

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, 21st December 2014

Saturday	20 th	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Mary F Greensmith RIP (K H)	4th Sunday in Advent
Sunday	21 st	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Richard Taylor RIP (J N M)	
Monday	22 nd	9.30 a.m.	Hassop	Parishioners	Advent Feria
Tuesday	23 rd	9.30 a.m.	Bakewell	Anne Boyer (KGMcGI)	Advent Feria
Wednesday	24 th	6.00 p.m. Bakewell 9.00 p.m. Hassop 9.30 p.m. Hassop		Children's Christmas Mass Carols followed by 'Midnight' Mass	(Parishioners) Christmas Eve (Celebrant's Intentions)
Thursday	25 th	10.00 a.m. Bakewell		Deceased parish clergy (E H)	Christmas Day
Friday	26 th	11.30 a.m.	Hassop	C S Sp Intention	St Stephen
Saturday	27 th	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Billy Whelan RIP (M K G)	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	28 th	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Oravec Janos + Magdolna RIP	

Ministries weekend of 27th/28th December

	Bakewell	Hassop		E. Ministers	Readers
E. Ministers	P. Peel	L. Elliot, N. Harney	Christmas Eve 6pm	L. Elliot	Young People
Readers	H. Hoare, J. Peel	J. Hespe, A. Howlings	Christmas Eve 9.30pm	C&M Allsop	T. Harding, M. Etchells
Welcomers	P. Greenhalgh	Smith Family	Christmas Day	A. Shimwell	
Counters	21 st Dec: MPTC	28 th Dec: MJWF			

Ministries for Christmas

Today, Friday 19th December, I went to St Mary's School Chesterfield for their end-of-term School Mass. There were about 700 students present along with many staff members. Sister Susan, the school chaplain and the R E staff members had put a lot of preparation into this celebration and I was very impressed with the level of participation on the part of the students with the final hymn **"Silent Night"** being sung in German by a student to remind us of the "spontaneous" and "unofficial" truce that took place between the German and allied forces on that first Christmas in World War I. The soldiers, we are told, played football and even exchanged gifts with each other. I like to think that this spontaneous gesture shows really our true dispositions as (a) human beings and (b) as God's family living side-by-side in our parish community. Spontaneous gestures can show a true generosity of heart and quite often it is such gestures that have a great impact on us, on our families, on our parish community and on those around us.

Christmas is a remembering of that great and really amazing event when the spontaneous generosity of God flowed over to become incarnate in our world in Christ. The Advent Season has reminded us of all those different messengers who were instruments in bearing witness to this movement of God's love and the flow of redeeming grace – this is the plan of God for us – not our plan for God to do something for us at our command! It is beautiful to see spontaneous acts in kindness, in neighbourly support, in serving the parish community and I am very grateful for all those spontaneous acts that remind me that people do care and do want to fulfil their own different vocations in the Church and in the parish community. Thank you then for all that you do to remind us of that spontaneous love and support that is a gospel value in our lives. Like the Church's **'Year of Grace'**, it never really comes to an end but is constantly renewed.

To you, to your families & visitors, to the visitors celebrating their Christmas with us in the parish,
I wish you all a Very Happy Christmas, Fr Hugh

Grateful thanks to all who joined us last Saturday for our Advent Penitential Service. Members of the Liturgy Committee will offer a report at their next meeting.

This weekend Ruby & Agnes will make their First Communion together at the evening Mass in Bakewell.

Parish 100 Club draw took place last Sunday: the lucky winners were B Hespe, R Greaney and M Fountain. Again, thanks to those parishioners who meet together in the parish rooms, enjoy a bit of fun and friendship although, unfortunately, **not** everybody can win every month!

Mike Pilling has written to Bill McDermott about the Big Bike Ride next year. If more people are interested, please make a note of the dates viz. 3rd-5th July and ask Bill for more information or get in touch with Crich.

Parish Social Committee met last Thursday and again expressed thanks for all your support for the Christmas Fair. The plan is to hold it again in Hassop next year!

Clergy Christmas Offerings – envelopes available in both churches along with your weekly envelope offerings.

Don't forget Sunday Missals, 2015 diaries, church postcards along with the papers are available to buy. The missals + diaries will soon be taken away to be disposed of so move now if you need them! Also available, are packets of Christmas cards that somebody gave us: they were found in a cupboard ... somebody hoarding them!!!

Furniture available (1) Small antique pine TV cabinet - Width 56cm; Height 45cm; Depth 44cm
(2) Larger antique pine corner TV cabinet – W107cm; H75cm; D50cm
(3) Standard antique pine double bed (without mattress) – headboard width 151cm. More info. from Fr Hugh.

Sick and Housebound: We remember Audrey Brooks, Jenny Lovett, Patricia Turner, Cliff Mann, B J Dillon, Shirley Plant, David Hurd, Peggy Johnson and Eileen Simpson along with all the sick of the parish.

Anniversaries: – We pray this week especially Christine Roper, Tony Furness, Albert Fidler Margaret Everett, Edward Searle Wyke-Smith and Chris Holmes.

May their souls rest in peace.

Last Sunday's collection: Envelopes £157.30 Loose Plate Hassop £43.12 Bakewell £14.81 Total £215.23

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

Retiring Collection to help with Christmas preparations for both churches £81.68