**SACRED HEART, HOWDEN AND ST JOSEPH & ST THOMAS, GOOLE**

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**Week Commencing 17th December, 2023**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/Year B**

**(GAUDETE SUNDAY)**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers.

Many thanks to all who have helped to put up the outdoor cribs at St Joseph’s and Sacred Heart – much appreciated.

Please stay behind today to help decorate the Christmas tree at Sacred Heart.

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| Date | Time | Place | Service/Event | Intentions |
| Sat. 16th December | 4.30pm-5.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Exposition | |
| 5.30pm | St. Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | RIP. Emily May Cannings (YBS) |
| Sun. 17th December | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | People of the Parish |
| 11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP. Ann Wottge |
| Mon. 18th December | No Mass | | | |
| Tues. 19th December | NB. No Morning Mass, No Exposition | | | |
| 6.00pm | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. Fr. Geoffrey Parfitt (3rd anniv.) |
| Wed. 20th December | 10.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP. Fr. Francis Carroll (9th anniversary on Christmas Day) |
| 1.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Funeral Service | RIP. CYNTHIA MARIA ELSIE HOLMES (LD) |
| 2.00pm | Burial at Hook Road Cemetery, Goole. | | |
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| Thurs. 21st December | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. Philip Hunt (LD) |
| 10.30am-11.00am | Sacred Heart | Confessions | |
| Fri. 22nd December | 10.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP. Fr. Bernard Battle (2nd anniv.) |
| 10.30am-11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Confessions | |
| Sat. 23rd December | 8.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. John and Margaret Groves |
| 4.30pm-5.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Exposition | |
| 5.30pm | St. Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sun. 24th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. Frederick, Kathleen and Adrian Jackson |
| 11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | Intentions of Mrs. Evans, for loss of her husband, David |
| CHRISTMAS 2023 | | | | |
| SUNDAY 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE | 5.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Carol singing | |
| 5.30pm | St. Joseph’s | VIGIL MASS OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | RIP. Fr. Donal O’Leary |
| MONDAY 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. Thomas and Ellen Scarcliffe |
| 11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | People of the Parish |

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT THIS WEEK

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| Sacred Heart | NONE on Tuesday | 9.15am on Thursday |
| St. Joseph’s | 9.15am on Wednesday | 9.15am on Friday |

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND: Please pray for them.

Damian Ainscough, Anna Barszc, Christopher Brown, Fr Don Clements, Patience Dare, Carol Dent, Anne Hayward, Eileen Hodgson, Dorothy Kershaw, Anthony Margrave, Jean McAndrew, Bernard Rook, Ken Rumney, Timmy Ryan, Kevin and Catherine Thornton, Alison Urquhart, Margaret Watson and all those who are ill and would like to remain anonymous.

FIRST SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

A big thank you to Catherine, Barbara, Mary, Julia, Hilary and Nicola, and all who have helped prepare our children for the First Sacrament of Reconciliation and for assisting with the beautiful services last Friday and Saturday at St Joseph’s. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ST JOSEPH’S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets are now on sale. All proceeds will go towards the cost of St Joseph’s Garden Project. Any donations of prizes would be very welcome. Thank you. The Raffle will be drawn at some time this week. Thanks to Eileen and Yvonne and all helpers with this.

OFFERINGS BY STANDING ORDER

Those of you who wish to give offerings to the parish by Standing Order (if you are not already doing) will need these details: HSBC: 40-27-15 ACCOUNT NO: 31017373 ACCOUNT NAME: DIOCESE OF LEEDS

A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

Mary, Our Lady of Kiev, Mother of God,  
we ask you to intercede for the people of Ukraine,  
for their government,  
and all who suffer as a result of war  
Be with them as you stood beside your Son,  
suffering on the Cross at Calvary.  
Give them strength and courage through faith, hope and justice.  
May we, in our turn,  
support them to prayer and generosity  
that human lives may be saved,  
that the injured may be healed,  
that the dead may rest in peace,  
that there will be peace after war.  
Amen.