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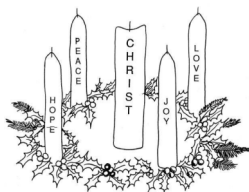
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER 2018

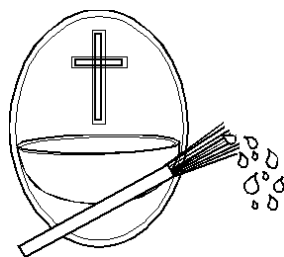
If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same. (Luke 3: 11)



Christmas will soon be upon us and our shopping sprees are no doubt becoming more frantic. Today's gospel demands that our preparations for the coming of Christ should involve those who are without tunic and food. How will we include the less fortunate in our build-up to the Christmas celebration?



BLESSING OF PARISH HALLS: we give thanks to God for all the blessing to get ready the halls for the blessing. As we have been preparing for the blessing, we continue to pray and welcome Archbishop Kevin McDonald who will be with us to celebrate the 12pm Mass this Sunday



16th December to bless the hall. We also take this opportunity to say a Big Thank you to all who contributed and worked for the renovation.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah 3:14-18



Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Isaiah 12

R. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. *R*

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. *R*

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *R*

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; Through him all things were made.✠For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit (all bow) *was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

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SANCTUS:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH.

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.*

COMMUNION RITE

Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever

Behold the Lamb of God...

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: A final gentle reminder to please try and sell as many raffle tickets to make this fundraising towards the cost of the Presbytery and Parish halls' renovation a success. The Raffle Draw will take place on Sunday 23rd December after the 12pm Mass. Please return the counterfoils with the money to a priest or pass to the Parish Office by Friday 21st December. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS CARDS: There is a Christmas card for all of you from Canon John and Fr Shaju. Please collect from the Church porch as it has the details of all the major services and Masses of Advent, Christmas and the New Year. The Parish requests you to please take a few extra cards and invite your loved ones and neighbours to our Church Christmas and the New Year celebrations.

NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS: We, as a Parish will come together and spend time in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings each one of us and our families have received in 2018. The Thanksgiving Service will begin at 11pm on Monday 31st December and we begin the New Year with the Lord in the Mass at midnight followed by New Year's celebration in the hall.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: A BIG THANK YOU to all who came to help decorate the Church last Monday 10th December after the 6.30pm Mass.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2018: The last weekday Mass in 2018 at 6.30pm on Monday 31st December will be a special Mass for all the dearly departed in 2018 in our family and amongst our friends. During the Mass the names of your loved ones who died this year will be read out. If you wish to their name(s) to be included please write on the labelled sheet in the Church porch.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: The Children's Choir will lead the singing at the first mass of Christmas at 4pm on the 24th December. All the boys and girls are requested to come for second singing practice at 4pm this Saturday 15th December in the Church. Thank you to those who attended last Saturday's practice and well done.

PRESBYTERY AND PARISH HALL RENOVATION FUND: *Last weekend we received £1,509.36 and so far we have raised £24,529.73*

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

First Mass of Christmas: Mon 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: Mon 24th at 6pm

Carols & Midnight Mass: Carols at 11pm followed by Mass at midnight.

Christmas Day: Tue 25th 9am, 10.30am & 12 Noon.

WEEKDAY MASS ON MONDAY, 17TH DECEMBER: Due to St Boniface School carols, the Mass in the evening will be at 7.30pm, not 6.30pm. Many thanks

CONGRATULATIONS to our parish Choir for the outstanding singing at the recording of carols last Wednesday. You can watch it on Shalom TV Europe at Christmas.

CHOIRS AT CHRISTMAS: Children's choir will lead the 4pm Mass, Parish Choir (all choir groups come together) will lead at 6pm, Carols at 11pm and the Midnight Mass, and the respective choirs will lead the Christmas Day Masses. We are so grateful to all the Choirs for their hard work and helping us in singing. Parish requests all the Choirs to come together and sing at the special Masses and occasions. Many thanks.

SVP HOMELESS & PRISON PACKS: Thank you to all for supporting the annual SVP winter packs for the homeless and/or prisoners at a cost of £4 each pack .

SIMBANG GABI: (Filipino for "Night Mass") is a devotional nine-day series of Masses practised by Roman Catholics in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas. There will be Simbang Gabi Masses in our church from the **16th-24th DEC at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.**

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: Due to Fr Shaju being on his own, until further notice the Parish Open House on Fridays will be from **4.30pm-6pm.** The next Open House is **Friday 21st December. No appointment needed.**

9am SUNDAY CHOIR: Anyone wishing to join this choir will be most welcome and no audition required!

COFFEE IN THE GARDEN: please come and join the Parish for a cup of tea/coffee after Sunday morning masses in the marquee in the garden. It provides an opportunity to meet other members of our Parish family. Tea / Coffee is free.

CHILDRENS' LITURGY: at the beginning of 10.30am Mass on Sunday, all children, 5-10 years are requested to come forward towards the Sanctuary to join for the liturgy procession to join for the Children's Liturgy.

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you very much to those people who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is week 3(Team 3) at 7pm.

Monday 24th December –Christmas Eve the Church cleaning will take place at 10am and not 7pm.

NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or a wedding or a private matter, please come to the **Parish Open House.**

For all those who are celebrating their birthday this week the Parish wishes you a Happy Birthday and we join you to give thanks to God for the wonderful gift of life to you & you a special gift to us. The Parish also wishes every blessing to all the couples who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this week.



Wish you all a Blessed Week!

TO BAPTISE A BABY: before filling a baptismal application form, please first discuss with a priest at the Parish Open House held on Fridays from 4pm – 6.30pm in the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: Next course will be on Monday 31st December at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

HOSPITAL VISITS: For any person admitted in St George's Hospital and who would like to see a priest, please contact Fr Mark Higgins, the hospital chaplain on 020 8725 3069. In an emergency, please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic priest on call.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all those on our parish prayer list.

The Sick: Marie D'Silva, Nilojan Mariyathas, Jill Hart, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Clifford Tetteh, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Terence Rodrigues, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O'Connor, Cecil Adams, Pat Nolan, Pauline Kearney, Tony & Lenna McCormick, Victoria & Kwesi Yankson, Christina Wood, James & Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Raj Antonpillai.

Recently Deceased: Nora DOHERTY, Anton JESURAJAH, Mary PROSPERE, Sandra MOORE, Raymond D'SOUZA, Gloria GUILLEN and Marlo LUNA.

Anniversaries: Joseph Johnson, Sherrie O'Mahoney, Anne Kelly, Ian Hurst, Michael O'Malley, Selwyn Williams, Don Revell, Waclaw Lach, David Leggatt, Luigi Cristiano, Madelaine Joyce, Thomas Dunleavy, Kirian Lopes, Raymond Ashley, Oliver Murray, Stephen Kinsella, Ray Nieslony, Karl Jackson.
May they rest in peace – Amen.

	15th & 16th December	22nd & 23rd December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Jim Russell, Doris Cubero	Ethna Power, Matchel Bibat
09.00	Jeanet Leyton, Andrea Mango	Luiza Lobo, Pat Willis
10.30	Anastasia Ogbonna, Mary Sagoe	Ada Ikpoh, Rose Adroa
12.00	Mikhaela Dayaday, Finnuala Lynch	Mathewson Matthews, Callum Fernandez
18.30	Padraig Cronin, Remija Mponzi	Susan Daniel, Ivon Kandiah
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Agnela, David & Manuel Cabral,	Lucinda & Matthew D'Souza, Ethna Power
09.00	Valrose Hayes, Coralee Hilton, Elizabeth Rodrigues,	Mary Donoghue, Pat Willis, Monique Sinfailam
10.30	Edy Endoza, Virginia Francois, Damian P Keeling	Carina Jualo, Isabella Mitchell, Kasia Zuzewicz
12.00	Rosemary John, Marjorie Smith, Mary Mayne	Neves D'Souza, Tharma Kandiah Nellie De Los Santos
18.30	Reya Mathai, Juliana De Souza, Barrie Ellis-Daley	Barrie Ellis-Daley, Agnes Babu, Juliana De Souza
Church Cleaning:	Wk3: Mon 17th Dec @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 24th Dec @ 10am
Coffee Morning:	Marquee in the Garden	Marquee in the Garden

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Collection last weekend was **£1,744.94** [Loose plate 48%; Gift Aid 52%]

Thank you for your generosity



Sunday 16th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) GAUDETE SUNDAY	09.00 10.30 12.00 15.00 16.00 18.30	Matthew Bellamy Joseph Anthony Pereira Theodore, Jouany & Domingue Families + H/S Baptisms Urdu Chaplaincy Mass Brian Sweeney
Monday 17th December Feria	09.30 18.00 19.30	Yacinta Subramanyam RIP St Boniface School Carol Service Roy Armitage
Tuesday 18th December Feria	09.30 11.00 18.30	Catherine Cox Birthday Funeral: ANTON JESURAJAH Mrs Bass RIP
Wednesday 19th December Feria	09.30 18:30	John Caffrey RIP Augustine D'Souza RIP A
Thursday 20th December Feria	09.30 18.30	Jane Parper Birthday Intentions Jim Furlong RIP
Friday 21st December St. Peter Canisius	09.30 18.30	Pauline King RIP Khim Nian Sinfailam
Saturday 22nd December Feria	09.30 18.30	Stephen Kinsella RIP A Bobby Hayley RIP
Sunday 23rd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C)	09.00 10.30 12.00 18.30	Michael Horan RIP A Manuel Magno Soriano Mr & Mrs Zerafa RIP Mr & Mrs Birch RIP

<p><u>Monday 17th December</u> Padre Pio Group (Closed until 14 Jan 19)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 18th December</u> Charismatic Prayer Group (Closed until 8 Jan19)</p> <p><u>Wednesday 19th December</u> Rosary Prayer Group (Closed until the 9 Jan 19)</p>	<p><u>Thursday 20th December</u> Knit & Natter Group (3pm Parish Meeting Room) Legion of Mary (7.15pm Parish Meeting Room) Tamil Mass (7.30pm Church)</p> <p><u>Friday 21st December</u> 50+ Club (Closed)</p> <p><u>Parish Open House</u> (4.30pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery until further notice)</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	

<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am</p>
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