

ALL SAINTS, HASSOP (DE45 1NS) and ENGLISH MARTYRS, BAKEWELL (DE45 1DA)

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Last Sunday's collection: Envelopes £275.00 Loose Plate £115.99 Total £390.99

Retiring Collection for Christmas Preparations £93.00

Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both churches for use by parishioners and visitors. Please use!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday evenings: Hassop/Bakewell: 5.30 p.m.

Hassop/Bakewell on request.

Week commencing Sunday, 25th December 2011

Saturday	24 th	6.00 p.m. 9.00 p.m.	Bakewell Hassop	Parishioners Carols followed by Mass	Mass of Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning
Sunday	25 th	10.00 a.m.	Bakewell	Deacon John	
Monday	26 th	11.30 a.m.	Hassop	Charles Finch RIP (K C)	St Stephen
Tuesday	27 th	NO MORNING SERVICES ON THESE DAYS			St John Evangelist
Wednesday	28 th				Holy Innocents
Thursday	29 th				Christmas Octave
Friday	30 th				Holy Family
Saturday	31 st				6.15 p.m.
Sunday	1 st	10.00 a.m.	Bakewell	Parishioners	

The Advent period comes to a close this weekend as we once again welcome the Feast of Christmas – that is, the Mass of Christ – and bring the present year to a close. It has been a long and difficult year for some of us and in particular our Advent season proved harder than previous times, I feel. However, the Christmas period is for the followers of Christ a time to welcome moments of grace, moments of renewed faith and moments of trust in the Emmanuel of our prayer, our hope, our faith and even our love.

This year we shall miss Deacon John for all those things he did to help the parish but, like us, he too was a pilgrim in a Pilgrim Church and we go forward into 2012 hoping to become better witnesses of Christ's message in the world. To do this we really do need each other; we do need to identify with a community.

Every year on January 1st we are invited to pray for and reflect on the theme of peace in our own lives and in our world. Many years ago Pope Paul VI inaugurated January 1st as a day of prayer for world peace and succeeding Popes have maintained this tradition. We shall remember this need at our weekend Masses next Saturday and Sunday.

To you all – regular parishioners, visitors, friends, your families and to people of good will – I offer Christmas greetings and prayers and I hope that our New Year will be one of grace and peace for the future. I once again thank all those parishioners, family members and friends who have been so helpful to me over the weeks and months of 2011.

Fr Hugh

Ministries weekend of 31st December/1st January

	Hassop	Bakewell
E. Ministers	M. Allsop	J&R Burkey
Readers	C. Allsop, G. Bigg	L. Brooks, E. Marsh
Welcomers	A&B O'Connor	E. Marsh
Counters	This week: TMM	Next week: GSS

Next Weekend is First Sunday weekend and, also, New Year! The Vigil Mass at Hassop 6.15pm and Sunday morning in Bakewell at 10.00am. Forewarned is ... forewarned! No excuses and no dodging – New Year resolution, we hope.

Also, next weekend we shall have a retiring collection for the work of *Pax Christi* which will be sent to their London national office.

As we enter January 2012 please make a note of:

The Epiphany will be celebrated the weekend of 7-8th Jan.

The Baptism of the Lord is on 9th January and with this feast we bring the Christmas period to its close.

4th St Vincent de Paul meeting after morning Mass

15-22nd week of prayer for Christian Unity opens with evening prayer at the Friends Meeting House in Bakewell (on 15th) at 6.00pm

18th SVP meeting after morning Mass

19th Social Committee meets at 2.00pm in presbytery

19th At 7.30pm PPC meets in presbytery

26th Parish Finance Committee meets at 7.30pm

Sick and Housebound: We remember Patricia Turner, Christina Gentis, Stella Clegg, Cliff Mann, Michael & Shirley Plant, Chris Holmes along with all the sick of our families and friends.

Anniversaries: – We pray this week especially for John Dougherty, John Gannon, Fr Frank Moran CSSp and Fr John Gilroy CSSp. **May their souls rest in peace**

Many thanks once again to all who have helped with our preparations for Christmas – our two churches very well cleaned, cribs brought out from darkness unto light, silverware polished and spruced up, Christmas decorations in both churches and so much happening behind the scenes. And, of course, the choir has had an extremely busy time recently but they did manage a visit to Brooklands Nursing Home the other afternoon and they saw Stella Clegg. Many, many thanks to all who have helped.

Donations for the Altar Missal from parishioners in memory of Deacon John can be made for the next 2 weeks. We will also be getting some new Daily Missals when these are published in February. We still have three of the Sunday Missals for 2012 Year B cycle unsold.

Tom & Monica Martyn send greetings to us from their holiday island in the Caribbean! They Skyped the other evening and were anxious to have all the news so they must be missing us!

Hassop Parking at the Stables (where many of us park!) might be easier if we follow a system of parking cars diagonally rather than one after the other. We may need somebody to guide us to follow this new method but it could lead to more cars being parked in a very limited space.