.
8. PARISH MAGAZINE: Please give any articles, photos etc. to Kath Holden by 13th November.
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## 31st Sunday of the Year

God's wisdom is a living power among us.

We experience it whenever we make peace, serve one another and respect all living things.

- Readings:
1. Religious leaders have caused many to "stray" and "stumble" because of their teaching and actions.
  2. God's message is a "living power" among Christians.
  3. Jesus suggests that his followers seek a path of humility and service.

Paul was not just any wandering preacher common at the time. They were only interested in themselves and their financial gain.

Paul clarifies the nature of his work and its motivation.

He cared for his converts like a mother.

He took no money from them.

He worked day and night at his trade as a tent-maker.

# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 6 November 2011 32nd Sunday of the Year



Mon	7	9am	Edith & James Halliwell
Tues	8	7pm	CONFIRMATION
Wed	9	7pm	CMS Deceased Members
Thursday	10		
Friday	11	9am	Catherine Hull-Swift
Saturday	12	12pm 7pm	Intention Harold Blinkhorn & Christine Goulding
Sunday	13	11am	People of the Parish

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## What's Happening:

1. CONFIRMATION: No need to stay away. Come and support our young people.
2. Deceased members of the Wigan District Catholic Men's Society. Annual Mass Wednesday.
3. LAMP SUNDAY: Special collection. Gift Aid envelopes available.
4. Would the people who have ordered tickets for the Chris Bannister evening on 2nd December please collect them from Kath Morris as soon as possible.
5. There will be a Christmas Raffle as usual. All proceeds, along with those from the Chris Bannister Concert, will go towards the cost of the essential work on the Presbytery and Church. The customary box is at the back of Church for your generous donations of prizes, bottles Christmas goods, groceries etc..
6. The next Parish Meeting is on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Please come along.
7. PARISH MAGAZINE: Please give any articles, photos etc. to Kath Holden by 13th November.
8. Thank you. The coffee morning for The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children raised £160.
9. Visit the Website [www.hindleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.hindleycatholic.org.uk) On Facebook you can follow things on "**Hindley Catholic**"

## 32nd Sunday of the Year

Wisdom is a grace of God that gives us understanding and insight into life, and the power to live life well.

- Readings:
1. How bright a gift wisdom is and how much God wishes to impart it.
  2. The death and resurrection of Jesus is our insight into the promise of eternal life.
  3. Jesus tells a story to urge us to be wise.

Faced with the fact of death, Paul writes to encourage the people of Thessalonica. He gives the Christian vision of death in a nutshell.

It is our comfort in times of bereavement.

The grieving of the believer on the death of a loved one is painful.

But it never becomes despair.

Hope sustains us.

ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 13 November 2011 33rd Sunday of the Year



Mon	14	9am	Alan Brimilow
Tues	15		
Wed	16	7pm	Holy Souls
Thursday	17		
Friday	18	9am	Delia Barrett
Saturday	19	12pm 7pm	People of the Parish Brenda Tumney
Sunday	20	11am	Alice Swift

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**What's Happening:**

1. The Parish received £2546.75 from the Government for Gift Aided envelopes for the financial year 2010-2011.
2. Would the people who have ordered tickets for the Chris Bannister evening on 2nd December please collect them from Kath Morris as soon as possible.
3. There will be a Christmas Raffle as usual. All proceeds, along with those from the Chris Bannister Concert, will go towards the cost of the essential work on the Presbytery and Church. The customary box is at the back of Church for your generous donations of prizes, bottles Christmas goods, groceries etc.
4. The next Parish Meeting is on Monday 14th November at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. Sadly one of our fund raising group died last week. Alice Swift, who despite failing health, never let us down when there was tea to be brewed, and was a kind and generous lady. She also helped clean the Church week after week. We shall all miss her.
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**33rd Sunday of the Year**

God has given us the great gift of life, and many other gifts.  
Do we respond, in generosity, to share our gifts with others.

- Readings:
1. The good wife uses her gifts for the good of the family.
  2. We are to live as if Christ could come again at any moment.
  3. Jesus calls us to use our gifts and not.....

Talk of the "end time", the Second Coming, can cause fear.

"Fear of the Lord" is sometimes mistranslated as "reverence and awe" in the presence of the Lord.

"Fear of the Lord" is one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

It is a fear of losing God and the happiness of being with God forever.

There is nothing wrong with it.

We are advised to stay awake and keep on working.

# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 20 November 2011 Christ the King



Mon	21	9am	NO MASS
Tues	22		
Wed	23	7pm	Eileen Appleton
Thursday	24		
Friday	25	9am	Tom & Sheila Gavin
Saturday	26	12pm 7pm	Pat & Kate O'Driscoll Derek Beesley
Sunday	27	11am	People of the Parish

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### What's Happening:

1. I am not here Monday, so no Mass..
2. Next Sunday .. Advent. New translation will bring new words. Try and be patient.
3. Next year Archbishop Kelly will be 50 years ordained. Should anyone wish to contribute towards a gift to him, let me have it before Christmas.
4. Retiring collection– Youth Sunday. Our Parish needs more Readers, perhaps this Sunday one of our youth would come forward?
5. Don't forget to return your completed Gift Aid Forms to either Fr Joe or John Morris following on from last week's appeal.
6. There will be a Christmas Raffle as usual. All proceeds, along with those from the Chris Bannister Concert, will go towards the cost of the essential work on the Presbytery and Church. The customary box is at the back of Church for your generous donations of prizes, bottles, Christmas goods, groceries etc.
7. EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING will take place at 6.30pm next Wednesday, 23rd November in the Presbytery, followed by re-commissioning of Ministers during 7pm Mass.
8. The Parish Magazine will be on sale, price 40p, next weekend 26/27 November.
9. Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale two weekends, 3/4 and 10/11 December at £1 per strip.
10. The CAFOD collection for October amounted to £281.35. This includes three generous donations.
11. Visit the Website [www.hindleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.hindleycatholic.org.uk) On Facebook you can follow things on "Hindley Catholic"

## Christ the King

On the feast of Christ the King we are invited to recognise the presence in each of our brothers and sisters.

- Readings:
1. The Lord is our shepherd and will never cease to care for us.
  2. Through the death of Christ we have the hope of eternal life.
  3. Jesus speaks of the final gathering of nations.

The "last enemy" to be overcome by Christ is death.  
 Death was never meant to be. It was brought about by "the devil's enemy".  
 Jesus turned tables on the Evil One.  
 Fooled him by suffering death himself and rising from the dead.  
 Now "death has lost its sting".  
 That is what we celebrate at Mass.



# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 27 November 2011 1st Sunday of Advent



Mon	28	9am	Private Intention
Tues	29		
Wed	30	7pm	Stuart Halliwell
Thursday	1		
Friday	2	9am	Jean Cunliffe
Saturday	3	12pm 7pm	People of the Parish Bill Robinson
Sunday	4	11am	Mary Lyons

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## What's Happening:

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2. Don't forget to return your completed Gift Aid Forms to either Fr Joe or John Morris following on from the appeal.
3. There will be a Christmas Raffle as usual. All proceeds, along with those from the Chris Bannister Concert, will go towards the cost of the essential work on the Presbytery and Church. The customary box is at the back of Church for your generous donations of prizes, bottles, Christmas goods, groceries etc. We are counting on your generosity.
4. The Parish Magazine is on sale, this weekend, price 40p.
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## 1st Sunday of Advent

In Advent we look forward to the coming of Christ and prepare our hearts by faith to meet him.

- Readings:
1. The prophet proclaims the Lord as Father and Redeemer and longs for him to come.
  2. The Spirit gives help as we wait the return of Jesus.
  3. Jesus encourages us to have a watchful expectancy and readiness for his return.

You have been enriched especially in your teachers and preachers, says St Paul.

Effective teachers and preachers are gifts from the Lord to his beloved people.

It is important to pray for such gifts.



# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 4 December 2011 2nd Sunday of Advent



Mon	5	9am	Joseph Taylor
Tues	6		
Wed	7	7pm	Brian Holt
Thursday	8	10.30am	REQUIEM Thomas McDonald
Friday	9	9am	Michael Barrett
Saturday	10	12pm 7pm	People of the Parish Alice Swift
Sunday	11	11am	Private Intention

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3. Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale two weekends, 3/4 and 10/11 December at £1 per strip.
4. Christmas cards are available this weekend onwards with the times of the Christmas season services. Please take one. If you have a friend or neighbour who is unable to get one, please take one for them.
5. Due to the severe weather over Christmas time for the last couple of years, there were a lot of problems with the Mass for the sick and housebound. We have decided not to have one this Christmas.
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## 2nd Sunday of Advent

"Prepare a way for the Lord", the cry of John the Baptist. It alerts us to the meaning of Advent as we wait for the coming of the Lord.

- Readings:
1. Words of comfort, the promise of a new Exodus.
  2. Peter urges us to live in such a way that we will be ready to meet the Lord.
  3. John heralds the imminent coming of Jesus the Messiah.

We are again told to be prepared for the Lord, the beginning of a new creation.

The passage reflects the words of Jesus from last week "be on your guard and stay awake".

The anticipation of the birth of Christ which we experience in Advent is thus placed in the context of Christ's second coming.



# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 11 December 2011 3rd Sunday of Advent



Mon	12	9am	Annie Bushell
Tues	13		
Wed	14	7pm	Norman Walls
Thursday	15		
Friday	16	9am	John Fitzgerald
Saturday	17	12pm 7pm	Intention People of the Parish
Sunday	18	11am	Private Intention

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3. Christmas Raffle tickets will be on sale two weekends, 3/4 and 10/11 December at £1 per strip.
4. Christmas cards are available with the times of the Christmas season services. Apologies for an omission last week. **The Photo on the card is of our Church Crib 2011 kindly taken by a parishioner.** Please take one. If you have a friend or neighbour who is unable to get one, please take one for them.
5. Christmas Carol Service at St Oswald's, Ashton, at 7pm on Thurs 15th Dec. Carols by St Edmund Arrowsmith School Choir.
6. The Chris Bannister concert raised £272. Thank you to those who came. It was a very enjoyable and successful night with all tickets sold. A small step towards the £10,000.
7. Although the Parish Club and Hall have closed, it is still possible to use the Club (without a Bar) for funerals etc. Tea and coffee will be served.
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### 3rd Sunday of Advent

"Gaudete" a Latin word-rejoice.

We rejoice in the hope we have because Christ is quietly present in the world.

- Readings:
1. For Isaiah God's spirit bring him great joy.
  2. Paul suggests that all times we are to rejoice, pray and give thanks to God.
  3. John the Baptist tells us the Lord is quietly present.

As Paul outlines the importance of faith, "God has called you and he will not fail you".

The notion of being called by God is important, and the faithful response to this call is to pray constantly to God, to thank him for the gifts we receive and to rejoice in the gift of his love which is given to us in Christ Jesus.



# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 18 December 2011 4th Sunday of Advent



Mon	19	9am	Julia and Adrian
Tues	20		
Wed	21	7pm	Reconciliation Stuart Hunt
Thursday	22		
Friday	23	9am	Alice Swift
Saturday Christmas Eve	24	11.30pm 12am	Carols Midnight Mass Eric Hill
Sunday Christmas Day	25	9.30am 11am	Bernard Killeen Jean Gaskell

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### **What's Happening:**

1. YES Midnight Mass is at Midnight.
2. YES Wednesday Reconciliation  
The 'Phone has been hot already.
3. NO MID DAY MASS CHRISTMAS EVE.
4. Christmas Raffle will take place after 11am Mass this Sunday.
5. Although the Parish Club and Hall have closed, it is still possible to use the Club (without a Bar) for funerals etc.  
Tea and coffee will be served.
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### **4th Sunday of Advent**

Mary says "yes" to the Angel Gabriel, and through her words the world opens its heart and mind to God's gift of his Son.

- Readings:
1. The Lord will always look after his people.
  2. In the person of Jesus the mystery of God's will is revealed.
  3. Mary accepts God's invitation to be the mother of God's Son.

The "Good News" is for all mankind.

The revelation of Christ is not meant just for the descendants of David, but for the whole world.

We are all charged with the duty to go out and proclaim the Gospel.

Not just in words, but by the way we live.

We must live according to the Good News.



# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 25 December 2011 Christmas Day



Mon	26	12pm	Joe & Winifred Chamberlain
Tues	27		
Wed	28	12pm	Ince & Keegan Family
Thursday	29		
Friday	30	12pm	Brenda Atherton
Saturday	31	12pm 7pm	Sister Monica Mary People of Parish
Sunday—Mary Mother of God	1	11am	Stan Simpson

## Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound

Mary Webster, Mary Ball, Frances Harrison, Elsie Hilton, Mary Swan, Irene Murphy, David Skillcorn, Edith Gorton, Kathleen McAuley, Teresa Bateson, Mary Ainscough, Clarice Aspey, Wilfred Ford, Sister Josephine Vecchi, Brian Rothwell, Ada Platt, Mary Platt, Gwen Hamer, Edna Dempsey.

## What's Happening:

1. Thanks to all who helped prepare and celebrate this wonderful feast.
2. WE WILL HAVE MASS AT 12NOON DURING THE WEEK. (Sleep -in!).
3. The Christmas Raffle raised £278. The winners have been notified and their names are on the poster on the Church door. Thank you to everyone for the many donations of prizes, and your support in buying the tickets.
5. The Parish Centre is still available (without a Bar) for funerals etc. Tea and coffee will be served.
6. Visit the Website [www.hindleycatholic.org.uk](http://www.hindleycatholic.org.uk) On Facebook you can follow things on "Hindley Catholic"

## Christmas Day

Today we celebrate God's closeness to us in Jesus, born in Bethlehem and with us always. We gather to give thanks and praise to God for the mystery of Christmas.

- Readings:
1. Isaiah foretells the coming of the Lord.
  2. In Jesus the prophecies are fulfilled.
  3. The eternal Word becomes flesh and lives among us.

In the various readings given today, the message is that, in Jesus, God offers all of us redemption.

If we choose to accept this grace, we can come to share his glory.

With our faults and failings, we are called to seek forgiveness.

We are called to do good and wish to belong to God, his people.

