

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - The Nativity of the Lord

# The Catholic Community of All Saints Catholic Church, Hassop, and Our Lady & St Joseph Catholic Church, Matlock Newsletter

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Lord, in this holy season of prayer; song and laughter,  
we praise you for the great wonders you have sent us: for  
shining star and angel's song, for infant's cry in lowly manger.

We praise you for the Word made flesh in a little Child.  
We behold his glory and are bathed in its radiance.

Be with us as we sing the ironies of Christmas, the  
incomprehensible comprehended, the poetry made hard fact,  
the helpless Babe who cracks the world asunder.  
We kneel before you shepherds, innkeepers, wisemen.  
Help us to rise bigger than we are. **Amen.**

## Our Schools

### St Joseph's Catholic Academy

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### St Mary's Catholic High School

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Derbyshire S41 8AG  
Headteacher:

**Mrs M Dengate**

Telephone: 01246 201191

[enquiries@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk)

## Our Hospitals

### Chesterfield Royal Hospital

NHS Foundation Trust  
Calow  
Chesterfield  
Derbyshire S44 5BL

Tel: 01246 277271

[www.chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk](http://www.chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk)



### Advent Crib Collection -

During advent there will be a collection point for Baby Basics in the Lady Chapel. Every item given away through Baby Basics is donated by someone in our local community. **Needed most are:** toiletries - for both mum and baby, maternity pads, breast pads, Moses basket sheets, baby towels, nappies and wipes. They currently have plenty of clothes, so these are not needed. If you would like to donate any of these things just place them in the collection box and we will deliver them to Baby Basics in Chesterfield at the end of Advent.

*(Unfortunately, they cannot accept donations of car seats, cot mattresses, breast pumps, stair gates and or electrical items)*

## Mass Intentions

### Year A - Cycle I - Eucharistic Prayer: II - Psalter: I Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve



3:45pm - Hassop - Gathering Christmas Music

4:00pm - Hassop - Christmas Eve Family Mass - People of God



5:45pm - Matlock - Gathering Christmas Music

6:00pm - Matlock - Christmas Eve Family Mass

(Ennis) **Denis McGrath RIP** (John McLarkey & Family)



### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day



9.00am - Hassop - Mass - The People of God

10:30am - Matlock - Mass - Ambrose & Margaret Holland RIP



### Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December - St Stephen, the first Martyr

No Mass/No Service (Fr Robbie's Time Off)

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December - St John, Apostle, Evangelist

No Mass/No Service (Fr Robbie's Time Off)

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December - Holy Innocents, Martyrs

11.00am - **Hassop** - Mass - Welfare of Bishop Patrick

### Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December - St Thomas à Becket, Martyr

11.00am - **Matlock** - Mass - The Coyne Family (Roseanna & Patrick)

### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec - The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary & Joseph

11:00am - **Matlock** - Mass - Holy Souls

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December - St Sylvester I, Pope

5:00pm - **Matlock** - Mass - Mary Joe Joyce RIP (John McLarkey)

Arnie O'Malley RIP (John McLarkey)

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Mary, Mother of God (Solemnity)

9:00am - **Hassop** - Mass - People of God

11:00am - **Matlock** - Mass - Castro Family:

19<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 - Congratulations

**Dear Parishioners,** I appreciate we are entering very difficult times as we move now into Advent and Christmas. It is a time of worry for many, in regards to employment; finances and keeping warm and fed. As your Parish Priest I wish to let you know you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. You are both very generous communities at Matlock and Bakewell/Hassop and it does not go unnoticed by me that you continue to support your church. I continue to strive to be frugal with spending, I appreciate your ongoing generosity. I will do my best to keep parish costs to a minimum. These are not times though to be proud – if you are struggling, please come to me and I will try to help, do not suffer in silence but come to me in total confidentiality and compassion. For the Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. Prayers.

**Fr Robbie**

## Hassop & Bakewell - News for the Pews

**Sick and Housebound** - We remember in our thoughts and prayers: Marie Hopkinson, Pat Erskine-Murray, Maria Hutchinson, Peter Peel, Annalise & Shirley Plant and Mary Howlings and all our sick and housebound parishioners and friends.

**Welcome to our Visitors & Parishioners this weekend**

**The Emmaus Hub - is now closed for Christmas** and will **reopen on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January**. Please leave a message on the answer machine or email for Fr Robbie to pick up daily. For emergencies only telephone Fr Robbie on **07449 835765**

**Christmas Mass Seating** - There is now no need to book for Christmas Mass **places will be available at first come first seated**. Distancing has been removed, but gel is still mandatory, and masks will be freely available to all who wish them. **Fr Robbie**

**Hassop Christmas Flowers** - Thank you so much for helping making our parish look beautiful for the coming of Our Saviour. **£120.50** was collected. Thank you for your generosity. Flower Team x

**Thank you** - I would like to say a big thank to all those who worked hard within our parish to make Advent and Christmas so wonderful again this year - remembering the hard work especially of our Choir, Organists, Flower Arrangers, Cribs, Welcome Ministry, Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Cleaners, Sunday Tea & Coffee, Childrens Liturgy and all those working in the background. **Fr Robbie**

**Thank you** for all the Christmas cards and gifts - thank you for your generosity and kindness. **Fr Robbie, Deacon Richard & Lucinda**

**Flower & Crib Teams** - Thank you to all who helped decorate our church and grounds this Christmas. The church looked festive and holy for the coming of Jesus into the world. **Fr Robbie**

**Peace on earth and good will to all** - "The Christmas story retains its appeal since it doesn't provide theoretical explanations for the puzzles of life. Instead, it's about the birth of a child, and the hope that birth 2,000 years ago, brought to the world. Only a few people acknowledged Jesus when he was born; now billions follow him. I believe his message of peace on earth and goodwill to all is never out of date. It can be heeded by everyone. It's needed as much as ever."

**The late Queen Elizabeth II's - Christmas Millennium Message**



### Dec/Jan - Groups and Regular Events - All welcome - Anytime!

Choir Practice	Tuesdays at 3:30pm	
Matlock Friday Bible Study Group	*** Next Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 ***	
Holy Hour & Benediction	***Next Adoration 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023 ***	
Rotas	Hassop 25 Dec	Hassop 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan
Sunday Wardens - Close	Volunteers	Volunteers
Welcome - Sunday	Cathy & Tim	Liz M
Readers - Sunday 9am	Ken H	Mike W
<b>Sunday Morning Coffee</b>	<i>No Coffee Today</i>	<i>No Coffee Today</i>
Wednesday - Reader	Patrick C	Liz M
Flowers	Christmas Team	Christmas Team



### Safeguarding Representative Anthony Howlings

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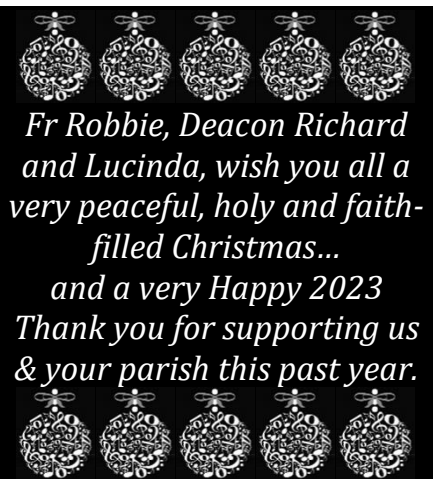
'As a Christian Family, we will **meet** and **celebrate** the Holy Eucharist on the first day of the week. We will **care** for and **support** each other.

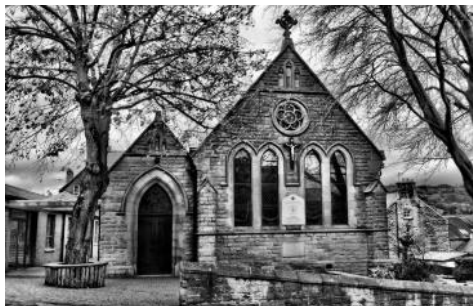
We will strive to be good examples of our Christian faith and show our **commitment** to that **faith** in our daily lives. In **love** we will **support** and **participate** with other Christian Churches in and around Bakewell.'

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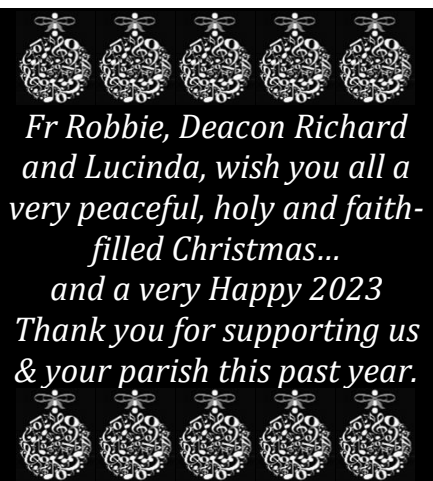
**Safeguarding Representative**  
**Paula Scully**  
**0115 9539850**

Our parish community is called to build the Kingdom of God. We gather for **WORSHIP** to strengthen our Christian unity; also included are our various ministries where you can **SERVE** those most in need with love and dignity, and opportunities to **GROW** your faith in the truth of life that Jesus provides us. We appreciate and are open to your willingness to **GIVE** of your time; treasure and talent. We want you to know, furthermore, that it is here that you have a place to **BELONG**: there is always a pew for you! This beautiful building belongs to you. Cherish your time here, as God the Father cherishes you.

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## Matlock - News for the Pews

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**Sick and Housebound** - We prayer for - Bob Hilton, Gordon Smythe, Lily Chapman, Imelda Hanlon, Ann Holland, Anna Thompson, Peggy Flynn, Kath Dyson, Linda Houghton and all our sick parishioners.

### Our Warm Space Mondays - 9am until 5pm

If you want to be involved, please contact:

**colette.hanson@btinternet.com** - to help in the hall on a Mondays  
**paulinaswanwick1947@gmail.com** - to make or bake refreshments  
**shirley.a.johnson@btinternet.com** - to donate books, games, jigsaws  
**jlangle@uwclub.net** - to donate items from the 'shopping list'  
**davidswanwick@btinternet.com** to offer transport

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<b>Rotas</b>	<b>Matlock 24/25 Dec</b>	<b>Matlock 31/1 Dec/Jan</b>
Welcome - Saturday	Paula & David S + Vols	John & Denise
Readers - Saturday 5pm	Lesley B & John C	Tim & Jill L
Simple Saturday Supper	<b>**Next Session 7/1/23</b>	<b>**Next Session 7/1/23</b>
Welcome - Sunday	Phyl E & Volunteers	Phyl E & Volunteers
Readers - Sunday 11am	Karen Mc & Ingrid P	Sheila S & Derrick W
Church Cleaners	----	----



## ***Gloria in Excelsis Deo!***

### ***Solemnity of Christmas Day***

The angel said to the shepherds, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a saviour has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.” Luke 2:10–14

Glory to God in the highest! The celebration of the glorious birth of Christ the Lord has begun...Merry Christmas!

Try to put yourself in the shoes of these shepherds. Little excitement would have regularly come their way. They were poor, simple shepherds who spent their days and nights tending the sheep of the fields. That night, a group of them had gathered together for camaraderie. It’s easy to imagine the scene of normal talking, laughing and being together. Little did they realize what was about to happen.

As they were gathered, an angel of God appeared to them announcing “good news of great joy!” They must have been stunned. But that’s only the beginning. The angel announced that the Saviour of the World had been born and then, much to their surprise, they witnessed the whole host of heavenly angels singing praises: “*Gloria in excelsis Deo!*” “Glory to God in the highest!”

These humble shepherds were the first to be called by God to go and greet the new-born King. What’s amazing is that God did not first call the “important” of the age to come worship. He called these poor shepherds. One thing this tells us is that, in the eyes of God, all are equal. God does not pick favourites from among those who are seen as important in the eyes of the world. No, He sees the great value and dignity of each and every person and desires all of us, rich or poor, powerful or weak, to come to Him in adoration and love.

Christmas is a time filled with many exciting things. Often there are gifts and gatherings, food and good times. But more than anything else, Christmas must be seen as a time for us to step back and take in the deep and rich meaning of this sacred event. We must see, first, that God entered our human condition and, in doing so, is able to identify with all that we experience in life. God understands human life! He lived it.

Second, we must understand that the birth of the Saviour of the World and His appearance to shepherds reveals that each and every one of us is invited to come and meet Him. God humbled Himself in the most profound way so that we could come to know Him and His perfect love for us. “Do not be afraid,” as the angel said, to come and behold the Christ who came as your Saviour. Do not be afraid to come to meet Him, love Him, adore Him and get to know Him. God is given to us, today, as an infant. Small, weak, fragile and innocent. Do not be afraid to gaze upon His humble presence and to give glory to God for His blessed coming.

*Lord, I love You and adore You. I thank You for the unfathomable gift of Your divine presence among us. I thank You, especially, for the invitation You offer me to join the poor shepherds as they come to adore You. May this Christmas celebration be one in which I understand, more deeply, the incredible love You have for all Your children. May I know that You came for me, to save me and to invite me to worship. May I, this day, enter into that worship and adoration with all the Heavenly Host. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## Appointment Announcement

That the Reverend Father **Robbie O'CALLAGHAN**, having been found to be suitable for appointment to the office of vicar forane (cf. canon 554 §1), be appointed as Vicar Forane or Dean of the **Peak Deanery** ad quinquennium (cf. canon 554 §2; Prot No 2022/41) with effect from the effective date of this Decree, holding office and exercising his ministry in accordance with universal and particular law, any statutes which may currently be in force and such lawful instructions which may be given by me from time to time.

### **Peak Deanery**

- i. All Saints, Glossop
- ii. All Saints, Hassop
- iii. Christ the King, Alfreton with Saint Patrick and Saint Bridget, Clay Cross
- iv. Immaculate Conception, Charlesworth
- v. Our Lady and Saint Joseph, Matlock with Our Lady and Saint Teresa of Lisieux, Wirksworth
- vi. Saint Anne, Buxton
- vii. Saint Charles Borromeo, Hadfield
- viii. Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, Chapel-en-le-Frith
- ix. Saint Mary, Marple Bridge and Annunciation, New Mills
- x. Saint Mary Crowned, Glossop