



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Castleford



Fourth Sunday of Advent

21/22, 28/29 December 2019



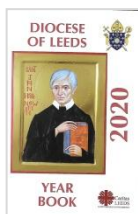
## A HAPPY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!



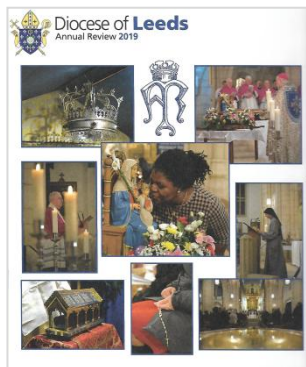
**THE MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY** from Saint Joseph's, Bradford will be broadcast live on BBC1. The Mass begins at 10.00am. The celebrant will be Fr Chris Angel (appropriately enough!).



What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?  
It's Christmas, Eve



**AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF CHURCH** are the new diocesan Year Books for 2020. Like last year, all copies are ringbound and they cost £4.00 each.



**At the back of church** there are some copies of the Diocese of Leeds Annual Review for 2019. This gives some idea of what has been happening in our diocese over the past 12 months. There is also an easy-to-follow financial review of the diocese.



Please remember to switch off your mobile phones when in church. Thank you.

Christmas Raffle 2019			
Unclaimed prizes can be claimed in the sacristy			
	Prize	Ticket	Winner
1	£100	2364	
2	M&S Giftcard £25	4380	G Appleby
3	Glass Carafe	2402	
6	Red Wine	3249	J Dolan
9	White Wine	516	P Wilson
10	M&S Giftcard £10	2362	
11	Milk Tray	4046	
12	High St Voucher £20	421	
13	Kitchen Clock	4982	
14	M&S Giftcard £10	4896	
17	High St Voucher £10	1720	
20	Harvey's Sherry	882	Kennedy

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** Edmund Whitaker who has died recently and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** our sick in your prayers: Derrick Pearce, Beryl Pycroft, Michael Roche, Ernest Humpoletz, Irene Nicholson, Fr Bernard Battle, Paul Carroll, Kath Bellwood, Oliver Sutcliffe, Violet Child, Joyce Brown, Daisy Krolski, Darren Evans, Angela Slater, Rachel Mayers, John Honnisett, Andrew Boyes, Robert Drake, Gail Wilkie, Stephen Whitehead, Margaret Gaughan, Margaret Thorpe, Eileen Booth, Sandra Pearson, Maureen Jarvis, Tom Slater and Maureen Wright.

**If there is anyone of the above who could be taken off this list please tell Fr John**

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for The Celebration Of The 53rd World Day of Peace 1 January 2020 "The grace of God our Father is bestowed as unconditional love. Having received his forgiveness in Christ, we can set out to offer that peace to the men and women of our time. Day by day, the Holy Spirit prompts in us ways of thinking and speaking that can make us artisans of justice and peace. May the God of peace bless us and come to our aid. May Mary, Mother of the Prince of Peace and Mother of all the peoples of the earth, accompany and sustain us at every step of our journey of reconciliation. And may all men and women who come into this world experience a life of peace and develop fully the promise of life and love dwelling in their heart."



And is it true? And is it true,  
This most tremendous tale of all,  
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,  
A Baby in an ox's stall?  
The maker of the stars and sea  
Become a Child on earth for me?

And is it true? For if it is,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissue fripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant,

No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single Truth compare –  
That God was Man in Palestine  
And lives to-day in Bread and Wine.

From *Christmas* by John Betjeman

<b>Mass &amp; Service Times</b>		
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>		
Saturday (vigil)	6.00pm	Kathleen & Albert Townsley
Sunday	10.00am	Margaret & George Haigh
	6.00pm	The People
<b>Monday</b>	12.00 Noon	Christina & Roderick Ballance
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Carol Service</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	9.15am	Dead List
<b>Christmas Eve</b>		
	<b>4.00pm</b>	Margaret & Jack Russell
	<b>6.30pm</b>	The People
<b>Christmas Day</b>		
	<b>10.00am</b>	Tracy Lightfoot
<b>Boxing Day</b>	10.00am	Margaret & Malcolm Saville [ill]
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am	Teresa Carroll
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am	Mgr Anthony Bickerstaffe
<b>Holy Family</b>		
Saturday (vigil)	6.00pm	Dead List
Sunday	10.00am	The People
	6.00pm	Dead List
<b>Monday</b>	9.15am	Maureen Lightfoot
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am	Private Intention [ES]
<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Veronica Bott
<b>Thursday</b>	7.00pm	Dead List
<b>Friday</b>	9.15am	Dead List
<b>Saturday</b>	9.15am	The Yorkshire Brethren
<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>		
Saturday (vigil)	6.00pm	Dead List
Sunday	10.00am	Dead List
	6.00pm	The People
<b>Confession</b>		
Saturday 5.15-5.45pm		

**200 Club**  
27 October  
No 23 C Durning  
8 December  
No 26 D McAllister  
15 December  
**No 67**  
**B Dean**  
**Congratulations!**

...And a happy  
**New Year!**