

**PARISH NOTICES**

***St James the Great in St. Anselm's Local  
Missionary Area***

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

22nd December 2024

**ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:**

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**MASS INTENTION FOR THIS SUNDAY:** Is for the Justa Dolores Blomfield and the Parishioners for St James, Hattersley.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Please keep in your prayers all of our recently deceased Parishioners and their families at this sad time of loss.

**CONFESSION:** By appointment

**BAPTISM:** We pray for all our recently baptised.

**MONEY MATTERS:** The collection total for 15th December was £77.50  
Thank you for your generosity.

**Caritas Christmas Appeal** - the Christmas Appeal collection will be held this Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Advent.

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In today's Gospel we rejoice with Mary and Elizabeth as we celebrate the Gospel reading about Mary's visit to her kinswoman sharing in their love of God and their respect for each other. We ask that we can be inspired by these two great women today.

**Christmas day Mass** - Our Mass for Christmas will be at 9:00am on Christmas day morning, all are welcome to join us in this special celebration.

**Christmas Cards** - This week our Christmas cards are available in the foyer with a photo of our beautiful Crib . £4 for 5. We will also have some cards similar to last year £2 .

**Mary's Meals** : all donations to Mary's Meals are now being matched by some Mary's Meals supporters up to £900,000. Christmas Cards are available to purchase and this means that every Christmas gift card will now feed TWO children for a year. If you have a Mary's Meals box please bring into the sacristy and take a new one from the back of Church. Any queries call Rob White on 338 6982. Thankyou.

**Parish Office** - Andrea Kelly, our Parish Secretary will be away from the office from Monday 23rd December until Tuesday 7th January 2025. If you have any urgent enquiries please ring the office, all other emails and messages will be dealt with on her return.

**Church Student** - At the beginning of January we will be offering a warm welcome to Tomas Miller who is a Church student studying for the Priesthood. Tomas is in his third year of studies on what is a 6 year course and he is the first Church student we have had the pleasure of hosting for many years. Father Philip and Deacon Antony know that Parishioners will find Tomas' stay a time of joy for us all and if parishioners would like to offer him any hospitality so he can get to know our Parishes and the area we would be very grateful.

*Christmas Blessings and a Happy New Year  
to all our Parishioners, Fr Philip and Deacon  
Antony*

