

ST. COLUMBA'S, HALIFAX

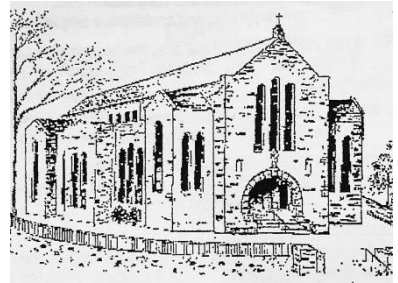


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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

**PUBLIC MASSES THIS WEEKEND**

	DATE	TIME	ST. COLUMBA'S	TIME	ST. MALACHY'S
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	12 noon	Rosemary O'Callaghan		
<b>Friday</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 noon	Michael Nolan		

**NEXT WEEKEND**

<b>Saturday</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec			6.30 pm	Intentions of Clare Sowden
<b>Sunday</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec			9.00 am	Maureen Smith
				11.00 am	People of the Parishes

**Additional Masses.** Fr Michael will also celebrate Masses for Yorkshire Brethren Intentions and the November Dead List on other days.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Burke  
Bernard Lister  
Marie West  
Stuart Ridley

Rosina Iwasczuk  
Fawzia Mohammed  
Rosaline Walsh  
Sue Thomas

Fr. Joe Finan  
Juliana Ijezie  
Rose Rothery  
Gareth Bird

LATELY DEAD:

Kevin Moorhouse

ANNIVERSARIES:

Rosemary O'Callaghan Michael Nolan

Maureen Smith

**Season of Advent.**

To help with our preparations to welcome Christ anew into our lives, Sean will post a special Advent Reflection each weekend until Christmas. These can be found on the website, website address above.

**Day of Confessions.**

The clergy of the Deanery will be available to hear Confessions in a Covid Secure manner at St. Mary's Church on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

## Christmas Arrangements.

Recognising the challenges social distancing places on the capacity of church buildings and the need for sanitization of the buildings between Masses, the Bishops have suggested that parishioners may wish to attend Mass for Christmas at any time during the Christmas Octave

(i.e. from 25<sup>th</sup> December – January 1<sup>st</sup>). We are fortunate to be able to accommodate up to 90 people at any single Mass at St. Malachy's Church and therefore 6 Masses will be celebrated over the 4 days of Christmas as follows: Places can be reserved through Eventbrite on the website in due course.

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Christmas Eve	5.00pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Christmas Day	9.00am & 11.00am
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Holy Family	6.30pm
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Holy Family	9.00am & 11.00am.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Year's Day	11.00am

### At St Columba's Church Masses over the Christmas Period will be celebrated as follows:

Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Advent Weekday	12noon
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Weekday	!2noon
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	New Year's Day	12.30pm

### Overgate Hospice: Light Up A Light.

This year the usual pre-Christmas services will be replaced by an online service at 6.00pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December on the Hospice's social media channels. Lights on the Light up a Life Tree can be dedicated in memory of a loved one. Contact the hospice directly with your names and donations.

### Advent Service Sat 12th December at 4pm (on Zoom) 'He Comes, He is Revealed'.

Growing Old Grace-fully invites you to join a short reflective online Advent Service, with readings, hymns, reflections and recordings from our Diocesan choirs.

To book please go to  
[www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk](http://www.growingoldgracefully.org.uk)  
and see the link on the home page.

### Events at the Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley.

1. 'The Gift of Jesus – Advent Unwrapped' an Advent Day of Recollection given by Fr Dennis Cassidy, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December and repeated on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The suggested offering is £32.00 per person, to include a 2-course lunch.
2. 'The Ever-Coming God' an Advent Preached Retreat given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp beginning Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December until Sunday 13 December. The suggested offering for the weekend is £175.00 per person, to include all meals. To book a place on either of these please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email:  
[briery@btconnect.com](mailto:briery@btconnect.com)
3. The Briery Retreat Centre: A Zoom Meditation is held every Thursday, 7.30pm – 8.15pm. This is free and open to everyone. Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83610083525> Meeting ID: 836 1008 3525. Looking forward to seeing you.

### Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot.

Abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot, all conditions which can be corrected. A cross-party group of MPs from the three largest parties in the UK Parliament have come together to bring forward the Abortion (Cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot) Bill. The Bill aims to change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit [www.standupandsmile.org.uk](http://www.standupandsmile.org.uk) to email your MP asking them to support the Bill.