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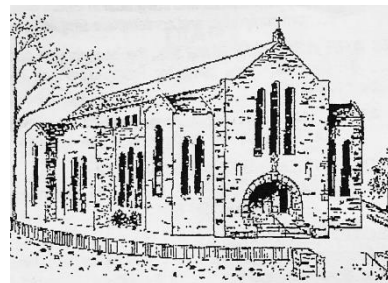


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Solemnity of Christ the Universal King - 22nd November, 2020

There are no public Masses during this new period of lockdown. However, both St Malachy's and St Columba's churches are open for **private prayer from 10.00am to 12noon on Saturday mornings.**

During lockdown a weekly reflection will be posted on the website. It is now possible to read this reflection or listen to it through the YouTube link.

This week Fr Michael will celebrate Mass for the following Intentions:

- Sunday 22nd People of the Parishes
- Monday 23rd Birthday Thanksgiving - Mavis Jackson
- Tuesday 24th Reception Mass for Thomas McDonagh
- Wednesday 25th Requiem Mass for Thomas McDonagh
- Thursday 26th Intentions of Marina Armstrong & Paul Burnley
- Friday 27th Special Intention
- Saturday 28th Joseph McQuinn



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Margaret Burke
Bernard Lister
Marie West
Stuart Ridley

Rosina Iwasczuk
Fawzia Mohammed
Rosaline Walsh
Sue Thomas

Fr. Joe Finan
Juliana Ijezie
Rose Rothery
Gareth Bird

LATELY DEAD:

Thomas McDonagh

Patrick Berry

Eamonn Dunne

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph McQuinn

Season of Advent.

Advent starts next weekend. To help with our preparations to welcome Christ anew into our lives, Sean will post a special Advent Reflection each weekend until Christmas. These can be found on the website, website address above.

Following Lockdown.

As soon as Public Worship resumes after lockdown our Masses will recommence following the pattern we have established over the summer. Don't forget to use the Eventbrite booking system for Track and Trace.

Day of Confessions.

The clergy of the Deanery will be available to hear Confessions in a Covid Secure manner at St. Mary's Church on Saturday
19th December, 9.00am – 5.30pm.

Christmas Arrangements.

Recognising the challenges social distancing places on the capacity of church buildings and the need for sanitization of the buildings between Masses, the Bishops have suggested that parishioners may wish to attend Mass for Christmas at any time during the Christmas Octave (i.e. from 25th December – January 1st). We are fortunate to be able to accommodate up to 90 people at any single Mass at St Malachy's Church and therefore six Masses will be celebrated over the four days of Christmas as follows:

Thursday 24 th	Christmas Eve	5.00pm
Friday 25 th	Christmas Day	9.00am & 11.00am
Saturday 26 th	Feast of the Holy Family	6.30pm
Sunday 27 th	Feast of the Holy Family	9.00am & 11.00am

Places can be reserved through Eventbrite on the website in due course

Overgate Hospice: Light up A Light.

This year the usual pre-Christmas services will be replaced by an online service at 6.00pm on Sunday 13th December on the Hospice's social media channels. Lights on the Light up a Life Tree can be dedicated in memory of a loved one. Contact the hospice directly with your names and donations.

Help protect babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot.

Abortion is currently available in the UK, right up to birth, for babies with cleft lip, cleft palate and club foot, all conditions which 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 aims to change the law to clarify that cleft palate, cleft lip, and club foot are not grounds for abortion in the UK. Can you help with getting your MP to support the Bill? Please visit www.standpandsmile.org.uk to email your MP asking them to support the Bill.

Events at the Briery Retreat Centre, Ilkley.

- 'The Gift of Jesus – Advent Unwrapped' an Advent Day of Reflection given by Fr Dennis Cassidy, Friday 4th December and repeated on Saturday 5th December. The suggested offering is £32.00 per person, to include a 2-course lunch.
 - 'The Ever-Coming God' an Advent Preached Retreat given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, CSSp beginning Friday 11th December until Sunday 13th December. The suggested offering for the weekend is £175.00 per person, to include all meals.
- To book a place on either of these please contact The Briery on 01943 607287 or email: briery@btconnect.com
- 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.