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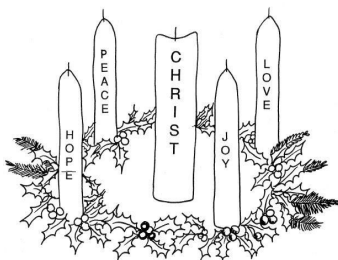
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR (A) SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2019

"The blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor." (Matthew 11:5)



In his prison cell John the Baptist is told of the wonders that Christ has been performing. This third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete (Rejoicing) Sunday, invites us to reaffirm our faith in Jesus as the "one who is to come", and to rejoice in the many ways in which God is present to us in our daily lives.

A YEAR OF THE WORD

In this new liturgical year, Year A, we reflect and ponder of Matthews' Gospel. This year is a special Year in England & Wales– "**A Year of the Word**" we commit ourselves to make use this year to spend more time to deepen our understand of the scripture.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

Christmas Decorations: Saturday 14th at 7.30pm

Carol Service: Sunday 22nd at 5pm

First Mass of Christmas: 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Mass: 24th at 6pm

Carols & Midnight Mass: Carols 24th at 11pm and Solemn Mass of the Christmas at midnight.

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

New Year's Eve: 11pm Thanksgiving Service & Mass at midnight.

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 book of Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands,

steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145(146):6-10

R. Come Lord and save us

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
Who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
The Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
Who raise up those who are bowed down,
The Lord, who protects the stranger
And upholds the widow and orphan **R**

It is the Lord who loves the just
But thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R**



SECOND READING

A Reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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 Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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

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 PARTY: all the tickets are gone for the Party. Christmas Party on *Sunday 15th December 7pm-11.45pm in the main Hall. You need a ticket to join the party. Cooking & setting up the hall from 1.15pm-4pm. If anyone can help, please come to the hall.*

ALL NATIONS CAROL SERVICE (Parish Carol Service)::

This year, we will have a carol service, on **SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER** at 5pm led mainly by Parish Choir, Children's Choir and different nationalities sung in different languages. Philippino, Polish, Irish, Tamil, French, Kerala, Spanish, Urdu & African-Caribbean communities are requested to come together and practise the carols. *Christmas Raffle Draw and reception follow in the hall. Thank you.*



COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICES: *Philippino this Sunday after 12:00 Mass, Polish & Spanish on Sunday 15th after 10.30am Mass, African & Caribbean after 10.30 on Sunday 15th Dec. All other communities are requested to get ready for the carols. Many thanks*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR: will sing at the **PARISH CAROLS SERVICE ON 22ND December** and **the first Mass of Christmas on 24th December**. Parents are encouraged to send your children for Choir practice on **Saturday 21st at 4.30pm**. Many thanks

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: All are requested to come and help in decorating the Church on **Saturday 14th December after the 6.30pm Mass**. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: This year's Raffle is for raising money for a new organ. Please support generously by selling as many raffle tickets among your friends, family & colleagues. **ONE WEEK TO GO FOR THE DRAW.** **Please return the counterfoils with the money to a priest or pass to the Parish Office. Thank you.**

SPANISH COMMUNITY: members are planning to start a WhatsApp group to coordinate their activities in the parish. The members, if they are willing to join, please give your contact number in the sheet in the Porch.

TRAINING FOR ALTAR SERVERS: The next training sessions are on this SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER at 4pm.

CHOCOLATE & WINE TOMBOLA: thanks to all those who contributed towards chocolates or a wine bottle as TOMBOLA prizes for the Christmas Party celebrations.

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 Dec-24th DEC. 16th Dec at 7.30pm, 17th -22nd at 6.30pm, 23rd Dec at 7pm.

All the members of the Philippino community are requested to join for the celebration at Mass and the reception in the hall after the Mass. **Fr Clare Conde will be the main celebrant on 23rd and the Mass will be in Tagalog.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS: There is a Christmas card for all of you from Canon John, Fr Peter, Alan 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 few extra cards and invite your loved ones and the neighbours to our Church Christmas & 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 2019. The Thanksgiving Service will begin at 11pm on Tuesday 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.

Confessions and Adoration on 31st December from 10pm.

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS: is ideal for children & families. Children will act out the gospel and will come for the Mass dressed as angel, shepherd or one that relates to Christmas theme. Please encourage your child to participate in it.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OUTSIDE: will switch on this Sunday at 5pm.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: Those who wish to be a reader or Eucharistic minister at Masses of Christmas, please write down your name in the sheet provided in the Porch.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2019: The last weekday Mass in 2019 at 9.30pm on Tuesday 31st December will be a special Mass for all the faithful departed in 2019 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.

SVP HOMELESS & PRISON PACKS AVAILABLE: Those who missed out last weekend, please contact Tommy in Café.

WEEKDAY MASS ON MONDAY, 16TH DECEMBER: Due to St Boniface School carols, the Mass in the evening will be at 7.30pm, not 6.30pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING: Will be on 9th January 2020 at 7.15pm in the Function Suite

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS: Next one is on Saturday 4th January beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited

LITURGY FOR CHILDREN: 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. Catechists will lead them out to the Parish Meeting Room.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?(RCIA AND ADULT CONFIRMATION): The next Session is on Monday 16th December at 7.15pm in the Parish Meeting Room (in the Presbytery).

50+ CLUB, CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP, PADRE PIO GROUP and ROSARY GROUP: closed for Christmas.

FOOD BANK: the box for Food Bank contributions is in the Coffee Shop.

INFANTS BAPTISM: Any parents who wish to baptise their children should register in the parish and attend the Mass regularly for at least six months. Those who moved recently to the parish should get evidence of the catholic practice. Fr Shaju will be happy to talk to you during Parish Open house if you have any queries.

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.



NEED TO SEE A PRIEST: If you need to see a priest to sign a school supplementary form, discuss about baptism or wedding or a private matter, please come to the Parish Open House every Friday from 4pm–6pm. No appointment needed

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: Rosario Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastatsia Ogbonna, Agnelo Fernades, Nilojan Mariyathas, Betty Joyce, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin Helena O’Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D’Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley & Janet Adams

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, Nora Doherty, Mary Prospere, Sandra Moore, Raymond D’Souza, Gloria Guillen and Marlo Luna. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	14th & 15th December	21st & 22nd December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Mathew D’Souza, Lucinda D’Souza	Merichel Austria Altea, Agnela Cabral
09.00	Angela Lum Wai, Mary Donoghue	Robin Thomas, Katherine Bennett
10.30	Josie McCarthy, Fortune Musonda	Princess Ikpoh, Rebekka Prabakaran
12.00	Keoni McGowan, Callum Fernandes	Tara Butler, Charmaine Fernandes
18.30	Susan Daniel, Philippa Keeling	Remija Mponzi, Emie Roberts
	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat18.30	Juliana De Souza, Ethna Power Michael Soupraya	Stephanie Flaherty, Lucinda D’Souza Mathew D’Souza
09.00	Kuriakose Antony, Farrah Jacob Angus Xavier	Rita Lobo, Anoop Kurian, Sophi Anoop
10.30	Ann Lusena , Srikanth Lusena Therese Onyebalu	Mary Sagoe, Anita Bennett Lola Lawrence
12.00	Angelo Aningalan, Rosemary Kana- garatnam, David Lobo	Carmelita Henson, Karen Lee- Hudson, Pamela Fernandes
18.30	Reya Mathai, Isabella Mitchell, Thiviya Robenet	Agnes Babu, Virginia Corpuz Michael Rajcoomar
Church Cleaning:	Wk3: Mon 16th Dec @ 10am	Wk4: Mon 23rd Dec @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last weeks collection (£2792.86)

Gift aided: 55% Loose Plate: 45%



<p><u>Sunday 15th December</u></p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent (Year A)</p>	<p>09:00 Larry & Declan Donoghue</p> <p>10:30 Mary Garratty RIP</p> <p>12:00 Augustina Attoh Birthday Thanksgiving</p> <p>15:00 Baptisms</p> <p>16:00 Urdu Mass Chaplaincy</p> <p>18:30 Jim & Glen Money Birthday RIP</p>
<p>Monday 16th December Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Jennifer Pituc Ints</p> <p>19:30 Bridget McDonagh Ints</p>
<p>Tuesday 17th December Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Yacinta Subramanyam RIP</p> <p>18:30 Ann Ryan RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th December Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Pro Populo</p> <p>18:30 Nora Ferry</p>
<p>Thursday 19th December Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Augustin D'Souza RIP</p> <p>18:30 Patrick Loughran RIP</p>
<p>Friday 20th December Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Caroline Chue Kee Cheung RIP</p> <p>18:30 Bary Murphy</p>
<p>Saturday 21st December Saint Peter Canisius</p>	<p>11:00 Marius Gilbert Dunoyer</p> <p>18:30 Maria Henrigues</p>
<p><u>Sunday 22nd December</u></p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)</p>	<p>09:00 Daisy Jhugroo Birthday Ints</p> <p>10:30 Noel D'Mello / Stephen Kinsella RIP</p> <p>12:00 Charles & Florence Onyiukah</p> <p>18:30 John Moran RIP</p>

<p><u>Monday 16th December</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p> <p><u>Tuesday 17th December</u> Charismatic Prayer Group Closed</p> <p><u>Wednesday 18th December</u> Rosary Prayer Group 7pm Cry Chapel</p>	<p><u>Thursday 19th December</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p><u>Friday 20th December</u> 50+ Club Closed Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
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<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation Sat: 11.30am – 12.30pm</p>	<p>Holy Hour First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm</p>
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<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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