



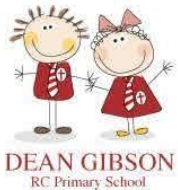
THE CHRISTMAS CRIB:

The empty stable may symbolise how the church should be - simple, open and welcoming; and offering shelter and protection to all those who need it. At the same time Mary and Joseph were forced to leave their home by an oppressive regime, albeit for a short period. So it may well represent also the refugee in Calais with no shelter or the asylum seeker or the homeless person sleeping on our streets.

PASTORAL MINISTRY CERTIFICATE: Looking to the future of the Diocese parishes are clearly going to need more lay involvement and in the light of this the Bishop has asked if anybody would be interested in taking part in this course which is carried out online. If anyone is interested please get in touch.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS: Jonny Gios of the Gateway Church, together with Christians Against Poverty, are setting up a debt advice centre which will require volunteers. If anyone is interested in this please speak to me. *Fr Hugh*

DEAN GIBSON SCHOOL – One Family, all faiths - fully inclusive:



Do you have a child due to start Reception in September 2021 or eligible for Nursery in January, April or September 2021? Visit the school's facebook page or website to take a look at the school through their new **Virtual Tour**. "Staff plan interesting lessons and provide a variety of rich opportunities to develop pupils' confidence" *Ofsted Inspector quote 2020.*

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29th NOVEMBER 2020



TODAY'S READINGS:

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours...

In these dark days we need hope. Hope stirs us to be part of the kingdom of God. It is a gift that stirs us to be sharers in the fulness and happiness of His kingdom. Hope urges us to place our trust in the promises of Jesus, relying on His grace and the help of the Holy Spirit to achieve such a final goal. We need Jesus in our lives every day. To deny this need risks us becoming empty shells: Christians on the outside, but not much on the inside. If we fight off the fluff of the world and allow our need for Christ to transform our lives, then we can be what He created us to be: true images of His Love here on earth. We can be whole. We can be Christians. Advent is the season of hope. The promises of the prophets will be fulfilled. The Messiah will come to return the world to God's original plan. Our thirst for the Messiah will be quenched in the celebration of His birth and His life within our own lives. We wait. We watch. We hope. Let our lives be a daily celebration of the presence of Christ in the world: let us be heralds of hope in both good and dark times.

... now and for ever!

MASS SERVICES AND PRIVATE PRAYER – UPDATE!

Church is still open for private prayer as before: 10am–12.30pm Monday to Saturday and 2–4pm Sundays. (Continued thanks to the volunteer stewards.)

Masses from Saturday 5th December: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10am and 6pm, and at Sedbergh, 12 noon.

- You need to be wearing a mask or face covering of some sort.
- Please bring a pen to complete the contact slips, one per family.
- Families please sit at the sides and others in the centre.
- Please sit in the middle of the central benches if you arrive early to let others fill in from the edges.
- Collection plate is as you go in or out, or you can ask to complete a standing order.

Weekday Masses will commence on Thursday 3rd December at 12 noon. Tuesday – Friday, 12 noon, side benches only are open.

Tuesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Every day of the week until the 3rd December Father Hugh will be saying Mass privately and will continue to say Mass for the intentions requested.

Sun 29 th	First Sunday of Advent 10.00 am: John Peters RIP & people of the parish streamed from Church at 10am
Mon 30 th	St Andrew Canon Loughran
Tues 1 st Dec	Tuesday of Advent week 1 Jack Welch LD
Wed 2 nd	Wednesday of Advent week 1 Deceased Delaney & Caton families
Thurs 3 rd	St Francis Xavier 12.00 noon: Domenico De Palma LD
Fri 4 th	Friday of of Advent week 1 12.00 noon: Tony Wade RIP
Sat 5 th	Saturday of Advent week 1
Sun 5 th 6 th	Second Sunday of Advent 6.00 pm Vigil: Deceased members of McCabe family 10.00 am: Deacon Bernard Loveland LD 12.00 noon: People of the parish (at Sedbergh) 6.00 pm: Holy Souls

The funeral for Thomas Jackson will be Monday 30th November which will be for family and invited guests only, but please keep them in your prayers.



We will continue to Livestream the Sunday 10am Mass which you can watch by visiting the parish website www.kendalcatholicchurch.uk:

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

LATELY DEAD: Thomas Jackson.

SICK: Holly Howe, Will Flitcroft, Philip Barry, Pat Newton, Trish Hoad, Margaret West, Brian Chambers, Varlien Vyner-Brooks, Archie Scott, Jamie Banks Wallhead, Mary Brady, Bob Dickie, Ian Muir, Sylvia Duckworth, Winnie Edgar, Adrian Jennings, Christine Stoker, Barbara Banks, Netta Baxter. Eileen Halstead, Thomas Smith, Jane Johnson, Malcolm Nightingale, Flo Jamieson.

ANNIVERSARIES: Harry Melia, Claire Hartley, Kathleen Day, Bradley Kelson, Walter Fleming, Vladimir Kulakov, Geoffrey Stackhouse, Florence Colman, Dorothy Towers, Frederick Holloway, Dorothy Morris, Wilhelm Mutter, Brian Hudson, Elsie Wilson, Tad Fox, Jane O'Shea, Frances Elder, Colin Reynolds, Edward Cuniffe, Gerard Simms, Francesca Manna, Tony Wade.

The **ADVENT EXTRA MAGAZINES** are at the presbytery back door if you would like to take one. Ring the bell if there are none left and we will try and find one for you.



Please make sure you have returned your CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS. The draw will be next Sunday 6th December – don't be late!

WHITE PEACE POPPIES: Thank you for your donations. You can send a cheque to Peace Pledge Union, 1 Peace Passage, London N7 0BT if you would still like to donate.

SR JULIE has had a fall and broken her leg. She is staying in the Notre Dame Convent, Enugu and is expected to have an operation soon. Please pray for her.

PLEASE PRAY for Maira Shahbaz and her family in Pakistan who are in hiding from extremists who accuse her of apostasy and want her dead. The family are asking for urgent asylum from the Prime Minister. You can find more details on the Aid to the Church in Need website.

COR ET LUMEN MIRACLE RALLY: Friday 11th / Saturday 12th December via Zoom. Talks, praise & worship, adoration & healing service. Visit their website to register.

TOILET TWINNING: This Christmas could you ask for charity donations instead of presents? You could choose to twin toilets, taps or bins and help some of the world's poorest communities set up recycling projects, life-saving toilets, handwashing stations and rubbish collections. Visit toilettwinning.org for more information.

WINTER SHELTER UPDATE: Thank you for all those who volunteered to cook food on Saturday evenings. Ian Maynard, who is the co-ordinator, is drawing up a rota which should be available soon.

You can also support Manna House and buy a special gift for someone this Christmas: £5 buys a Christmas dinner, £10 buys an Advice & Support session. Your gift includes a Christmas card informing what has been bought.

SALVATION ARMY TOY APPEAL: If you would like to donate **new** toys for struggling families this Christmas they can be dropped off in Asda, Morrisons, & Sedbergh School.

MARY'S MEALS 'Doubled the Love' appeal: Until 31st January 2021 public donations made to this appeal will be matched by the UK Government.



CHRISTMAS MASSES 2020 – UPDATE: We are obviously planning to have the Christmas Masses at the moment. The 6pm Vigil (Christmas Eve) is now full, however if you would like to book a place for Midnight Mass, Christmas Day 10am or 11.30am please let me know by phone or by email. (For Sedbergh there will be an 8pm Vigil Mass Christmas Eve but that will be for those in Sedbergh and people staying in the area.) *Fr Hugh*