

**BIDDING PRAYERS 3 ADVENT B 2020**

**PRIEST:**

**The Word of God today tells us to “Rejoice always in the Lord, for He is near.” We ask for the peace and joy only Christ can bring.**

**READER:**

**The response to: Stay with us, Lord is: on our journey**

We pray for Pope Francis, who on Thursday will reach his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday ... that the Holy Spirit will help him to confirm us all in the faith ... **Stay with us Lord: on our journey.**

We pray for all Christian leaders this Advent ... We pray especially for Christians suffering because of their faith ... In the deanery, we pray for the parish of St John the Baptist, Rochdale, and St Gabriel, Castleton, with Fr Johonnett their parish priest, and the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph. We pray too for their parish schools ... May the call of St John the Baptist inspire them to know and serve Our Lord ...

**Stay with us Lord: on our journey.**

For the leaders of nations ... that their common efforts will bring peace and prosperity to all in Europe ...

**Stay with us Lord: on our journey.**

For those who have grown cold in the practice of the Faith ... that the grace of our Saviour’s birthday may touch their minds and hearts, and bring them back to their rightful place in our assembly ...

**Stay with us Lord: on our journey.**

For our country on Home Mission Sunday ... that our concern for those who are unhappy, depressed, or hurt by the trials of life will show them the light of Christ, to brighten their darkened world ...

**Stay with us Lord: on our journey.**

For those who are sick, and especially: ALAN DEVEREUX; DAVID YOUNG;  
FREDA WILNER; BARBARA MURPHY; JUDE CAREY;  
PATRICK DUDDY; MATTHEW CLARK; & THE SICK PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE;  
Let them see, O Lord, your mercy, and give them your saving help ...

**Stay with us Lord: on our journey.**

For those who have died recently:

From this parish - MICHAEL SKRIP-NIK.

From elsewhere - CHRISTINA KOW-AL-SHIK; MICHAEL O’HARE;

EDDIE REDDINGTON; JOHN NURSER; SARAH GREEN;

MARY MULLANEY; HUGO McGLINCHEY;

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time: ALICE McMULLEN;

FRANK SMITH; TED LOCKER; KAREN HARKINS; JOSEPH TOLAN;

ANNE JOHNSON; ANNE SHOLES; GERARD THOMOND;

BARBARA MAGEE; MARGARET CORMICAN; AGNES BRADY;

JOHN HICKLAND; FRANK REGAN; PHILIP ALLEN;

MARY O’SHAUGHNESSY; FR CHARLES DEVLIN; CATH RUDD;

WILLIAM HORNER; EDDIE CAMERON; MARY DOHERTY;

FRS BERNARD RYLANDS; JAMES RYAN; JOSEPH DUGGAN.

Set them free to live with you ...

**Stay with us Lord: on our journey.**

We pray with Mary, the Cause of our Joy: **Hail, Mary** ...

In a quiet moment we pray for any personal intentions.

**PRIEST: Almighty and eternal God,  
our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress,  
in faith we ask for an end of the pandemic afflicting the world:  
and we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted,  
grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners,  
healing to the sick, peace to the dying,  
strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders, and the  
courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give  
glory to your holy name. Through Christ Our Lord.**