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ST MARY OSBALDESTON 29th NOVEMBER 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.

CHURCH WILL REOPEN NEXT SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER with MASS AT 11.00am

CHURCH So it is out of lockdown and into Tier 3. Is it a case of "Out of the frying pan and into the fire." ? A sense of "been there before. So what is new." When COVID started we were anxious and fearful. We had never been down this road before. Normal life and routines came to an abrupt halt. We could not make plans. Easter came and Easter went. Now we begin our journey to Christmas a little more subdued than in past years. We know it will be different from the usual family Christmases of past years. Today Jesus tells us to "stay awake." So don't let life slip you by. Face into the coming weeks. Do what you can and keep an eye out for those around you. As Pope Francis said " In this time of tribulation and mourning, I hope that you will be able to experience Jesus, who comes to meet you, greets you and says 'Rejoice.'

MASS INTENTIONS John Moore, For Jude.

COLLECTIONS Graveyard Donations **£20, £400** (Davies Family). Parish Donation **£20.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME A timetable has now been drawn up for those who should have made their First Holy communion last June.

OPTION A Families can bring their child to a Sunday Mass on the Weekends of January and February (2 families per Mass and parents and siblings only).

OPTION B There will be 2 celebration Masses on Sat 12th March and Sat 19th March here in St. Mary's at 12 noon for those who have not made their communion by then. Each Mass is limited to 8 families and parents and siblings only. Parents are asked to contact the school with their preferred option. Both options are on a " first come, first served " basis.

CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available in church when we come out of lockdown. Once again the cards are being sold for the charity **AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED** which supports catholic communities in many parts of the world who are being persecuted for being Catholic.

POSADA Due to the Covid restrictions we are unable to do this in person as we normally would, so this year we will host the Posada journey virtually around the parish via Zoom, WhatsApp video, FaceTime or telephone. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph for one night on their journey then please sign up using this link: <https://www.stmaryschurchlangho.org/parish-posada-sign-up.html> In order to host the Virtual Posada overnight, you will need your own Mary, Joseph and donkey crib figures (or alternatively if you are feeling creative you could make your own figures or even use a scene from a Christmas card) as well as a small candle or battery tea light. We would love you to share a photo of your crib figures either with or without you and your family in the shot that we can then share on the parish website and Facebook page.

CHRISTMAS CHRISTMAS EVE LANGHO Mass 1.00pm, 3.00pm (children's Mass), 6.00pm (children's Mass)

CHRISTMAS EVE OSBALDESTON Mass 2.00pm, 4.00pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY LANGHO Mass at 9.30am

OSBALDESTON Mass at 11.00am.

It will be necessary to book in for Mass in order to keep us legal and avoid a "free for all." Details next week,

We pray for **Danny Barlow, Jane Mary Taylor, Arthur Bibby, Gwen Rawstron, Joanne Newsham, Julie Heyes, Lisa Melody, Father Peter Harvey, Rachel Pilkington, Brian Fisher, Sarah Hybryk, Regina Broadbent, Margaret Pannikar, George Hutchinson, Anne Ainsworth, Ann Marie McKay, Sister Louis Marie, Steve Hindle, Helen Rawlinson, Mandy Southall and all who are sick**

We pray for **Breda Basquill, Lilian Mooney, Basil Southworth** and all who died recently.

We pray for **John Anyon, Kathleen Theresa Brunt, Terry Case, Louis Bennett, Matilda Ballardini, William Clarkson, Mary Agnes Fairclough, Joseph Martin, Walter Heywood, Alan Forrest, James Crook, John Crake, John Casson, Father Michael Walsh.** and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.