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The Art of Advent: Next Saturday (**1st December**) A morning of Advent Reflections and Prayer led by Deacon Bill Burleigh based on great paintings with an Advent theme, including the Last Judgement, the Visitation, John the Baptist and the Annunciation. Gospel readings, music, exploring meanings within famous paintings and prayer. At the Pastoral Centre in Attercliffe (S9 3WU) next Saturday (December 1st) from 10.00 (coffee) until 12 noon. Bring a sandwich if you'd like to reflect further together afterwards. Enjoy and experience a focussed start to the season of Advent. Next reflections around artworks is on Saturday January 4th based on paintings of the Nativity, the Epiphany, the Flight into Egypt and the Baptism of Jesus. More information from Deacon Bill Burleigh (0114 246 2367 or bill.burleigh1@btinternet.com).

Festive Meal: There will be a parish festive meal at The Tabard on **Thursday 6th December** at 6pm. Please contact Mandy on 07894340823 to book a place or speak to Granny Vera.

Community Carol Service: Our Annual Community Carol Service will be held on **Tuesday 11th December** at 6pm in church, followed by refreshments. Please invite your friends, family and neighbours to this lovely occasion.

St Bernard's School special dinner for our senior parishioners: This takes place on the afternoon of the **13th December** from 1-30pm to 2-30pm. Sorry it's a sell out but I will try and get some more tickets. Fr D

Christmas Fun Day: All are welcome to our Christmas Fun Day on **Saturday 15th December** from 2-5pm in the Parish room. This is a fundraiser for Mary's Meals charity which provides 1.3 million meals to children daily around the world. Santa will be there and Christmas crafts and refreshments will be available. The cost is £3 per child to get a gift from Santa in his grotto. All welcome.

Bambinelli Sunday: On the weekend of **15/16December** - the 3rd Sunday of Advent our parish has invited all the children and their families who have been baptised this year to come to mass and be welcomed by the parish community. It also Bambinelli Sunday when all families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their crib to have it blessed during mass. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be served afterwards. If you don't have a Baby Jesus figure don't worry as you will be given one. This was a lovely occasion last year and has now become one of our Advent traditions, everyone is welcome please invite family and friends.

Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to join a hospitality team to provide refreshments at various parish events that are going to take place over the next few weeks. If you have an hour to spare and would like to serve our parish in this valuable way please speak to Tina (07977869594) or Mandy (07894340823). Any offers of help would be much appreciated.

CAFOD: World Gifts booklets are arriving soon! Each World Gift is a real example of CAFOD's work. For example, when you buy our Chirpy Chickens gift for a loved one, you support our work with poor farmers in rural areas.

New Collection Envelopes: The New Collection Envelopes for those who use them regularly are now ready for collecting and are to be used as from the 1st December If you would like to start using the envelopes please speak to Fr Desmond and he will introduce you to the system.

Raffle tickets: Raffle tickets are for sale for Mary's Meals charity which feeds 1.3 million children every day in a school based feeding programme. The tickets are 20 pence each and available at the back of church

The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Herringthorpe Valley Road, Rotherham

25th November 2018

Services this week:

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Sat 24th Nov	Mass	6:00pm	Relief Work after the Keralan Floods
Sun 25th Nov	Mass	9:00am	Marie Kavanagh
Mon 26th Nov		<i>No Mass</i>	Weekday
Tues 27th Nov	Mass	9:00am	Weekday Judy
Wed 28th Nov	Mass	8:30am	Weekday Ethel Eastwood David Barber
Thu 29th Nov	Reception	5:00pm	Weekday
	Funeral Mass	11:15am	David Barber Special Intention
Fri 30th Nov	Mass	7:00pm	St Andrew Edmond Sexton
	Mass	9:30am	Weekday Yorkshire Brethren
Sat 1st Dec	Mass	9:30am	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and
Morning Confession Saturday 10:00am—11:00am
Confession from 5-15pm to 5-45pm

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NOTICES

First Sunday of Advent

Sat 1st Dec Mass 6:00pm Patrick O'Brien
Sun 2nd Dec Mass 9:00am Elizabeth Price

Mass Times at St Gerard's

Monday (26th) 8:30am **Tuesday** No Mass **Wednesday** (28th) 7:00pm
Thursday No Mass **Friday** No Mass **Saturday** No Mass
Sunday (2nd) 11:00am

Please pray for our Parishioners and Friends:

Peggy Ahmed, Joyce Baird, Eric Beaumont, Chris Bell, Kathleen Boyle, Fr Tony Burke, Mary Butler, Rebecca Emmott, David Hague, Jane Kelly, David Lewis, Keith Marshall, Christopher Neal, Monica Price, Paddy Ross, Gareth Scott, Josey Thomas, and for all who suffer physical, mental or emotional pain.
If you wish to ask for prayers for someone who is ill or who has died recently please give details to Mgr Desmond.

Please pray for:

David Barber, Joseph Braithwaite and all those who have died recently. We also pray for Frank Wilson (25th), Katherine Pearson, Tom Bermingham (26th), John Anderson (27th), Andy Horan, Crossland Family, Stack & Bill Duffy, (28th), Antony Thomas, Stanley & Joan Gaynor (29th), Fr Hubert MacNamara, Lewis Bunting, Lucy Morley (30th), Albert Clarke, Dorothy Walker, Kevin Skelly, M.T. Joseph Mukkada (1st) and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. AMEN

*We also pray for
 All who are ill at home, or in hospital, and for those who care for them.*

Readers & 6:00pm	Eucharistic Ministers 6:00pm	25th November 2018 : 9:00am
School children	V Frost C Gould	S Bartholomew N Neal
9:00am C Taylor T Ebbs A Bartholomew	A Dodsworth W Hague A Bermingham	E Clarke J Clarke R Reid

Notices for the Bulletin:

Could all contributions for the bulletin please ensure that notices are received **no later than Thursdays** at immaculateconceptionnews@gmail.com. Thanks. If anyone would like to start receiving bulletins by email, then please email the above account and we will add you to the distribution list.

Readers at Weekend Masses: As Advent marks the beginning of liturgical Year C, copies of the 'Workbook for Lectors ... and Proclaimers of the Word' are available in the storeroom (ie where the hymn books are stored). There are copies available for the person responsible for each of the 1st and 2nd Readings: a set of 2 books each for Saturday and for each Sunday Reader. They need to be available for the following week's Readers so please collect one after the Mass on the weekend before your place on the rota and return it by the beginning of Mass on the day that you are to proclaim the Word. Thank you

Collections: Thank you for last week's offertory collections of £463.12.

100 Club: A reminder that the draw for £100 in the November draw will take place on **Sunday 25th November**. Please make sure you are up to date with your payments so you can claim the prize. Good luck everyone. If you join now you could be in with a shout of winning

Second Collections: Our next second collection will take place this weekend on behalf of the Catholic Youth Service.

The Month of November: This is the traditional time of the year for people to make donations for the celebration of mass for the repose of the Holy Souls. A collection box for donations will be placed in the Lady Chapel along with a diary for people to record the anniversaries of loved ones who will be remembered and prayed for during the 12 months ahead.

Lectio Divina: A four week programme of prayer through Lectio Divina continues on the **29th November** 7-30pm in the parish room. This is an ecumenical project open to anyone who would like to take part and will be supported by parishioners from St Cuthberts, United Reform Church and Broom Methodists. Lectio Divina is a simple method of prayer meaning 'reading with God'. This helps us to be aware and open to God speaking to us through scripture, we listen and then respond.

First Holy Communion Programme Meeting For Parents: There will be a meeting on **Sunday 2nd December** 5pm at St Gerard's meeting room for parents of children who are to make their First Holy Communion during 2019. A second opportunity for parents to attend will take place on **Wednesday 5th December** 7-00pm at St Mary's School.

House Blessing: If you would like to have your house blessed please let Fr Desmond know asap and confirm a date for the blessing.

Sunday Night Café for the Homeless: On **16th December** it's our Parish's turn to provide a meal for the vulnerable and needy in our community. We would like to make this an extra special meal since it is the week before Christmas. We would also like to provide each visitor with a Christmas gift bag. We are asking for donations of hats/gloves, shower gels/bubble baths, chocolates, biscuits etc. Any cash donations would also be appreciated towards the cost of providing the meal. We have collection points at the back of church and at St Mary's School. You may also pass any goods or cash to Mr or Mrs Veal

Jersey Beyond: The concert advertised for the **30th November** has had to be cancelled. This is because Keith Marshall one of the singers, being involved in a car crash. His injuries are serious but we hope and pray that he will make a full recovery.

Wreath Making: Following the success of the wreath making last year we are delighted to offer this opportunity again. Sessions will be held in the parish room on **Friday November 30th** after school and **Saturday December 1st**. A chart is to be found on the notice board at the back of church with all the details. For further information please contact Ann Hurley on 07710647775 or Tina Jenkinson 07977869594. Early booking is es-