

Monday	2	9am	Deceased Gavin Family
Tuesday	3		
Wednesday	4	7pm	Angela Delaney
Thursday	5		
Friday	6	9am	Tom Siney
Saturday	7	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	8	11am	Joe Kelly

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**What's happening:**

1. Many thanks for your kindness and support throughout 2016.  
May we all have a happy and peaceful 2017. Happy New Year!
2. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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**Mary, Mother of God**

Today we honour Mary as the Holy Mother of God, who brought forth the Saviour of the world.

Readings:

1. The Lord promises blessing on his chosen people.
2. We are adopted brothers and sisters of Mary's son Jesus.
3. Mary is present at the start of our salvation.

We are sons and daughters of God.

Brothers and sisters in faith.

Our identity as God's children has implications for how we live together.

In peace and love.

Monday	9	9am	David Harrington
Tuesday	10		
Wednesday	11	7pm	Teresa and Freda
Thursday	12		
Friday	13	9am	Mr A. Crank
Saturday	14	7pm	Bridie Murphy
Sunday	15	11am	People of Parish

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**What's happening:**

1. Next Sunday is Peace Sunday, 50th Anniversary of World Peace Day.
2. This weekend there will be the 2017 White Flower Appeal for SPUC (The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children).
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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

Today we celebrate Jesus as the Saviour of all peoples, represented by the Wise Men.

Readings:

1. The people will return from exile and Jerusalem will be restored.
2. Jewish and non - Jewish people are no longer divided.
3. The quest of the Wise Men to find the infant King.

The mystery of God in Jesus is all inclusive.

Not just for some.

It calls us to be inclusive and all embracing in our dealings with those who differ from ourselves.

Monday	16	9am	David Rees Jones
Tuesday	17		
Wednesday	18	7pm	Marjorie Turner
Thursday	19		
Friday	20	9am	Richard Fairhurst
Saturday	21	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	22	11am	Special Intention (Kelly)

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**What's happening:**

1. Peace Sunday: our prayer is for peace in the world, our country and our houses. Pope Francis has chosen the theme: "Non violence: a style of politics for peace.
2. The CAFOD collection for December was £68.82. The total collection for 2016 was £1,021.90. Thank you for your continued support.
3. **Safeguarding Documentation (DBS)**. To ensure that the Parish complies with current legislation, it is important that volunteers within the Parish complete DBS clearance. This process involves the completion of forms and the photocopying of ID such as: valid passport, driving licence, birth/marriage certificate and also a utility bill or bank statement (not a mobile phone bill or insurance documentation). Therefore, would all volunteers (Eucharistic Ministers, Little Church Leaders, Legion of Mary etc) within the Parish collect the necessary blank forms from the Sacristy after Mass please? Joanne Hocknull, our Parish Safeguarding Representative, will be available after 7pm Mass on Wednesday 18 January and also after 7pm Mass on Saturday 21 January to help volunteers with this process. If you are unavailable on either of these dates, please contact Joanne on 07966 396 240 to arrange a suitable alternative Thank you.
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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus is proclaimed God's beloved Son and anointed with the Holy Spirit. We are baptised in life with Jesus.

Readings:

1. God's servant is called to bring all people to God.
2. Paul prays that the people will experience the grace and peace of Christ.
3. Jesus is "the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world".

Isaiah is the prophet.

Paul is an apostle.

Both are called to witness the things of God to the world by the quality and pattern of their lives,

Monday	23	9am	Rita Petrie
Tuesday	24		
Wednesday	25	7pm	Jim Whellen
Thursday	26		
Friday	27	10.30am	Requiem John Harrison
Saturday	28	7pm	Monica Andrews
Sunday	29	11am	People of Parish

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**Lately Dead:** John Harrison R.I.P. Requiem on Friday at 10.30  
 Agnes Turner R.I.P. No funeral details yet.

**What's happening:**

1. Today Catenians: a little few words about themselves.  
 Catenians are a group of Catholic gentlemen who live their faith by praying together, socialising and helping others.
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**3rd Sunday of the Year**

Jesus took ordinary and humble people and made them heralds and apostles of the Kingdom of God.  
 He can empower us.

Readings:

1. Isaiah foresees the great day of liberation.
2. The death and resurrection of Jesus are the basis of our unity.
3. Isaiah's prophecy is being fulfilled in Jesus as he gathers his apostles.

St Paul, writing to the Church at Corinth, reminds them they have lost their way.

Personality and sectional rivalries are tearing them apart.

Paul steers them back to Christ.

Monday	30	9am 1pm	James Hampson REQUIEM: Agnes Turner
Tuesday	31		
Wednesday	1	7pm	Philip Brynes
Thursday	2		
Friday	3	9am	Sarah Jones
Saturday	4	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	5	11am	Donald Calderbank

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**What's happening:**

1. This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop regarding School Governors and in particular the shortage within the Archdiocese. To accompany this there are some leaflets which will be at back of Church, so please take one if you find you may be interested.
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**4th Sunday of the Year**

News often needs some explaining.

We must listen to the Good News and make its meaning clear to others.

Readings:

1. The prophet stresses the need to seek out the Lord and heed his word.
2. God chose the weak in the eyes of the world to be God's own.
3. Jesus outlines those to whom the kingdom belongs.

God chooses what is foolish by human reckoning.

The world values power and influence.

The Lord values thinking of others before we think of ourselves.

How foolish is that?

Monday	13	9am	Bill McDonnell
Tuesday	14	10.30am	REQUIEM: Elizabeth Featherstone
Wednesday	15	7pm	Intention
Thursday	16		
Friday	17	9am	Mr & Mrs J Crank (Snr)
Saturday	18	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	19	11am	Agnes & Frank Turner

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**What's happening:**

1. This weekend, World Day of Prayer for the sick.
2. The CAFOD collection for January was £73.41. Thank you.
3. LEGION OF MARY, ST BENEDICT'S, HINDLEY are having a Day of Recollection on Tuesday 7th March at St Benedict's with Holy Mass at 11am. Hot pot lunch and afternoon tea will be served, cost £5.00. All will be most welcomed. Anyone interested please contact the Legion of Mary.
4. If we get enough articles etc. there will be a Parish Magazine for Easter. The closing date for these will be 19th March, so that's about six weeks to get your thinking caps on. Please contact Kath Holden
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**6th Sunday of the Year**

To live a good life is well within our grasp, says the Lord, but in a wicked world virtue needs deep roots.

Readings:

1. Good news is possible for everyone.
2. True wisdom of life is found in Christ Jesus.
3. Goodness is never skin deep.

It is only by facing our "fear and trembling" that we learn how much we love the Gospel.

This only happens when the Good News is lived out in the real world, not just in safe places like the church building.

Monday	20	9am	Maureen Woods
Tuesday	21		
Wednesday	22	7pm	Winifred Simpson
Thursday	23		
Friday	24	9am	David Rees Jones
Saturday	25	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	26	11am	Joe Kelly

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**What's happening:**

1. Friday 24th Feb, 6.45pm at All Saints, Golborne. Fr. Francis to celebrate 25 years since All Saints opened. Tickets £1. See poster in Church porch.
2. RED BOXES. Mill Hill Fathers are going to come and appeal for new holders and report on their work.
3. Further to the above Red Boxes, our list of box holders needs updating. If you have a box that hasn't been opened in the past twelve months could you please leave it in the Sacristy so that it can be counted and then left for you to collect at your convenience. Currently we only have 8 collectors. If you would like to volunteer to help could you please contact: Margaret Rothwell, Treasurer or Teresa Hull, Secretary.
4. Thanks for donation in memory of Elizabeth Featherstone R.I.P.
5. LEGION OF MARY, ST BENEDICT'S, HINDLEY are having a Day of Recollection on Tuesday 7th March at St Benedict's with Holy Mass at 11am. Hot pot lunch and afternoon tea will be served, cost £5.00. All will be most welcomed. Anyone interested please contact Sue Mines 07952 822440.
6. If we get enough articles etc. there will be a Parish Magazine for Easter. The closing date for these will be 19th March, so that's about six weeks to get your thinking caps on. Please contact Kath Holden
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**7th Sunday of the Year**

We are called to be holy just as God is holy. Love all our brothers and sisters.

Readings:

1. We are to be holy as God is holy.
2. The Spirit of God lives among us for we are God's temple.
3. We are to be perfect as our heavenly Father is perfect.

St. Paul sees that our unity as Christians is rooted in Christ.

It is only in him that we see our true dignity as children of God; and see that dignity in others as well.

Monday	27	9am	Frances Dickenson
Tuesday	28		
Ash Wednesday	1	12 noon 7pm	Cath Ryan Intention
Thursday	2		
Friday	3	9am 7pm	Teresa Meadows Stations of the Cross
Saturday	4	7pm	Milton France
Sunday	5	11am	People of Parish

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**What's happening:**

1. ASH WEDNESDAY: We will have Mass and Ashes at 12 noon and 7.00pm. Give you all a chance to start Lent.
2. Stations of the Cross at 7pm each Friday of Lent.
3. LEGION OF MARY, ST BENEDICT'S, HINDLEY are having a Day of Recollection on Tuesday 7th March at St Benedict's with Holy Mass at 11am. Hot pot lunch and afternoon tea will be served, cost £5.00. All will be most welcomed. Anyone interested please contact Sue Mines 07952 822440. There is a list at the back of Church for those who are going for catering purposes.
4. MILL HILL: Fr. Hughes is here today.
5. If we get enough articles etc. there will be a Parish Magazine for Easter. The closing date for these will be 19th March, so that's about six weeks to get your thinking caps on. Please contact Kath Holden
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**8th Sunday of the Year**

The birds of the air flourish under God's watchful eye. Our lives, too, in God's grace can be lived in tranquillity of spirit.

Readings:

1. God's love for us is like a mother's for her child.
2. The Lord alone is the true judge.
3. Nature has a lesson for us.

Paul draws a wonderful conclusion from the teaching "Do not judge". It is: We cannot judge even ourselves.

All we can do is observe, reflect and try and learn a little.



Monday	6	9am	Simeon Hough
Tuesday	7		
Wednesday	8	7pm	Elizabeth Featherstone
Thursday	9	10.30am	REQUIEM: Phyllis Hilton
Friday	10	9am 7pm	Lily Cork Stations of the Cross
Saturday	11	7pm	Peggy Darbyshire
Sunday	12	11am	People of Parish

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**Lately Dead:** Elsie Hull R.I.P.

**What's happening:**

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3. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall on Monday 20th March for the Fund Raising Group, and anyone else who might like to help will be very welcome.
4. If we get enough articles etc. there will be a Parish Magazine for Easter. The closing date for these will be 19th March. Please contact Kath Holden or hand articles in to Father.
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**1st Sunday of Lent**

The season of Lent summons us to turn our faces to the Lord and allow the gaze of his mercy to teach our hearts.

Readings:

1. Adam and Eve succumb to temptation.
2. Christ gives the utterly free gift of salvation to all people.
3. Jesus fights temptation and reminds us to worship God alone.

Paul is very outspoken when he condemns sin and sinners.

But he is very forthright when emphasising the redemptive effect of the life and death of Christ.

ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 12th March 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday	13	9am	Elsie Hull
Tuesday	14		
Wednesday	15	7pm	Vera Ion
Thursday	16		
Friday	17	9am 7pm	Mr & Mrs Kenyon Stations of the Cross
Saturday	18	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	19	11am	Mary Fairhurst

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**What's happening:**

1. Stations of the Cross at 7pm each Friday of Lent.
2. There will be a meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall on Monday 20th March for the Fund Raising Group, and anyone else who might like to help will be very welcome.
3. The closing date for articles for the Parish Magazine will be 19th March (next Sunday). Please contact Kath Holden or hand them in to Father.
4. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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**2nd Sunday of Lent**

The Father reveals the identity of Christ. The Son of God.

Readings:

1. Abraham is called to step out in faith with the promise of blessings.
2. We are encouraged to lean on God's power.
3. The disciples witness the Transfiguration.

Paul urges Timothy to be ready to undertake hardship for the Gospel.

From the outset Christianity faced opposition and persecution.

We pray for those who today suffer for their faith.

Monday	27	9am	Kathleen Cunningham
Tuesday	28		
Wednesday	29	7pm	Richard and Mary Platt
Thursday	30		
Friday	31	9am 7pm	Bridget and Patrick Durkin Stations of the Cross
Saturday	1	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	2	11am	Ian Jones

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**Lately Dead:** Richard Platt has died. There will be a FUNERAL SERVICE on Wednesday 29th at 10.30am. R.I.P.

David Meehan R.I.P. No funeral arrangements yet.

**What's happening:**

1. Stations of the Cross at 7pm each Friday of Lent.
2. Could parishioners who use envelopes for their weekly donations pick up their new box from the back of Church.
3. The annual Plant/Spring Sale will take place on Saturday 13th May in the Parish Hall and grounds. As usual advance Order Forms for plants will be available a few weeks before the event. If you have any unwanted gifts there will be the usual collection box at the back of Church once the Easter Services are completed. If anyone would like to donate raffle prizes please see Kath Holden or hand them in to Father.
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8. The annual Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on Wednesday the 12th of April (Wednesday of Holy Week) in the Metropolitan Cathedral at Liverpool at 7.30pm. This is the occasion when the Holy Oils are blessed to be used in the parishes of the Archdiocese throughout the coming year, and when the priests of the Archdiocese renew the promises of their ordination. If you would like to reserve a seat on the free coach going to this event, please write your name on the list which has been placed on the notice board at the back of church. The coach will leave from Sacred Heart Church, Hindley Green at 6.00pm prompt, picking up on the way from the former Monaco Ballroom in Hindley and then from Holy Family Church, Platt Bridge. The return departure of the coach from the Cathedral will be at approximately 9.30pm.

**4th Sunday of Lent**

Light and darkness; sight and blindness; forgiveness and fullness of life; these are themes of Lent.

Readings:

1. David, the youngest is anointed King.
2. A people once in darkness are now in the light of the Lord.
3. Jesus cures a man born blind.

St. Paul is urging the Ephesians, and ourselves, to live virtuous lives.

Lives of goodness, justice and truth.

Children of the light.

ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 2nd April 2017 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday	3	9am	Philip Brynes
Tuesday	4		
Wednesday	5	7pm	Marjorie Turner
Thursday	6		
Friday	7	9am 7pm	Mrs C Howe Stations of the Cross
Saturday	8	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	9	11am	Eric Unsworth

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**Lately Dead:** David Meehan R.I.P. Funeral Service Tuesday 1pm.

**What's happening:**

1. Stations of the Cross at 7pm each Friday of Lent.
2. **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** there will be a meeting next Wednesday at 6.30pm in the Presbytery to sort out the Easter rota.
3. Could parishioners who use envelopes for their weekly donations pick up their new box from the back of Church.
4. If you intend to go on the free coach to the annual Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral, would you please ensure that your name is on the list in the Church porch. This will be removed after 11am Mass next Sunday
5. Due to unforeseen circumstances and a lack of enough articles, I will not be able to produce the Parish Magazine until after Easter. Kath Holden.
6. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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**5th Sunday of Lent**

Raising of Lazarus: This great sign points us to Easter when, in the resurrection, Jesus defeats death for all of us.

Readings:

1. The Lord promises his living Spirit.
2. The Spirit which raised Jesus will raise our mortal bodies too.
3. Jesus raises Lazarus.

Paul contrasts the perfection people achieve by keeping the Law (Jewish Tradition) with the "justification" that is found in Jesus, through the Spirit.

The presence of God living within us.

Monday	17		
Tuesday	18		
Wednesday	19	7pm	Milton France
Thursday	20		
Friday	21	9am	Elsie Hull
Saturday	22	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	23	11am	Eric Hill

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**What's happening:**

1. HAPPY EASTER.  
Thanks to all who prepared everything for this joyous time.
2. I will not be available for Mass on Monday. Then back to normal.
3. Betty Dickie has died R.I.P.
4. The "silver box" will be at back of Church next weekend for donations of goods or prizes for the Spring/Plant Sale. Your support is greatly valued.
5. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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**EASTER SUNDAY**

We gather on this day of Resurrection to praise God for the life, hope and joy that this great day gives us.

Readings:

1. Peter preaches the Good News.
2. We have been brought to true life with Christ.
3. Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb.

As followers of Jesus we are asked to set aside our old ways in favour of resurrection newness.

Our life is hidden with Christ in God.

All is made new.

ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 30th April 2017 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday	1	9am	Winifred Miller
Tuesday	2		
Wednesday	3	7pm	Don Calderbank
Thursday	4	12noon	REQUIEM Carmen Peretiatako
Friday	5	9am	People of Parish
Saturday	6	7pm	Joe Devine
Sunday	7	11am	Lily Parry

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**Lately Dead:** Carmen Peretiatako R.I.P.

**What's happening:**

1. A second collection NEXT SUNDAY for PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND.  
Envelopes for Gift Aid donation are at the back of Church.
2. I will be leaving you in the safe hands of Fr. Jolly and Fr. Strowbridge for a couple of weeks.
3. PLANT/SPRING SALE 13th MAY: The "silver box" is now at back of Church for donations of goods or prizes for the Spring/Plant Sale. Raffle tickets in aid of the Sale will be on sale this weekend and next. Plant Order Forms are also available at the back of Church, which need to be handed in by 7th May. And of course, your support on the day would be greatly valued.
4. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
5. The Legion of Mary meet Monday mornings at 9.45am in the Presbytery - after 9am Mass.
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**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER**

We do not always recognise Jesus, but he is always there.  
Supporting and challenging us as he thinks best for us.

Readings:

1. God raised Jesus to life, the disciples are witnesses to that.
2. It is through Christ that we have faith in God.
3. The risen Lord walks and talks with his disciples on the road.

Christ's sacrifice was the ransom to rescue man from his entrapment to sin and death.

His sacrifice, once and for all time, replaced that of the Passover Lamb in the Temple and any offering of silver and gold.

Monday	8		
Tuesday	9		
Wednesday	10		
Thursday	11		
Friday	12		
Saturday	13	7pm	Eileen Higham
Sunday	14	11am	Mary Eileen & Robert Bernard Halliwell

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1. A second collection THIS SUNDAY for PRIEST'S TRAINING FUND.  
Envelopes for Gift Aid donation are at the back of Church.
2. **PLANT/SPRING SALE 13th MAY:** Thank you to those who donated raffle prizes and goods for the plant sale, and to those who have placed advanced orders which helps enormously on the day.  
Please come along and support. There will be plants, home made cakes and pastries, toiletries and bric-a-brac on sale as well as children's games and refreshments. Entertainment will be provided by a choir from our Junior School. **PARISH HALL AT 9.30 TO 12.30.**
3. The Legion of Mary wish to let people know that they are available to pray the Rosary at the Chapel of Rest.
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**4th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The Lord is a shepherd and he calls for each of us.

Readings:

1. In a loud voice Peter proclaims that the one who was crucified is the Christ.
2. Christ Jesus leaves an example.
3. Jesus uses the image of shepherd, sheep and sheepfold to show his love for us.

Although Jesus was treated shamefully, he practised what he preached.

He "turned the other cheek" and forgave those who caused his suffering and death.

He died so we could have life.

Monday	15		
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17		
Thursday	18		
Friday	19		
Saturday	20	7pm	Simeon Hough
Sunday	21	11am	Joe Kelly

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**What's happening:**

1. CAFOD : The collection for April amounted to £100.52. Thank you.
2. EAST AFRICA CRISIS APPEAL. CAFOD sent the following letter of thanks...
3. " I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to those of you who have given to our East Africa Crisis Appeal and thank you once again for showing such great faith and trust in CAFOD. The response from our supporters has been swift and humbling. Thanks to your donations and prayers, we have been able to provide life-saving aid to those who need it most in South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia and northern Kenya." Jo Kitterick, Support and Volunteering Team.
4. There have been changes to Sunday Mass Times in and around our area. The poster showing the revised times has replaced the old one at the back of Church (over the Catholic papers).
5. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

In us and through us, God reaches out to our world with compassion and love.

Readings:

1. The ministry of Deacon is established to care for the poor.
2. Close to Jesus, we are a holy priesthood.
3. Jesus is the way that leads to the Father's house.

God's love for us is so great that he has made us a "chosen race".

That is why we are a privileged people.

But with privilege comes responsibility.

We must live up to our calling.



Monday	22	9am	Elizabeth Featherstone
Tuesday	23		
Wednesday	24	7pm	Elsie Hull
Thursday	25		
Friday	26	9am	Milton France
Saturday	27	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	28	11am	Brian Rothwell

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**What's happening:**

1. We welcome Father back from his holiday.
2. Thank you to those of you who supported the Plant Sale in any way. The amount raised was £862 for Parish funds. Just after Christmas a chunk of last year's money was used to replace Father's radio mike (hence the absence of the constant hissing and crackling) and generally overhaul the system. And any surpluses help to pay winter bills etc. when needed.
3. Meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall on Monday 22nd May for the Fund Raising Group and we invite anyone to join us.
4. There have been changes to Sunday Mass Times in and around our area. The poster showing the revised times has replaced the old one at the back of Church (over the Catholic papers).
5. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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**6th SUNDAY OF EASTER**

The Spirit of God is the force of the Church and every Christian person.

Readings:

1. A Samaritan town responds to the healing power of the Gospel.
2. St Peter urges us to give faithful witness to the Lord
3. We are not orphans. The Spirit lives in us.

Peter calls us as Christians always to have our answer ready for those who ask us the reason for our hope.

And the reason for our hope is Jesus our Risen Lord.

# ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 28th May 2017 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Monday	29	9am	Caitlin Bradbury
Tuesday	30		
Wednesday	31	7pm	Matthew & Lisa Downing
Thursday	1		
Friday	2	9am	Teresa Meadows
Saturday	3	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	4	11am	Gary King

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### **What's happening:**

1. NEXT SUNDAY IS PENTECOST.
2. SPUC is celebrating its 50th Year this year. To mark the occasion they are organising a petition against decriminalising abortion, a copy of which is at back of Church if you would like to sign it.
3. A date for your diaries. On Friday 16th June there will be a Beetle Drive in the Parish Hall commencing at 6pm. We held the event last year and it was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. It is an ideal family event, hence the early start. Tickets will be on sale at £1.50 per adult and £1 per child. Refreshments will also be available, and the usual raffle. Please support.
4. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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## **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Christianity is about ascension.

We are always to desire to rise, so that everything we do becomes an offering to God.

Readings:

1. The Apostles stand on the road but, the road is for travelling, not standing.
2. Paul calls us to see what can be, not just what is.
3. Whatever the future holds, Jesus will be with us.

Paul prays that the people may have wisdom to appreciate more fully the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ.

We make the same prayer for ourselves.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 4th June 2017 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Monday	5	9am	Intention
Tuesday	6		
Wednesday	7	7pm	Philip Brynes
Thursday	8		
Friday	9	9am	Marjorie Turner
Saturday	10	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	11	11am	Bernard King

### **Please pray for the sick and housebound**

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**Lately Dead:** Molly Blay, Winnie Gavin and Mary Riley R.I.P.

### **What's happening:**

1. The children from St Benedict's School will be making their First Holy Communion on the next three Sundays. During 11am Mass. Please remember them in your prayers.
2. A date for your diaries. On Friday 16th June there will be a Beetle Drive in the Parish Hall commencing at 6pm. We held the event last year and it was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. It is an ideal family event, hence the early start. Tickets will be on sale at £1.50 per adult and £1 per child. Refreshments will also be available, and the usual raffle. Please support.
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### **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

This is the day the Church was born, brought into life by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Readings:

1. People of every nation receive understanding in the Spirit.
2. The gifts of the Spirit are many and we are one.
3. Peace, mission and reconciliation are the gifts of the Spirit.

St. Paul reminds us of the variety of gifts within the unity of the Spirit, echoing the words of Jesus:-

"Whosoever is not against us is for us."

There is a wrong way to live, but there is more than one right way.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 25th June 2017 12th Sunday of the Year

Monday	26	9am	Edel Quinn
Tuesday	27		
Wednesday	28	7pm	First Mass Sts Peter & Paul Winnie Gavin
Thursday Sts Peter & Paul	29	12noon	Intention
Friday	30	9am	June Thomas
Saturday	1	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	2	11am	Bernard & Gary King

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### **What's happening:**

1. THURSDAY: HOLY DAY, SAINTS PETER AND PAUL. MASS-ES 7pm Wednesday and 12noon Thursday.
2. This Sunday is the final First Holy Communion day for the children from St Benedict's School. Please remember them in your prayers.
3. Visit to Pantasaph- Consecration of Our Lady Sat 15th July. Coach leaving Sacred Heart at 8am, picking up at St Benedict's, for arrival in Pantasaph for 10am. (see notice in Porch for full details).
4. The Legion of Mary will say the Rosary on the first Sunday of the month at 10.30am before Mass.
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### **12th Sunday of the Year**

"Do not be afraid." The Eucharist is our assurance that since God has given us everything, there is nothing we need to fear.

#### Readings:

1. Surrounded by threat, Jeremiah remains confident in God's promise.
2. Divine grace comes to us through Jesus.
3. We are totally and for ever in God's care.

Adam took the easy way out, gave in to temptation and blamed his wife for it all.

Jesus gave his life for those who did nothing to deserve it and in this way, gave us an experience of true love.

The example for us to follow.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 2nd July 2017 13th Sunday of the Year

Monday	3	9am	Teresa Meadows
Tuesday	4		
Wednesday	5	7pm	Teresa & Freda
Thursday	6		
Friday	7	9am	David Rees Jones
Saturday	8	7pm	David Herrington
Sunday	9	11am	People of Parish

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### **What's happenin**

1. APF MILL HILL (RED BOXES).  
The summer magazines are on the table at the back of church. Would collectors and box holders please collect them. Thank you.
2. There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday 17th July at 7.30pm for the fund raising group.
3. Visit to Pantasaph– Consecration of Our Lady Sat 15th July. Coach leaving Sacred Heart at 8am, picking up at St Benedict's, for arrival in Pantasaph for 10am. (see notice in Porch for full details).
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### **13th Sunday of the Year**

We gather to hear the word of the Lord.  
He will offer himself to us in Holy Communion.

Readings:

1. In thanks Elisha promises a son to the old couple who have been kind.
2. In Baptism we are joined to Christ in his death and resurrection.
3. Following Jesus means taking up the cross.

We tend not to think as baptism as death.

But in the early church, when adult baptism was the norm, it was seen as dying to our old way of life and a rebirth to a life as a child of God.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 16th July 2017 15th Sunday of the Year

Monday	17	9am	Joe Devine
Tuesday	18		
Wednesday	19	7pm	Tom Siney
Thursday	20	9.30am	St Benedict's School Leavers' Mass
Friday	21	9am	Elsie Hull
Saturday	22	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	23	11am	Winifred Simpson

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### **What's happening:**

1. **GIFT AID APPEAL:** If you missed last week's newsletter, you can read the appeal which is printed out and is on the Church door. Please consider if you might be able to help.
2. **HELP NEEDED.** Is there anyone willing and able to fill in typing the weekly Newsletter and photocopying it on the fairly rare occasions when needed? Please see Father if you would like to help, or Kath Holden if you require any information regarding layout etc.
3. There will be a meeting for the Fund Raising Group, and anyone else who would like to help, on Monday 17th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.
4. Advanced notice: Germaine Wharton is organising another fund raising event in support of the Christie Cancer Appeal Fund. It will be held in the Parish Hall on 25th August. Further information to follow. Germaine's last fundraiser was very successful and well supported by parishioners.
5. The Legion of Mary meet Monday mornings at 9.45am in the Presbytery - after 9am Mass.
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### **15th Sunday of the Year**

The words of Jesus take root in us, producing the fruits of good works and holiness.

Readings:

1. God's word succeeds in what it set out to do.
2. The whole of creation hopes for freedom and glory.
3. Christ, the Word of God, the seed of the sower, produces an astonishing crop.

Suffering for the faith down the ages took great courage.

We share that faith without persecution.

Sometimes it takes courage to stand up and say I believe.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 23rd July 2017 16th Sunday of the Year

Monday	24	9am	Marjorie Turner
Tuesday	25		
Wednesday	26	7pm	Richard Fairhurst
Thursday	27		
Friday	28	9am	Ruth Jones
Saturday	29	7pm	Mavis Williams
Sunday	30	11am	People of Parish

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### **What's happening:**

1. AFTERNOON TEA. This will be on Thursday 27th July at 4pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets on sale at £3 for adults and £1.50 for accompanied children.
2. Advanced notice: Germaine Wharton is organising another fund raising event in support of the Christie Cancer Appeal Fund. It will be held in the Parish Hall on 25th August. Further information to follow. Germaine's last fundraiser was very successful and well supported by parishioners.
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### **16th Sunday of the Year**

We must confront evil in our midst, confident that God will bring justice.

Readings:

1. God is mild in judgement.
2. The Spirit expresses our prayers.
3. God is patient with sinners.

Prayer is at once the easiest and most difficult of human activities.

Our relationship with God seems one-sided and we can lose faith.

God knows everything in our hearts.

We persevere.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 17th Sep 2017 24th Sunday of the Year

Monday	18		
Tuesday	19		
Wednesday	20	7pm	Marjorie Turner
Thursday	21		
Friday	22	9am	Mavis Williams
Saturday	23	7pm	Elizabeth Featherstone
Sunday	24	11am	People of Parish

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**Lately Dead:** Robert Vincent Marrow R.I.P. Funeral Service at 12.15pm Thursday 21st Sep.

### **What's happening:**

1. Father Joe will be back from holiday this week. Many thanks to Father Jolly for looking after us so well.
2. The CAFOD collection for August was £99.55 which includes one generous donation. Thank You.
3. There are some little bottles of water from Lourdes at the back of Church. If you would like one or know of someone housebound who might like one, please take one. (No charge). There are also a few leaflets explaining the significance of Lourdes water.
4. A big thank you to Helen Halliwell for doing the weekly newsletter whilst I've been away. Kath Holden
5. Thank you to Hindley & Westhoughton traders who donated money, vouchers and prizes to help make the Christie Charity Event a great success. Thank you to St Benedict's for the use of the Parish Hall facilities and help on the evening. The total raised was £677.20p. Thank you to all...Germaine and Shauna Wharton.
6. If anyone wishes to hire the Parish Hall for kiddies parties (not adults' parties) /Church functions/Meetings. The person to contact is Theresa Dermott. Her phone number is 07946 172477.
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### **24th Sunday of the Year**

As we celebrate the mercy of God, let us nurture compassion and reconciliation in our own lives.

Readings:

1. Mercy and forgiveness are found in God's faithful followers.
2. Alive or dead we belong to the Lord.
3. The parable of the unmerciful servant urges forgiveness and mercy.

St. Paul leaves us in no doubt: we cannot but influence each other.

Let us influence each other well.



## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 1st Oct 2017 26th Sunday of the Year

Monday	2	9am	Teresa Meadows
Tuesday	3		
Wednesday	4	7pm	Henry & Elizabeth Whittle
Thursday	5		
Friday	6	9am	Alan Liptrott
Saturday	7	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	8	11am	Bernard & Gary King

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### **What's happening:**

1. There will be a retiring collection this weekend for the Barnabus Society.
2. **CAFOD:** Harvest Fast Day is Friday 6th October.  
This Harvest Fast Day we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvest. With your help CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training and strong seeds. As always whatever you choose to give will make a huge difference. Thank you.
3. If anyone wishes to hire the Parish Hall for kiddies parties (not adults' parties) /Church functions/Meetings, the person to contact is Theresa Dermott. Her phone number is 07946 172477.
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### **26th Sunday of the Year**

Rather alarming Gospel passage.  
Tax-collectors and prostitutes may be entering heaven before us.

Readings:

1. The Lord's ways are fair and just.
2. Though Christ was in the form of God, he emptied himself.
3. Two sons, one eventually obeys his father; the other doesn't.

God desires the conversion of a sinner.

His love for sinful humanity impels God to become like us in Christ.

The parable of the two sons who had conversions: one to obedience, one to disobedience.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 8th Oct 2017 27th Sunday of the Year

Monday	9	9am	Marjorie Turner
Tuesday	10		
Wednesday	11	7pm	Winnie Gavin
Thursday	12		
Friday	13	9am	Clifford Wilcock
Saturday	14	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	15	11am	Nicola

### **Please pray for the sick and housebound**

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### **What's happening:**

1. Our choir is very small in number and particularly so at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Would anyone care to help out please? The service commences with carols and the blessing of the Crib before Mass. It is a lovely way to start our Christmas celebrations. If you are willing to help please see Kath Holden; there's plenty time to think about it!
2. It's also the time of year again to hopefully produce a Parish Magazine in Advent. If you have any articles or suggestions, they would be most welcome. See Kath Holden.
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### **27th Sunday of the Year**

The story about the vineyard is about the world of power and struggles. The Lord invites us to faithfulness.

Readings:

1. God's people, the Lord's own vineyard, prove unfaithful.
2. Paul urges us to persevere in goodness.
3. Jesus confronts his enemies with their murderous intentions.

Though chained, Paul is rejoicing that he has found Christ in his life.

He is full of joy.

He wants us to be the same.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 15th Oct 2017 28th Sunday of the Year

Monday	16	9am	People of Parish
Tuesday	17		
Wednesday	18		
Thursday	19		
Friday	20	9am	Tommie & Annie Barrett
Saturday	21	7pm	Patricia Dickenson
Sunday	22	11am	Arthur & Elizabeth Rigby

### **Please pray for the sick and housebound**

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**Lately Dead:** Tom Isherwood R.I.P.

### **What's happening:**

1. I will not be here for Mass on Wednesday.
2. CAFOD. You may have seen that DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) appeal has been launched in response to the Rohingya crisis in Bangladesh's Cox Bazaar District. CAFOD is a member of DEC so a proportion of money raised from the Harvest Fast Day will be sent for this appeal and used for the crisis. You can, if you wish, donate direct to CAFOD at [cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis](http://cafod.org.uk/RohingyaCrisis) or by calling 0808 5858 885. Also in the usual way with our CAFOD envelopes at the back of the Church.
3. PRAYER WRITTEN BY TREVOR STOCTON—CAFOD VOLUNTEER. Loving Father, there are many desperate needs of people in our world today. We pray for all people who are suffering but especially at this time the refugee Rohingya people of Myanmar and their hosts in Bangladesh who are struggling to meet their needs; we pray for our partners in Caritas Bangladesh and all those who are experiencing the desperate conditions; we pray for a generous response from people of goodwill and for an end to the suffering. Amen.
4. Our choir is very small in number and particularly so at Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve. Would anyone care to help out please? The service commences with carols and the blessing of the Crib before Mass. It is a lovely way to start our Christmas celebrations. If you are willing to help please see Kath Holden; there's plenty time to think about it!
5. It's also the time of year again to hopefully produce a Parish Magazine in Advent. If you have any articles or suggestions, they would be most welcome. See Kath Holden.
6. If anyone wishes to hire the Parish Hall for kiddies parties (not adults' parties) /Church functions/Meetings, the person to contact is Theresa Dermott. Her phone number is 07946 172477.
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### **28th Sunday of the Year**

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a wedding feast to which the Lord invites us. Because he loves us.

Readings:

1. Isaiah recounts what God has done for us.
2. In hardship Paul knows he will be given strength.
3. The wedding feast is ready.

Chained and restricted Paul rejoices that he has found the Lord.

Jesus is his life.

He wants us to be the same in Christ Jesus.

## ST BENEDICT'S HINDLEY 29th Oct 2017 30th Sunday of the Year

Monday	30	9am	Margaret Heaps
Tuesday	31	7pm	Vigil Mass Ian Peter Wilkinson
Wednesday ALL SAINTS	1	12noon	John Ince
Thursday ALL SOULS	2	12noon	Joe Kelly
Friday	3	9am	Matthew & Lisa Downing
Saturday	4	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	5	11am	Joe Kelly

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### **What's happening:**

1. **Information:** Preparation is underway for the erection of a memorial for the Springs Pit disaster 150 years ago. It will be held in All Saints graveyard which was Hindley Cemetery at that time. You will find all the information concerning the disaster and the memorial in the forthcoming Parish Magazine.
2. NOTE MASS TIMES - ALL SAINTS IS A HOLY DAY.
3. **APF MILL HILL (Red Boxes)** Would collectors and box holders please take their magazines from the back of church. Thank you.
4. The Fund Raising Group are organising a Christmas Raffle to help offset the high winter bills for the Church. We again ask for your generosity as we will be collecting prizes during November. The usual collection box will be at the back of Church. Bottles, chocolates, speciality biscuits, Christmas gifts and decorations. The first prize will be a Luxury Hamper of Christmas foods etc.
5. Closing date for articles for the Parish Magazine is Sunday 5th November. See Kath Holden.
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### **30th Sunday of the Year**

We pray that our lives will bear witness to the world that Jesus came to establish, the Kingdom of God.

#### Readings:

1. The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
2. The Thessalonians are the great example to all Christians.
3. The greatest commandment of the Law.

The Thessalonians reacted with great joy when they heard the Good News of Jesus

Their example became contagious.

Leading to many converts.

Monday	6	9am	Philip Brynes
Tuesday	7		
Wednesday	8	7pm	Intention
Thursday	9		
Friday	10	9am	Marjorie Turner
Saturday	11	7pm	Joe Devine
Sunday	12	11am	People of Parish

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**What's happening:**

1. **APF MILL HILL (Red Boxes)** Would collectors and box holders please take their magazines from the back of church. Thank you.
2. There is a meeting at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall for the Fund Raising Group this Monday, 6th November.
3. CAFOD Our Harvest Fast Day collection was £176.81. Thank you for your continued support.
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**31st Sunday of the Year**

God is the Father of us all. Believing this we live our lives in love for one another.

Readings:

1. Those in authority must not betray their trust.
2. The Gospel is a living message from God.
3. Live as servants to one another.

The tender words used by Paul, mother, protector, love, remind us of the openness of the people to the message of faith.

It is a living power among their community of Christians.

Monday	13	9am	Teresa Meadows
Tuesday	14		
Wednesday	15	7pm	Agnes Armstrong
Thursday	16		
Friday	17	9am	Matthew & Lisa Downing
Saturday	18	7pm	Patricia Dickinson
Sunday	19	11am	People of Parish

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**32nd Sunday of the Year**

The Lord invites us to stay awake and prepare for the banquet of eternal life.

Readings:

1. God's wisdom is not distant.
2. The Lord will come from heaven to take us with him.
3. The wise prepare for the Lord's coming.

The early Christians had a certain hope.

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the insight into the promise of eternal life.

What they believed is what we have as our hope today.

Monday	20	9am	David Rees Jones
Tuesday	21		
Wednesday	22	7pm	Alice Swift
Thursday	23		
Friday	24	9am	Eric Unsworth
Saturday	25	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	26	11am	Bernard King

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**What's happening:**

1. Thank you for the donations of prizes for the Christmas Raffle that we have received so far. The collection box will remain at the back of Church until the end of November.. Bottles, chocolates, speciality biscuits, Christmas gifts and decorations. The first prize will be a Luxury Hamper of Christmas foods etc.
2. The Parish Magazine will be on sale next weekend. Price 50p.
3. If anyone wishes to hire the Parish Hall for kiddies parties (not adults' parties) /Church functions/Meetings, the person to contact is Theresa Dermott. Her phone number is 07946 172477.
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**33rd Sunday of the Year**

God does not make unnecessary demands.

We are asked to do no more than use what we have been given.

Readings:

1. Virtue entails doing what we are supposed to be doing.
2. We need not fear what lies ahead.
3. People are rewarded for using what they have been given.

St Paul tells us not to worry about the date of Christ's second coming.

But to live as though he could come at any moment.

We are children of the light, we do not belong to the darkness.

Monday	4		
Tuesday	5		
Wednesday	6	7pm	Milton France
Thursday	7		
Friday	8	9am	People of Parish
Saturday	9	7pm	Josie Hoyle
Sunday	10	11am	Eileen Wharton

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**What's happening:**

1. No Mass on Monday, appointment.
2. Friday is the feast of the Immaculate Conception.
3. Tickets are on sale for this weekend for the Christmas Raffle, also for the following 2 weekends. The main prizes will be on display on the last weekend of sales and the draw will take place on Monday 18th December. Please remember to put a contact phone number on your ticket counterfoil to aid distribution of prizes. Again we ask for your support.
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**1st Sunday of Advent**

At the beginning of Advent, God calls us to a new level of spiritual attentiveness.

Readings:

1. A wayward people call out in despair for God's presence.
2. Thanks for all the graces bestowed upon us in Christ.
3. Jesus reminds us to be vigilant for we do not know when he will return.

Paul gives thanks for good teachers and leaders who have enriched the community.

We all need to be prepared for the coming of Christ.



Monday	11	9am	Private Intention
Tuesday	12		
Wednesday	13	7pm	Nora Hennaghen
Thursday	14		
Friday	15	9am	George & Philip Brynes
Saturday	16	7pm	Mary Heaton
Sunday	17	11am	Special Intention

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**What's happening:**

1. St. John Rigby Sixth Form College has recently received an award from Educate for being "the most inspirational 16-18 provider" from across Liverpool, Lancashire and Cheshire. This year also they became the highest performing Catholic sixth form college in the country for A level progress. Outstanding in every aspect of work from Ofsted and an award of Sixth Form College of the Year for the North of England.
2. CAFOD collection for November was £109.25. Thank You.
3. In preparation for the Eucharistic Congress 2018 and for Diocesan Synod 2020, Archbishop Malcolm has asked that a prayer be said after Communion at Masses during Advent. Please take a prayer card before Mass and join in the prayer. Please leave your card in the baskets at back of Church as you leave so they can be used at the next Mass.
4. APP MILL HILL RED BOXES: 2018 Calendars are now available for box holders and Christmas newsletters for collectors. Please collect from the table at back of Church. Thank you.
5. Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers at 6.30pm on Wednesday 13th December in the Presbytery.
6. Tickets are on sale this weekend and next for the Christmas Raffle. Please remember to put a contact phone number on your ticket counterfoil to aid distribution of prizes.
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**2nd Sunday of Advent**

We give thanks for the healing and salvation that the Lord our God offers us in Jesus.

Readings:

1. The people are to prepare for the coming of the Lord.
2. God is patient, wanting nobody to be lost.
3. The beginning of the Good News. Jesus is the Son of God.

In Christ, God blesses us, chooses us, adopts us and brings us into hope and freedom.

CHRISTMAS EVE	24	11.30 pm 12.00am	Carol Service Midnight Mass Brian Rothwell
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Monday CHRISTMAS DAY	25	11am	Jean & Joe Gaskell
Tuesday BOXING DAY	26	12pm	Joe & Winifred Chamberlain
Wednesday	27	12pm	Ince & Keegan Family
Thursday	28		
Friday	29	12pm	Intention
Saturday	30	7pm	People of Parish
Sunday	31	11am	Elsie Hull

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**What's happening:**

- CAROL SERVICE 11,30pm MIDNIGHT MASS 12.00am MORNING MASS 11.00am  
MASS TIMES. HAVE A GOOD LOOK.  
WISH YOU ALL A HOLY AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS.
- Thank You for supporting the Raffle. £300 was raised.
- The Fund Raising Group would like to add their thanks to Father's. We were totally overwhelmed by the amount and quality of your donations and ticket buying. A list of winners, 35 in all, is on the glass doors at the back of Church.
- CAFOD This year our special gift to CAFOD bought on your behalf is a Medical Outreach Team. This life saving gift can help a team of medical professionals bring essential healthcare services to remote communities. Thank you again for your continued support.
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**4th Sunday of Advent**

Jesus will be born into the House of David, but his Good News will be for everyone.

Readings:

- David's kingdom will be protected, but he will not build the Temple.
- Jesus' Good News to reach out to the pagans.
- Mary is chosen and she consents.

Paul has a great fear: the people God had chosen seem to reject Christ.

His great hope: many others are accepting Christ.

God will one day draw them all together.

Monday NEW YEAR'S DAY	1	12pm	Raymond Hesketh
Tuesday	2		
Wednesday	3	7pm	Joseph Pidgeon
Thursday	4		
Friday	5	2.30pm	REQUIEM Annie Barrett
Saturday	6	7pm	Intention O'Donnell Family
Sunday	7	11am	People of Parish

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**Lately Dead:** Annie Barrett

**What's happening:**

1. Today we keep the Feast of the Holy Family.
2. Tomorrow we honour Mary the Mother of God. Mass at 12 noon.
3. Sunday next, the Epiphany.
4. May we all be blessed in the coming year.
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**Feast of the Holy Family**

Eternal life is a shared life, and we are all called to prepare for that.

Readings:

1. Faith is personal but not solitary.
2. Faith bears fruit by merging with the faith of other believers.
3. Life is never without sorrow in this world.

It was by faith that Abraham navigated the challenges of life.

He did not always see the way, nor understand God's ways.

He walked by faith rather than sight.