



Roman Catholic Diocese of Leeds  
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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – Yr C  
 23 December 2018  
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**The Christmas Gospels** Christmas Day, alone of all the days of the year, has four complete Masses. This gives us four Gospels to reflect on. When it gets dark on the evening of the 24th, we remember the Annunciation and the bare fact of Jesus' birth. At midnight we remember the shepherds who, that night, were the first to hear the good news. At dawn we are still with the shepherds as they visit the stable and find that it was not all a dream. And when it is fully day we change perspective: we see it all from the point of view of heaven, of eternity, in the magnificent and light-filled gospel according to John.

+ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
SATURDAY		6-30pm	Health of Mind & Body (SJ)
SUNDAY		11-00am	Raymond Bottomley [A]
+ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)			
Christmas Eve	Family Mass	6-30pm	Josephine & Norman Haw
Christmas Midnight		Midnight	Larkin Family & Friends
TUESDAY			
Christmas Day		11-00am	Ann & Michael Knowles
WEDNESDAY	St Stephen	9-30am	November Dead List 2018/19
THURSDAY	No Mass Today		
FRIDAY	No Mass Today		
+ THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH			
SATURDAY		6-30pm	Lynne Carr
SUNDAY		11-00am	Deceased of the Lewis & Cashin Families
2019 + SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD			
+TUESDAY+		9-30am	Emilia Palermo [A]
WEDNESDAY	No Mass Today		
THURSDAY		7-30pm	Bev Pickles
FRIDAY		9-30am	Maggie Larkin [A]

**A very warm welcome** to all our visitors - we are delighted you have joined us for Advent & Christmas - Christ is born for us; come, let us adore him!  
 I wish you all the greatest joys of this Season and I pray for God's abundant blessing upon you, your families, friends and those amongst whom you live and work.

**Masses** – Bev Pickles, Maureen Smith, Pat Barr, Anniversary.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

**Christmas Eve** 6-30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - Family Mass  
 11-30pm Carols and readings followed by Midnight Mass  
**Christmas Day Solemnity** - Christmas Morning – 11-00am  
**St Stephen, The First Martyr Feast** - Wednesday 26th 09-30 Mass

**Readers, Eucharistic Ministers & Collectors** please see the list on the table at the back of church and sign up if you are available to read, Eucharistic Minister or collect for the Christmas Masses – thank you for your help and support in this matter.

**Advent Reconciliation** I would like to invite you to the sacrament of reconciliation an opportunity for individual confession on Saturdays at 5-35pm – 6-15pm Sometimes we get nervous about going to confession. But don't let nerves or fear hold you back. However long it has been, however bad the sin, however embarrassed you feel – don't let anything stop you from going to confession. Remember that it is the Lord we meet in confession. The Lord has touched us –that knowledge should give us inner peace and joy.

**Broadcast live** on BBC R4. 11-30pm Solemn Midnight Mass of Christmas celebrated by the Bishop.

**Available** details of the principal services for Christmas 2018 in the Halifax deanery

**Piety Stall** as you enter our beautiful church through the side entrance you will see the well-stocked Piety Stall. We have a wide selection of suitable cards for all occasions with a very nice selection of religiously themed Christmas cards, which can be hard to find on the high street.

**Holy Innocents Feast Day** Friday 28 December. A Prayer Vigil will take place outside Marie Stopes Abortion Centre, Barrack Rd, LS7 4AB between 12 noon and 2pm. Consider coming along. (contact Chris Redding 07815681343 e.g. parking).

**Walsingham 2019** A poster with information regarding a proposed visit to Walsingham next year is on the notice board, if interested, please ask for more details.

**Diocesan Directories 2019** available for £4.00 each

**Silver Circle** Week 9 £10 - 37 £10 - 13  
**Offertory** last week we received £481.13 (Loose £81.67 Envelopes £399.46) – Thank you  
**Advent Fayre 2018** – £1692.80

**The collection taken at Christmas** is known as the Christmas Offering and with the collection at Easter it forms a significant part of the annual – taxable - income of priests. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

**As the Nativity** of the Lord fast approaches, I would like to thank you for all you support and encouragement during this last year. So let us hasten to the manger of the Lord. But before drawing near we must prepare ourselves as well as we can with the help of his grace; and then, in company with the angels, with pure heart, good conscience, and authentic faith, we may sing to the Lord in all that we do throughout the whole of our life: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

As the year draws to a close a special thank you to all of you who have helped me. With my very best wishes, gratitude and the assurance of prayers for you and those you love over the Christmas season.  
 Fr Larkin