

Morley Parish News – 20 November 2020

**The Government has issued new restrictions due to the continuing Covid-19 pandemic. Therefore, there will be no communal celebration of Mass during this period of lockdown. **

The Church is committed to helping us and asks that we help each other during this time. The statement from Cardinal Nichols and Archbishop McMahon asks that we join a national shared moment of prayer each day at 6pm and observe the Vigil of Christ the King (21 November) as a day of prayer for the ending of this pandemic.

Our Parish Church of St Francis of Assisi will be open for **Private Prayer** as follows:

- Sunday: 9.30 – 11.30 am
- Tuesday: 10.00 – 11.00 am

NB. Please come only at the start times, ie not earlier, so the stewards can prepare the church.

You must follow the instructions of the stewards at all times. If you are willing to volunteer as a steward, please contact Canon Galvin providing your contact details.

**Leeds Cathedral Continues Live Streaming at

**<http://www.leedscathedrallive.org.uk/>

Holy Mass: Monday – Friday at 12.30pm, Saturday at 12noon, Sunday at 11.00am

Angelus and Rosary: Monday – Friday at 12.00am, Saturday at 11.30am

Please note the Cathedral is open for **Private Prayer** from Mon – Fri 1.30 – 4.00pm, Sat & Sun 1.00 – 3.00pm

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Upcoming Feasts, Celebrations

- Saturday, 21 November: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Vigil: Christ the King
- Sunday, 22 November: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
- Monday, 23 November: St Clement I, Pope & Martyr, St Columban, Abbot
- Tuesday, 24 November: St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs
- Wednesday, 25 November: St Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
- Thursday, 26 November: Weekday in Ordinary Time
- Friday, 27 November: Weekday in Ordinary Time
- Saturday, 28 November: Weekday in Ordinary Time; Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
- Sunday, 29 November: **First Sunday of Advent**

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Rest in Peace – Please pray for the repose of the souls of family & friends, particularly those who have died recently or whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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**November Dead List: **It is now time to provide information for our parish November Dead List. A £10 min stipend is suggested by the bishops of England & Wales. Please clearly print your information using the following

formula: "For the deceased family and friends of ..." The List is kept on view in the Sacred Heart chapel. **Envelopes are available or you can put an envelope in the presbytery mailbox.**

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****Our Parish Needs Your Support:** **The parish continues to need your prayers and financial support and is grateful for the help it is receiving.
Thank you

You can give at church or consider a **standing order** as many facilities do not wish to handle cash. Please contact Duncan at the Parish Admin Office or Phil Brooke (details below). You can donate via our parish website (<https://www.stwilliamofyork.org.uk/>) OR contribute £5 by **texting** CHURCH MORLEY to 70500.

****If paying by cheque, please make payment to Parish of St William of York – **now our official name.**

New Offertory Envelopes (2020/21) - New envelopes are in the Narthex. If your box is not there, please contact Duncan (details by the boxes) or one of the Stewards who can give you a form to complete; this will help to update your details in parish records. Your box then will be provided.

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HCPT Annual Christmas Draw: Tickets on sale in the Narthex. Please put stubs and money in envelopes provided: £1 per ticket, £10 per book of 10 tickets. 1st prize: £4,000, 2nd prize £1,000, 3rd prize £750, 25 runners up prizes of £20.

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Autumn Fayre: This year we will have a virtual fete. We will miss seeing others in person. So on Saturday 21 November, please make yourself a cup of tea, perhaps a slice of cake and remember friends and fellow

parishioners. Let's hope and pray we can celebrate together before much longer!

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****No Peru Commission Appeal This Year:** **This year, please support the people of Peru with your prayers. Any donations received can still be forwarded to the Peru Commission.

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****Sycamore for Young People:** **The Youth Service are delighted to invite you to Sycamore, an online series of short films and discussions for young people aged 13-17 exploring the Catholic faith and what it means for us today. The sessions will be taking place on Wednesday from 4:30pm-6pm on Zoom. For more information/to register, please email youth@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

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Walk with Me: Given the current situation, the Parish is not able to provide the booklets this year. If you wish to order a copy for yourself or others, the contact details are: 01782 745 600, booksales@alivepublishing.co.uk or www.alivepublishing.co.uk

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Right of Life: Sadly abortion is currently available in the UK right up to birth for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot. All of these conditions 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 will change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. You can find out more about the Bill and the families supporting it at www.standupandsmile.org.uk Please write to your MP asking them to support this sensible piece of legislation

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****Missio Advent Reflections: ****Fridays in Advent at 10.30am, online.
Reflections on the Sunday Gospels. Poster attached

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PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust): Christmas 2020 is going to be a very difficult time for many people. About 80,000 men in prison and some 4,000 women will be 'locked down' in one of the 117 prisons in England and Wales, and with very minimal family contact. Some 89,000 children will have at least one parent in prison at this special time. PACT has established a Christmas Gift Scheme to help strengthen links between imprisoned parents and their children. In past years the Scheme has involved gift parcels but this year, for obvious reasons, it is simpler to ensure that a BOOK TOKEN FOR £10 is sent in a Christmas card from the parent to the child. This is called ****OPERATION ELF.** ****If you would like to participate in this scheme, please send £10 book tokens (with Christmas designs) to: OPERATION ELF PACT 29 PECKHAM RD LONDON SE5 8UA. More information about Operation Elf and contact details are available on the website www.prisonadvice.org.uk . (November 23 is the closing date for Elf delivery and organisation..!)**

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****Friends of the Holy Land - Silent Nights in Bethlehem: ****You are invited by the charity Friends of the Holy Land, which supports Christians in the Holy Land, to participate in two forthcoming free events:

· 7.00pm, **Thursday 3 Dec.** Zoom session with Peter Rand; he would like to share with you the reality of life with COVID for our Christian brothers and sisters in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

· 10am, ****Saturday 5 Dec. ****Zoom live cookery demonstration of a traditional Palestinian Christmas meal.

For both events, please email Peter
at peter.rand@friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk and he will send you the links.

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At Sea: Awaiting Orders: A book by Fr Colum Kelly. Fr Colum draws us into the lives of those seafarers, details how freight ships are the lifeblood of industry, and illustrates the hugely important role played by the priests, chaplains and lay visitors of Stella Maris. His humour and kindness - and his keen sense of the whimsical - will keep you reading, and will leave you with a smile on your face. Learn more about the hidden world of shipping today! With foreword by Rose George, author of Ninety Percent of Everything. Available on Amazon.

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Catholic Care

· **Community Response Service:** Are you finding lockdown isolating and would welcome some support? Catholic Care have organised a number of initiatives that are designed to help. We have weekly relax and revive sessions, a telephone befriending service or an online social group with different themes and speakers each week. For more details contact Catholic Care 0113 3885400 or Janet 07739 975008.

· **Community Markets:** The COVID-19 pandemic is bringing untold economic hardship, the impact of which is leaving many feeling unable to feed their families for the first time. Supporting families positively with dignity is the aim of our Community Markets. If you are interested in supporting us with this work please contact Janet Kent 07739 975 008 janet.kent@catholic-care.org.uk.

· **Relax and Revive :** Join Janet Kent from Catholic Care every Monday afternoon at 4pm for a friendly online relaxation group. For more information call Janet on 07739975008. Just cut and paste the link below to

join in. Sessions will last 30 minutes. Join Zoom Meeting: Meeting ID: 742 8178 5015 , Passcode: 9Td1UL

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74281785015?pwd=cnBQbzFZemYrNjFRUTZmdzVkaU5yUT09>

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****Catholic Care Vacancies: ****New and exciting senior management opportunities, at the heart of a charity that has supported vulnerable people for over 150 years. Catholic Care are looking to appoint the following; all positions are permanent 37 hours full time based at Head Office in Headingley, Leeds, Closing date 27 Nov:

- Adult Learning Disability Senior Manager
- Senior Manager for Older people's Services

For more information go to www.catholic-care.org.uk or email recruitment@catholic-care.org.uk

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CDSS (Catholic Diocesan Supply Service): The service has developed and we have since worked with Angela Cox and Rob Barraclough to develop the service and offering to schools. We are always looking at different ways of attracting new teachers and support staff to our register.

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****St. Anthony's Teaching School: Schools Direct 2020 – 2021: ****Do you want to train to be an Early Years or Primary 5-11 School Teacher? St. Anthony's Teaching School are recruiting for our School Direct Teacher Training Programme. Please contact Andrew Bove on **0113 2776944** or e-mail a.bove@stanthonysleeds.org.uk for further details. More information is also available on www.stanthonysteachingschool.co.uk

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Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Leeds: KS2 Class Teacher (Maternity Cover) Required from January 2021. Closing Date: Friday 4 December. Further info at <https://www.eteach.com/job/lower-ks2-class-teacher-1121977>. More information attached.

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Events at the Briery

1. The Briery Retreat Centre: 'The Gift of Jesus – Advent Unwrapped' an Advent Day of Recollection given by Fr Dennis Cassidy, Friday 4 December and repeated on Saturday 5 December. The suggested offering is £32.00 per person, to include a 2-course lunch. To book a place please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com

2. The Briery Retreat Centre: 'The Ever-Coming God' an Advent Preached Retreat given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp beginning Friday 11 December until Sunday 13 December. The suggested offering for the weekend is £175.00 per person, to include all meals. To book a place please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: 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.

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The newsletter and Pause for Thought are now reaching 300 email addresses. They can also be found at our parish website:<https://www.stwilliamofyork.org.uk/>

Please share this message with your email friends and suggest they may wish to receive our electronic communications. Also consider someone who is housebound or self-isolating. They may wish to be

added to the email list – or to get some news via their letterbox if they have no other access.

If you would like to be added to the parish mailing list please contact the Parish Admin. Office office.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

The mail list is purely for parish purposes. If you would prefer to be removed please contact the Parish Admin
Office office.stwilliam.morley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Check our website at <https://www.stwilliamofyork.org.uk/> to book in for attendance at Mass, get all the latest news and see options to donate online

You can contact the Parish Office at :

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