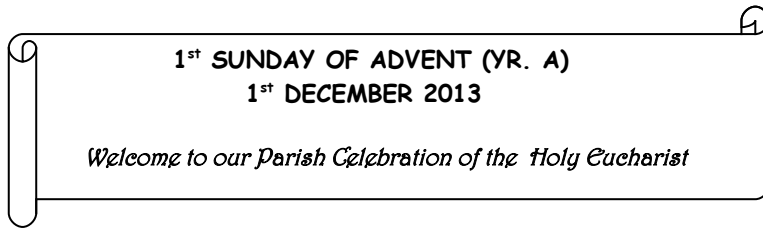


PARISH OF BLESSED EDMUND SYKES
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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday St. Nicholas 6.00pm Paddy Scanlon
Sunday St. Nicholas 9.30am Hyland & Henry Rogers
Our Lady's 11.00am The People of the Parish
Retiring collection for Diocesan Peru Mission.

DURING THE WEEK

Monday St. Nicholas 9.00am Agnes Cunningham
Tuesday Our Lady's 9.00am Donor's Intentions
St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday St. Nicholas 9.10am Paddy Lynskey
Our Lady's 10.40am Funeral Service for Christine Smith R.I.P.
Thursday Our Lady's 9.00am Donor's Intentions
Friday St. Nicholas 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am In Thanksgiving
St. Nicholas
Saturday No morning Mass
Confessions 5.00 to 5.45pm and at other times by request
Vigil St. Nicholas 6.00pm Conor Boyle

ADVENT GATHERINGS - GIPTON CHURCHES Thursdays 7.30 to 9.00pm in Gipton Methodist Church. All welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEK

St. Nicholas & Our Lady's £1033.77
Youth Service £144.07
Thank you for your generosity,



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

6.00pm D. Cassidy, G. Gray
9.30am W. Whitelow, J. Scanlon, S. Fitzsimmons
11.00am M. Robson, L. Roche, S. Hyland

READERS

6.00pm P. Diamond
9.30am G. Ani
11.00am D. Graves, H. Bryson

ADVANCE NOTICE - CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve Vigil - St. Nicholas 6.00pm
Midnight - Our Lady's
Christmas Day - St. Nicholas 10.00am

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 4 weeks preparing for the coming of Christ. It is a time to see our life for what it is and to acknowledge our failures.

FRIDAY IS THE FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS - He was Bishop of Myra which is now known as Turkey. He died in the 4th century in eastern Europe and was known for his charity and care as a Bishop. He is the patron of our church in Gipton.

ST. NICHOLAS CHRISTMAS FAIR - Don't forget that next Saturday the 7th is the Parish Christmas Fair. We have the usual stalls with some new additional stalls. It is never too late to donate any items. Please bring them to church or drop them off at the presbytery during the week. We especially ask for gifts for the new Chocolate Tombola and jewellery stall. On Friday evening (6th) we will be in the hall laying out the tables and preparing for the day. Any help would be very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing you on the day and hopefully you will not be disappointed. Tell the children that Santa will be arriving at 12.30pm. Please make sure that all Raffle tickets and monies are returned during the week. There are some posters in the porch, please take one.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE in St. Nicholas on Wednesday 18th December from 7-8pm with visiting priests.

GIPTON CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVENT LUNCHES - Please see posters and flyers in church porch.

RED MISSION BOXES (ST. NICHOLAS) - Would you please bring your mission boxes in. I will be collecting the boxes before the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. This includes the people who kindly took a box in June. If this is not convenient then telephone 07946 348522 and I will collect the box from you or make other arrangements. Luke.
Also please bring Red Mission Boxes to church at Our Lady's as soon as possible.

LEEDS MALE VOICE CHOIR present Christmas Magic an extravaganza of seasonal favourites, carols and festive music at Holy Trinity Church, Boar Lane on Saturday 14th December at 7.30pm. See posters and flyers.

MASS INTENTIONS RECEIVED THIS WEEK - **Lately Dead:** Bernard Batt. **Anniversaries:** Agnes Cunningham, John Rodgers, Margaret O'Neill, Ann Marie Clarke, Tom Gallagher, Kathleen & Michael Mullen. **Also for:** Donor's Intentions (2), Jack Shaw, Carolyn Wilkinson, Violet Fell, Robert Fell, Alf Patterson, Nella Cicone, Paddy Keo, Thomas & Mary Ann Buckley & Bridie.

Thought for the week
Deal with the failings of others
as gently as your own.

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