



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, 20th December 2015

Saturday	19 th	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Parishioners	4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday	20 th	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Mgr James Hagan CSSp (Anniv.) A F	
Monday	21 st	9.30 a.m.	Hassop	Wm Hogan RIP (M E D)	Advent Feria
Tuesday	22 nd	9.30 a.m.	Bakewell	Josie O'Sullivan RIP	Advent Feria
Wednesday	23 rd	9.30 a.m.	Hassop	Donors' Intentions (M E D)	Advent Feria
Thursday	24 th	6.00 p.m. Bakewell 9.00 p.m. Hassop		Parishioners Celebrant's Intentions	Children's Christmas Mass Christmas Night Mass
Friday	25 th	10.00 a.m. Bakewell		Sr Margaret's Intentions	Christmas Day
Saturday	26 th	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Parishioners	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	27 th	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Nicholas Smith RIP (T C K)	

Christmas Ministries

Ministries weekend of 26th /27th December

24 th /25 th Dec	Readers	E. Ministers		Readers	E. Ministers	Welcomers
Bakewell 6pm	Young people	L. Elliot	Bakewell 6.15 p.m.	M. Trend, V. Dooley	L. Elliot	K. Howard
Hassop 9pm	A. Howlings, J. Peel	P. Peel, M. Etchells	Hassop 10.00 a.m.	A. Shimwell, J. Hespe	A. Shimwell, K. Benson	M&T Martyn
Bakewell 10am	H. Hoare, A. Jenkins	A. Shimwell, E. Hague	Counters	20 th Dec: TSF		27 th Dec: TC

We are on 'count down' to Christmas Day! The Advent season will come to a close on Thursday evening when we have the first Mass of Christmastide. During Advent Pope Francis opened the *Year of Mercy*, Bishop Patrick wrote his pastoral letter to us; we have had our Tuesday evening Advent prayer and our Advent season opened with the invitation to all to attend the Reconciliation service for absolution or a blessing. There will be other invitations offered to us to join more fully in the celebrations and events of parish life and the *Year of Mercy*.

Last week I presided at a funeral service: there were only 4 mourners present. The elderly woman whose funeral it was had lived in Bakewell for some years but was not known in the parish and her name was never mentioned at any of our meetings. It was the smallest funeral I have ever assisted at and it reminded me of 2 funerals I did in the early 1980s. One was for a man called Jack: there were 6 mourners present for his funeral and he himself had little or no contact with parish life. The very next day we had Molly's funeral and the church was packed. Molly had been very engaged in parish life and activities. Whilst it is not for us to judge, it became quite clear to me in that 1980s parish that a parish community gathers to show its appreciation for a parishioner at one of the most solemn prayers of the Church viz. the Funeral Mass. How we live in the community is how we say 'farewell' to each other until we meet again.

Christmas reminds us of our life in Christ Jesus and how central this can be and should be in our lives. I hope you and your families and your visitors have a lovely Christmas and that your Christmas will continue for much more than one day! I wish you all a very Happy and Blessed Christmas, Fr Hugh

Christmas services as above and next weekend's Masses are as we usually have them for Saturday and Sunday.

The choir meets on Monday evening this week

Tuesday evening we have our last Advent Evening Prayer at 7.00pm in Hassop church.

100 Club: this month's winners are B&J Cain (£75), Pat Erskine-Murray (£50) and Helen Ong (£25).

Please look through the Christmas cards left in both churches in case there is one for you.

Many thanks to those who supported the Bakewell Nativity procession last Sunday afternoon

Bakewell @ Work is available in both churches. It gives local news and is very nicely produced. There is some information pertaining to its future, which will be discussed in the New Year. Again, please take a copy home with you.

Refugees and Bakewell ...There are some panels on display in the foyer of the Bakewell Co-op. The display gives some information about Sheffield being the first 'City of Sanctuary' in the U. K. (See **Bakewell @ Work**).

Bakewell Flower Rota – please look in the narthex for the circular that Cynthia has prepared for the helpers.

Edgar Wagner (Christina Gentis' son) sends greetings to us all and will join us for the anniversary Mass for his mother in the New Year.

The 10.00am Mass on Sunday morning will be offered for Bishop James Hagan CSSp: his niece and her husband visited Hassop church some months ago and had a chance meeting with Fr Hugh. Bishop Hagan was the Bishop of Makurdi Diocese in Nigeria and went there in 1929!

Visitors please note we have available–2016 Diocesan Year Book, parish cards and 2016 parish diaries – all priced for you. The diaries and cards will soon be recycled since they have been in the 2 churches for several months.

Christmas clergy offering envelopes are available in both churches and in your weekly boxes.

Sick and Housebound: Patricia Turner, Cliff Mann, Shirley Plant, Mary McNulty, Eileen Simpson, and Michael & Mary. We also remember those in hospital and the many not mentioned here including Anne's son (a parishioner's friend).

Anniversaries: – We pray this week especially for Christine Roper, Tony Furness, Albert Fidler, Margaret Everett and Edward Searle Wyke-Smith. **May their souls rest in peace.**



Last Sunday's collection: Envelopes £154.00 Loose Plate Hassop £94.43 Bakewell £17.00 Total £265.43
in Gift Aid Envelopes are available both churches for use by parishioners and visitors. Please use!
Christmas Flower Collection = Hassop £94.41 Bakewell £52.84 – many thanks!

