

St. Patrick's Parish News

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38th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4th Sunday of Advent

Today we are told the story of Mary's visit to see Elizabeth. Elizabeth counts Mary's visit to her as a blessing. We are still more blessed because in the Eucharist, the Lord visits us. As Christmas approaches, our hopes rise and we should try not to let merchandise distract us from our hopes and what God wants for us.

Mass Times Saturday - 5.30 pm; Sunday - 10 am
Daily Mass - 10 am – Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in the Vestry Room **Christmas Vigil Mass** Thursday at 5.30 pm **Christmas Day Mass** at Friday 9.30 am

In your prayers, please continue to remember the sick: Pat Nolan, Eileen Lee, Liam Foody, Sr Maria, Mgr Bernard Doyle, Wilf and Margaret Baldwyn, Eva Hosty, Mary Bale, Mgr Darcy, May Barker, Lorraine Gunning, Arnold Whittaker, and Teresa Casaru. Remember also the house-bound in our Parish, the patients at Overgate Hospice and in the Children's Hospice, those who are troubled in mind, body and soul, those who are suffering in silence and those who need our prayers.

Baptisms: First Sunday of each month.

A Note from Fr John ...

May I take this opportunity to wish you and all your loved ones a peaceful and holy Christmas and all the very best to you all.

Wednesday 6 January There will be an Advisory Group meeting in the Church Hall to discuss the future of the Parish and the Deanery. All are welcome to share their views.

Diocese Directory is on the table in the Porch. Please take copy and make a donation. Thank you.

Prayer Partners – Thank you so much for all your support. Please continue to pray for your prayer partners.

Mrs Molly's Story Time for pre-school children Monday and Tuesday in the Church Hall from 10 am to 11.30 will resume at the beginning of January 2016. There will be storytelling and drama activities to engage children and develop a love of reading and storytelling, as well as getting little ones 'school ready'.

Photographs - On occasions, the children may be photographed for the church and school newsletters. Please let a member of the Children's Liturgy team know if you do not want your child's photo to be taken.

The **Prayer Intention Book** is at the back of the Church for you to add the names of people you wish us to pray for.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers - If anyone is interested please come and speak to me. I am always pleased when people offer their services.

Refugee Shoe Request - There is a very big demand for shoes, particularly for men. If you have any shoes, that you would be able to donate, please leave them in the box under the table in the church porch. Nick Bailey will make sure they are taken to those who desperately need them.

Recycling Old Magazines - if you have any old magazines that you have finished with, please can you leave them in the box provided in the porch.

Coffee Morning - Every Sunday after Mass. **Volunteers are always needed.** All donations go towards Children and Youth Liturgy activities. If you

would like to help serve tea / coffee, please add your name to the list on the notice board in the porch.

Counting of Collection - 1st Saturday – Wheatcroft and Marsh; 2nd Saturday – M & K Ward; 3rd Saturday – M Peril, H Goldthorpe; 4th Saturday – Wosalski Family.

A new rota for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers will be available in the New Year

Readers for next week – Saturday: ; Sunday:
Eucharistic Ministers for next week - Saturday::
Sunday:

St Patrick's Youth Club - Every Friday from 6.30 to 8 pm, in the Church Hall for youngsters aged 8 to 13 years. Bring 50p to spend at the Tuck Shop. This is open to children from St Patricks' School as well as children from other schools in Elland. As always, I am very grateful to Alan Fitzpatrick for arranging this event for our young parishioners.

Children's Liturgy will start again in the New Year.

Youth Liturgy – will start again in the New Year, every Monday 7 pm to 8 pm in the Presbytery for young people in Year 7 upwards who discuss items regarding their faith.

Would you like to learn new hymns? Please contact Clare 07833575357 or Colleen 07876234984

The Nativity. Once again the children at St Patrick's School surpassed themselves by putting on the simplest and most beautiful story there is – The Nativity. Key Stage 1 performed the story of how Jesus was born, accompanied by Key Stage 2 who sang beautiful carols in between the telling of the story, narrated by the clear and expressive voices of the children. As is now tradition, both cast and audience joined in with the rousing carol, 'Join the Celebration' to end The Christmas Nativity Service.

200 Winners Club - Please look on the notice board in the porch.

St Patricks' School News - Please go to the school's website to see what each of the classes have been doing in the run up to Christmas.
<http://stpatselland.org.uk/>

All Saints School News - Please go to the school's website to see what is happening in the school.
<http://www.aschc.com/>

Joe's Jokes

No Room in the Inn? A boy wanted to be Joseph in the Sunday School pageant. He was cast as the land-lord and objected loudly, but to no avail. When the pageant was presented, Mary and Joseph knocked on the door and asked him if he had a room for them. The boy smiled and said, "Yes, sure. Lots of room. Come on in!"

Job Adverts

Financial Accountant: - Professionally qualified Accountant experienced in Accounts Preparation, Budgeting and Forecasting, Financial Analysis, Cost Control and Project Appraisal. It would be desirable to have experience of Treasury Management, Audit or Internal Control and Statutory Accounts;

Accounts Assistant:- Experienced Bookkeeper in Sage Accounting Programme to prepare the Nominal Ledger, Cash Book to include Bank Reconciliations, Sales and Purchase Ledger. For further information in respect of these two full-time roles please e-mail curia.personnel@dioceseofleeds.org.uk The initial closing date will be 21st December 2015.

Community Participation Coordinator, Leeds.
£28,861-£33,571 per annum pro rata. CAFOD are looking for a part-time Community Participation Coordinator. The post is based from our volunteer centre on Headingley Lane, Leeds cover the Diocese of Leeds and is for 15 ¾ hours per week full time being 35 hours. This role is within the Parish Participation and Volunteering Group and is responsible for recruit-

ing ad supporting a team of committed, inspired and well-resourced volunteers working in parish and school communities. To read more and to apply please go to <http://www.cafod.org.uk/Work-with-us/UK-Jobs/CPC-Leeds> and complete our online application form by the 5th January 2016

Leeds Diocesan Youth Service Assistant. Are you a young Catholic wanting to grow in your own faith & share it with others? LDYS are currently recruiting for Youth Service Assistants (gap year 2016-17). The role involves assisting with leading School and Confirmation Retreats at Myddelton Grange. You will live as part of a small community at Myddelton Grange. Board and lodgings are provided, as well as a monthly allowance. Closing date for applications is Friday 5th Feb 2016, interviews on Monday 29th Feb. For further info or application pack, contact Su Goodyear (01943 607 887 or info@myddeltongrange.org.uk)

Catholic Care has several vacancies for **Care Workers in the Learning Disabilities Service** in various locations throughout the Diocese. For full details please either ring 0113 3885400, go to www.catholic-care.org.uk or email janet.flynn@catholic-care.org.uk

St Anne's Community Services – Shared Lives –
Please see the notice board for details about becoming a Carer.

Events

Advertising

NORTHERN SOLE CHIROPODY AND PODIATRY

Ian Hall (Bsc Hons) is a qualified podiatrist offering a friendly, high quality service from the comfort of your own home. A range of treatments are offered including: General toe nail cutting, Corn and callus treatment, Problem nails, Diabetic assessments and Biomechanics (heel pain, orthotics, foot care advice etc.) Please contact for more details or to book an appointment on 07952253547 or 01422 440119

<http://www.northern-sole-chiropody.co.uk/>

Contributions - If you would like to contribute to the Parish Newsletter or place an advert, please email mollylyne@hotmail.co.uk.

Contacts

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Children's Liturgy - Angela Johnson, Alan Fitzpatrick, Katie McNamara, Nick Bailey, Molly Lyne

Youth Liturgy – Katie McNamara

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers - Mike Lee and Joe McCambridge

Home Communion - Joe McCambridge, Ollie Hand, Anne and Alan Simpson

St Patrick's Parish Safeguarding Statement

All members of our Parish of St Patrick will recognise the personal dignity and rights of children and vulnerable adults towards whom the Church has a special responsibility and a duty of care. We commit to do all in our power to create a safe environment for the vulnerable members of our parish community and to protect them from risk of harm or abuse of any kind.

Safeguarding Representatives: Anne Gill (0785528916) and Marilyn McGreal (07960912564)

