



Christmas Masses and Prayer Around the Crib



Christmas is a very special time and parishioners may have traditions and certain Masses they like to attend. We feel that our traditions are even more important this year and, if permitted, we want as many people to celebrate a Christmas liturgies as safely as possible within a Church setting. We need your help to ensure this happens.

Christmas Masses. To comply with Diocesan and Government guidelines, and to ensure everyone is kept as safe as possible, we have made the decision to run a booking system for our 7pm Christmas Eve Mass and the 9am & 11am Masses on Christmas day. Bookings can **only** be made by emailing (parishofaandb@yahoo.co.uk) or phoning (02892 651 214) the parish office on **Tuesday 14th December 2020 between 11am-4pm.** **NB: Bookings will not be taken at any other time.** Availability is limited and will be on a first come first served basis. Multiple bookings are not permitted - please only book for yourself and your immediate family. When you are phoning/emailing please include all the details below:

1. Your name
2. Your telephone number
3. How many people wish to attend within your family or bubble
4. If you are able to use the stairs to the gallery
5. Your first preference Mass and an alternative preference, if you so wish.

We may not be able to accept your booking if the church has reached capacity.

Prayer around the Crib. We will also a short service around the crib for children, families and adults who have not attended Mass on Christmas Eve but wish to visit the Church. They are very welcome to attend between 7.30pm-9pm. We will have special prayer cards for you to pray at the crib and a Eucharistic Minister will be available at the altar for anyone who would like to receive Holy Communion. Santa will be outside, organising a socially distanced hot chocolate/cup of tea from our volunteers as you leave the church and to make sure everyone is following our elf and safety guidelines (wearing masks, Christmas jumpers, sanitising hands and keeping 2m apart from others). **Please remember** to take it straight to the car and get home ASAP, before Santa starts his deliveries (NB gatherings outside your family/bubble are not permitted on church grounds - anyone not following our guidelines will be asked to move on and will automatically be placed on the naughty list this year!).

***When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins.***