

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

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

Hassop/Bakewell on request.

Week commencing Sunday, 29th December 2013

Day	Date	Time	Location	Parishioners	Feast
Saturday	28 th	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Parishioners	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	29 th	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Jaqueline Mason RIP (D M)	
Monday	30 th	9.30 a.m.	Hassop	C S Sp Intention (+)	6 th day in Christmas Octave
Tuesday	31 st	9.30 a.m.	Bakewell	C S Sp Intention (H D)	St Sylvester
Wednesday	1 st	10.30 a.m.	Hassop	Deceased Clergy of Parish (E H)	Mary Mother of God
Thursday	2 nd	9.30 a.m.	Bakewell	Chris Holmes RIP (C R)	Ss Basil and Gregory
Friday	3 rd	11.30 a.m.	Hassop	Bernard Nicklin RIP (R H)	Most Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday	4 th	6.15 p.m.	Hassop	Billy Whelan RIP (M G)	Epiphany of Our Lord
Sunday	5 th	10.00 a.m.	Bakewell	Parishioners	

I wish you all a very Happy New Year. Pope Francis has written a message for New Year's Day which is a day of prayer for World Peace. There will be Mass at 10.30am in Hassop and there will be a collection to help the peace work of Pax Christi which is an NGO engaged in the work of peace and promotes non-violence. If you are interested in knowing more about Pax Christi, do look up their website. The work of peace is so difficult and so demanding in these days where violence seems to be the first recourse of people and some governments towards solving conflict situations. As followers of the One who taught "Blessed are the peacemakers ... they shall be called children of God", we can never give up on looking for peaceful solutions in the world and in our families too.

Besides wishing you a Peaceful New Year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a profound "thank you" to all who helped in the parish as we brought the Year of Faith to a close, celebrated the Advent Season, prepared for Christmas and the New Year. There is a lot that has to take place behind the scenes and for this I depend heavily on a core group who serve the parish with great generosity and dedication. Like me, they are not getting any younger and they feel the strain of all the extra work – Crib figures from the hidden recesses, ceremonies, music, decorations, flower purchases & arrangements, altar servers and a lot more besides – have to be held together. Thank you again for your help. A special word of thanks is due to those who arranged the Christmas Eve Mass for children and provided refreshments afterwards. Thanks to the choir's contribution to the carol service and Mass of Christmas that we celebrated in Hassop followed by a lovely gathering in the parish rooms put together by the Social Committee. Thanks to all!

Lastly, I would also like to thank you for your kindness to me over the Christmas period and for your expressions of gratitude – some verbal and many in writing. My thanks for your thoughtfulness and for the prayers, gifts, cards, items of clothing, pies, chocs, cheeses, Christmas offerings, bottles of "holy water", which will help visitors to remember their Hassop visit, and all your signs of friendship as we try to keep our little parish together propter Regnum Dei – for God's glory.

Thank you very much! May our 2014 be blessed and may the Peace of Christ reign in our hearts, Fr Hugh

Ministries weekend of 4th/5th January

	Hassop	Bakewell
E. Ministers	B. Cain	E. Hague, M. Etchells
Readers	J. Peel, L. Elliot	L. Armory, M. Trend
Welcomers	C&T Kilbride	L. Elliot
Counters	This week: TSF	Next week: AJWF

This weekend Bishop Malcolm writes to us all.

Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated the weekend of 4-5th January.

The feast of the Baptism of the Lord is celebrated the weekend of 11-12th Jan. and with this feast the Christmas Season comes to a close ... you might think it will be enough by the time we reach the Epiphany!

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated in January every year. The opening service will be in the Parish Church Bakewell at 6.00pm on 19th

Don't forget to put in to your new diaries the following meetings: in February – 6th Liturgy Committee, 11th Finance Committee; in March – 19th PPC meets and its other meetings are planned for 25th June with the A G M planned for 12th October. Father has to plan around these dates: do you do the same? Father would be very interested to know!

Financial news – it always catches the eye! You will be very pleased to know that the parish has been informed of our latest Gift Aid returns. £1,750.01 has been credited to the parish account through the Diocesan Gift Aid office. Our thanks to Nigel for keeping this corner together and, of course, our thanks to all who use this system by which the parish gets a little extra from the Chancellor. Our weekly loose plate offerings are gift aidable only to the sum of £5,000 per each place or worship ... and the parish receives nothing if these offerings exceed the target given. Hence, it is important to sign a Gift Aid declaration form.

Words of Pope Paul VI: 'The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus – it is the school of the Gospel. The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning – at once so deep and so mysterious – of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.' [Paul VI – an address given in the Holy Land 1964]

Sick and Housebound: Jenny Lovett, Patricia Turner, Cliff Mann, Shirley Plant, David Hurd, Alan Peers and Peggy Johnson. We remember also our parishioners not mentioned in the parish newsletter in our Sunday Eucharist.

Anniversaries: – We pray this week especially for Frs Frank Moran John Gilroy CSSp, Christina Gentis (1st Anniv. and we welcome her son, Edgar) and Rita Mann (4th Anniv.).

May their souls rest in peace