

'encounter the Lord'. As you will see from the Advent timetable, 3-4pm on Sunday afternoons, alternating between churches, we propose a time of Adoration, reflection and evening prayer. I urge all Eucharistic ministers especially to support this initiative.

THE WEDNESDAY GROUP meets this week on 5th after 10am Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS are timetabled towards the end of the week. Please let us know if you or someone you know would welcome a home-visit.

ST CHARLES CHRISTMAS FAIR takes place in school next Friday 7th December, from 3.30 in school. Goods for the stalls, tombola & raffle may be still be brought to church. Many thanks in advance for your help!

FLOWER COLLECTION Next Sunday you will have a chance to contribute to the supply of flowers for the Christmas season.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION forms are found at the back of church. If you think you are not on the parish register (or your details have changed) please take a form and pop it into the collection.

ADVENT REVERSE-CALENDAR As in previous years, we are inviting people to do away with the traditional advent calendar and, instead, to make a daily donation to Cornerstone to help them in their work with the homeless. Bring your goods to church week by week.

LOOKING AHEAD - ADVENTUALITIES

- Sun 2nd : 3-4pm HAD "Seek His Face"
- Fri 7 Dec : HAD pre-Christmas Fair, school 3.30
- Sun 9th Dec : BB : 3-4pm "Seek His Face"
- Weds 12th Dec : Wednesday Group pre-Christmas meal - Golf Club
- Sun 16th Dec 3-4pm - HAD "Seek His Face"
- from Sun 16th : Churches' seasonal decoration : PLEASE VOLUNTEER TO HELP THIS DECORATION!
- Mon 17th : St Charles school carols - church 2pm
- do. 10am and 7pm Reconciliation services at St Anne's Buxton
- do. Nine Lessons & Carols : Immaculate Conception church 7.30
- Thurs 20th : St Charles end-of-term school Mass (church) 9.30
- Sun 23rd : 3-4pm - BB - "Seek His Face"
- Mon 24th HAD 6pm Christmas Family Mass
- Mon 24th Dec : Midnight Mass at Immaculate Conception
- Tues 25th : 9.30 (BB) & 11am (HAD) Christmasses

Other details will be published later.

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS It is planned to hold this service in Immaculate Conception church on Monday 17th Dec at 7.30pm. Rehearsals will be held at church on Thursdays 6th & 13th December at 7pm - *note the amended start-time.*

MASS INTENTIONS Many thanks for the intentions sent in during November for the Holy Souls. These Mass-intentions will be honoured throughout the year. Additional thanks to those who thoughtfully offer the gift of a Christmas Mass for a relative or friend. Amidst the deluge of Christmas-gift temptations, to have Mass offered is a truly blessed thing to do.

JOINT PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE
 Tickets for our major joint fund-raiser are available
 from the back of church - priced at £5 per book.
 Please support this initiative!



CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LONGDENDALE

PARISH NEWSLETTER

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)
2nd Dec 2018**



5pm (GAM) ints Mary Plazas (C&DN)

Sun 2nd

9.15 (BB) dec'd of Quinn & West fams RIP (SQ)

11am (HAD) Jenny Cooney RIP (fam)
3pm HAD "Seek His Face"

Stay awake, praying at all times!

<p>Ch D Bowdren <i>St Charles Rectory</i> <i>Woolley Bridge Rd</i> <i>Hadfield SK13 1PQ</i> <i>Tel 852351</i> <i>Assistant Fr Daniel Palmer</i> <i>Deacon Rev Dr Owen Le Blanc</i></p>	<p><i>St Charles Primary</i> <i>Hadfield SK13 7PQ</i> <i>Head :</i> <i>Mrs B Quirke</i> <i>Tel : 852692</i></p>	<p><i>St Philip Howard</i> <i>Secondary</i> <i>SK13 8DR</i> <i>Head : Mrs L Morris</i> <i>Tel : 853611/861022</i></p>	<p><i>St Margaret's & All Saints</i> <i>Federation</i> <i>Gamesley SK13 6HB</i> <i>Head : Mrs G Beaumont</i> <i>Tel : 855818</i></p>
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DATE	MASS	OTHER
Mon 3rd	St Francis Xavier 9.30 (HAD) Frank James RIP (JC)	
Tues 4th	Advent Feria or St John Damascene 9.30 (HAD) F&E James RIP (GR)	
Weds 5th	Advent Feria 10am (HAD) Julia Casey (MG) <i>f/by Weds Gp mtg</i>	
Thurs 6th	Advent Feria / St Nicholas <i>9.30 (HAD) time to pray</i>	
Fri 7th	St Ambrose <i>FIRST FRIDAY VISITS TODAY DV</i> 9.30 (BB) sp int	
Sat 8th	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Solemnity) 9.30 (HAD) L&R Cox RIP (fam) <i>confessions 10.30</i>	
Sun 9th	5pm (GAM) for the parish ADVENT 2 9.15 (BB) C Flaherty RIP <i>(Wong bapt during Mass)</i> 11am (HAD) Lavinia Woolf RIP (fam) <i>3pm HAD "Seek His Face"</i>	

FIRST ADVENT (C)

Psalter Week 1

Intro to the Readings : Today we lift up our souls to Christ who comes to deliver us from fear.

First Reading : Jer 33: I will make a virtuous branch grow for David.

Responsorial Psalm : **TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL**

Second Reading : 1 Thess 3 : May the Lord confirm your hearts in holiness when Christ comes.

Gospel : Lk 21 : Your liberation is near at hand.

MONEY MATTERS - Last weekend's collections

Hadfield	BB/GAM
Envelopes - £144.60	Envelopes £179.60
Loose plate £57.05	Loose £68.48
SOs £254.00	SOs £120.38
Total £455.65	Total £368.46

LAST WEEKEND'S TOTE WINNERS

HAD 1st : £40 : M Binks 2nd : £25 : J Enever

DUTY CALLS : Next weekend : 9th Dec : 2 Advent

	READER	B PRAYERS	E MINS	TEA	MUSIC
GAM	M Pickford	M Pickford	RT	na	na
BB	R Wenner	A Wenner	PN SB	MB	Kate
HAD	K Ford	A Black	PP DW	fams	var

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND and ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH

Please remember to support and pray for those listed as sick and housebound in our parish:

Philip Love, Mary Perry, Peter James, Adrian McHugh, Fr John Cairns, Fr Kevin Gradwell, Sheila Doyle, Pauline Anderson, Marion Robinson, Tess Fish, Monica Krommendijk, Nella Lewykyj, Neil Appleton, Alice Canning, Dorothy Yarwood.

Please recall in prayer our deceased priests and parishioners whose anniversaries occur about this time: Frs. Edward Neary, Con Dolan, Joseph Murdock, Bernard George, Raymund Mendel, Deacon John Hague, *Frances May Rainford, Jenny Cooney, Joan Cavanagh, Ellen Burdekin, Margaret Hirst, Mary Connell, Bernard Walsh, Joan Cavanagh, Sheila Berry:*

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord : May they rest in peace : Amen

PARISH NOTES

THIS WEEKEND we begin a New Year in the life of the church, and in the life of grace. We light the candles of our Advent wreaths to mark our increasingly Great Expectations ahead of the celebration of the birth of our redeemer. Happy New Year & Safe Journey to Bethlehem!

LECTIONARY READINGS also change from this weekend: Sundays from Year C (St Luke); weekdays : Year I.

"SEEK HIS FACE" On Advent Sunday afternoons we further respond to the Bishop's wish to