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

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**Week Commencing 24th December, 2023**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT/Year B**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is a Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. The joy of the infant Jesus, Mary and Joseph be with you and your families, and in your homes. Thanks to all who have helped clean and decorate our churches for Christmas, and made them look so festive.

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| Date | Time | Place | Service/Event | Intentions |
| Sat. 23rd December | 4.30pm-5.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Exposition | |
| 5.30pm | St. Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | People of the Parish |
| Sun. 24th December | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. Frederick, Kathleen and Adrian Jackson. |
| 11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | Intentions of Mrs. Evans, for the loss of her husband, David. |
| Sun. 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 |
| Mon. 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 |
| (There is no evening Mass on Christmas Day in our parish.) | | | |
| Tues. 26th December | (No Mass in the parish today.) | | | |
| Wed. 27th December  ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST, Feast. | 10.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP. Fr. Robert Whiteside (first anniversary on 24th Dec. 2023) |
| Thurs. 28th December | 10.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | Intentions of Ann Canavan |
| 10.30am-10.50am | Sacred Heart | Confessions | |
| Fri. 29th December  ST THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP AND MARTYR, Feast. | (No Mass in the parish today.)  (No Confessions). | | | |
| Sat. 30th December  SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD | 8.00am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. Canon Peter Maguire (7th Anniversary on 29th Dec. 2023) |
| 4.30pm-5.00pm | St. Joseph’s | Exposition | |
| 5.30pm | St. Joseph’s | Vigil Mass | People of the parish |
| Sun. 31st December  THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (Feast) | 9.30am | Sacred Heart | Mass | RIP. H. H. Pope Benedict XVI (first anniversary) |
| 11.00am | St. Joseph’s | Mass | RIP. Kathleen, Ronald, Stephen and Michael Coolledge. |

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 | NONE 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 on Friday and Saturday 8th & 9th December 2023 at St Joseph’s. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

God of all gifts,

we thank you for the many ways

you have blessed us this day.

We are grateful for each one

gathered around our table.

Bless the food and the company we share.

Bless those we love who are not with us today.

In gratitude we remember your humble birth

into our lives,

and pray for those without enough to eat.

We remember the stable in which you were born,

and pray for those with no place to live.

Help us to ensure that our praying hands

become caring hands,

following the example of Jesus your Son,

born to us this Christmas time.

Amen.