



# ST. COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, PELLON, HALIFAX. HX2 0QF

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**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 24<sup>th</sup> December, 2017**

This bulletin serves a two-week period until 6th/7th January

	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ST COLUMBA'S</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>ST MALACHY'S</u>
Saturday	23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec		No Morning Mass		
				6.30 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Reid
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec			9.00 am	Bessie O'Regan
		11.00 am	People of the Parish		
<b>CHRISTMAS MASSES</b>					
<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	7.30 pm	Donato Natalizio	5.30 pm	Private Intention
<b>MIDNIGHT MASS</b>				Midnight	Private Intention
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	11.00 am	November Dead List	9.00 am	People of the Parish
Boxing Day	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec			10.00 am	Peter Jefferson
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12.00 noon	David Hickinson	8.30 am	Ken Wilkinson
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> Dec			10.00 am	Betty McCoy
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> Dec			10.00 am	Dead List
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	10.00 am	Margaret Harlow		
<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b>					
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> Dec			6.30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec			9.00 am	Sheila Hickey
		11.00 am	Dorothy Fawcett		
<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD – New Year's Day</b>					
Monday	1st Jan	12.00 noon	Stephan Mychajlyshyn	7.30 pm	Bob O'Donnell
Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan			10.00 am	UCM Intention
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	12.00 noon	Mavis Jackson Birthday Intention	8.30 am	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup> Jan			8.30 am	Intentions of Bridie & Gabriel McLysaght
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> Jan			8.30 am	The Ferrins Family
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10.00 am	November Dead List		
<b>FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>					
Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> Jan			6.30 pm	James Murphy
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan			9.00 am	People of the Parish
		11.00 am	Maria & Wojciech		
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## READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

<b>READERS:</b> 11.00 a.m	<u>24th December, 2017</u> B. Holt	<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> 11.00 a.m.	<u>31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2017</u> A. Woodward
<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS:</b> Pauline Luniw & Joe Armstrong		<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:</b> Bernie Holt & Winifred Devney	
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b> 11:00 a.m - P. Luniw & M. Kidney	<u>24<sup>th</sup> December, 2017</u>	<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> 11:00 a.m. M. Riordan & B. Holt	<u>31<sup>st</sup> Dec, 2017</u>
<b>CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS:</b> David Gott & P. Luniw		<b>CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:</b> Kay & Maurice Kidney	

## Televised

### Midnight Mass.

The BBC are broadcasting Christmas Midnight Mass from Leeds Cathedral; Bishop Marcus is the principal celebrant and preacher and diocesan musicians and choirs are providing the music. It should be available on the Leeds iPlayer for a period of time after broadcast.

### CHURCH CLEANING THIS WEEK w/c 24th Dec

**Mrs. Varley & the Parker Family**

### CHURCH CHURCH CLEANING w/c 31<sup>st</sup> Dec

**Mrs. Hesselnden & Noah Hesselnden**

### CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK:

**Wednesday 11.30 a.m. – 11.55 a.m.**

### NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

<b>THE SICK:</b>	Mary Dollman	Kieran Kneafsey	Gloria Conway	Marie West
	Malcolm Webb	Rosaline Walsh	Bernard Lister	Arthur Warden
	Stuart Ridley	Dolores Crabtree	Joan Minford	Ken Pickard
	Baby Noah Calcott	Fr. Sean Leonard		
<b>LATELY DEAD:</b>	Nick Smith	John Fletcher		
<b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b>	Betty McCoy	James Murphy	Margaret Harlow	

### Church Art Calendars 2018.

A number of 2018 church art calendars are available at the back of church priced £1

<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>LAST WEEK:</b>	<b>£548.42</b>
<b>HUNGRY BOX:</b>	" "	<b>£4.00</b>
<b>SVP COLLECTION:</b>	" "	<b>£234.69</b>

(Members of the SVP wish to extend a warm word of thanks for this generous response) Many thanks for your continued generosity

**Crib Offerings.** Bishop Marcus has requested that this year's Crib Offerings be set aside for the "Friends of the Holy Land" who work with the poorest Christian communities especially in and around Bethlehem, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. Donations can be made at the Crib.

### Sacrament of First Confession.

Children in school year 3 who do not attend either St Malachy's or St Mary's schools and who wish to be prepared for First Confession (in 2018) and First Communion (in 2019) should make themselves known to Fr Michael as soon as possible. Bishop Marcus has made some very significant changes to the celebration of these sacraments and Fr Michael will be able to explain these and the course of preparation to parents. Parents and children attending one of our Catholic schools should have already received this information via the schools.

### Sacrament Of Confirmation.

Bishop Marcus will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at Sacred Heart Church, Sowerby Bridge. Those young people in school years 7 & 8 who wish to be confirmed should make themselves known to Fr Michael if they have not already done so.

**The Catholic Schools Appeal Service** are recruiting panel members to hear appeals by parents for Diocesan school places. This is a voluntary role but travel expenses can be claimed - full training will be provided. Appeal panels consist of both lay members of the community and those from an educational background. For further information, please contact Emma on 0113 261 8040 or email [evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:evangelisation.admin@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE:

There are still a couple of prizes still to be claimed from our Christmas Fayre..

### RAFFLE PRIZES:

Pink Ticket – 251-255 = £50 Cash  
White Ticket – 356-360 = £10 Next Voucher  
Yellow Ticket – 956-960 = Bottle of Rum

Please let Trish or Marina know if you have a winning ticket.

**May God fill the lives of all parishioners and visitors with joy and gratitude this Christmas and pour out his blessings on all our families. May he grant peace and happiness to all for the coming New Year.**

## Words Of Thanks.

As another year is soon to run its course it is important to thank those who give so generously of their time contributing to the smooth running of the parish. Jobs like laundering the altar linen, cleaning the church, arranging flowers, organising music, readers and eucharistic ministers, serving on the altar, counting the collection, running off the bulletin and other printed materials, grounds maintenance, running social and caring groups, visiting sick and housebound parishioners are largely unseen but they matter greatly. When writing a list it is all too easy to overlook someone but please consider yourself included and appreciated. Fr Michael would like to extend a special word of thanks this year for the tremendous welcome received since his arrival in September. May God bless our communities in the coming year!