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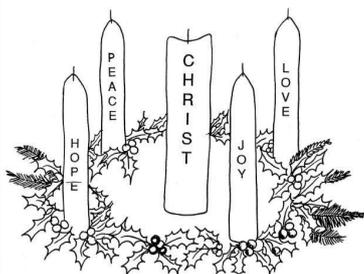
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2020- YEAR (B)

"All Judea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to John, and as they were baptised in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. (Mark 1: 5)"



Our gospel reading today deals with the preaching of John the Baptist and culminate in the encounter of Jesus and John at the Jordan. Mark begins with a profession of faith in Jesus as 'the Christ' ('the Messiah') and the 'Son of God'. These claims for Jesus will be seen to be true as Mark unfolds his story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Mark proclaims 'good news'. In particular, Mark makes a link between the prophets' words expecting a messenger to prepare for the coming of the Lord and the arrival of John the Baptist. The time of fulfilment has come, the time in which the promises of God will come to pass. John's call is like that of the prophets. He urges a change of heart among the people. John accompanies his preaching with a ritual washing, a 'baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. The climax of the reading is John's proclamation that one who is 'more powerful' is coming, one whose sandal-straps John is unworthy to undo. It is he who will baptise with the Holy Spirit. Am I ready to hear the good news again? What does the message of John the Baptist mean to me?

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT OF ALL THE MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS): This Sunday is Bible Sunday and all the Readers are requested to renew their commitment which will take place during all the weekend masses.



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart

CONFITEOR / I CONFESS

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned
In my thoughts and in my words,
In what I have done
And in what I have failed to do,
Through my fault
Through my fault
through my most grievous fault;
Therefore I asked blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
All the Angels and Saints,
And you my brothers and sisters,
To pray for me to the Lord our God.

THE GLORIA: NO GLORIA DURING ADVENT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11



‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that he has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’ A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 84(85):9-14(Advent)

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *R*

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *R*

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St. Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: *Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.* And so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
He descended into hell;
on the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of Saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.**

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.

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

*When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
until you come again.*

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

CHRISTMAS CARDS: There is a Christmas card for all of you from Fr Peter and Fr Shaju. Please collect from the Church porch. 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 at Christmas & New Year celebrations.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PROGRAMME: Because of the Covid-19 restriction, this year's Christmas Masses will be different from other years. We have five Masses on 24th and four Masses on 25th December. There will be recorded Carols singing before 6pm, 8pm, 10pm and midnight masses on 24th December.

Christmas Decorations: Saturday 12th at 7pm

First Mass of Christmas: 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Masses: 24th at 6pm, 8pm & 10pm

Midnight Mass: Carols at 11.30pm followed by Solemn Mass of the Christmas at midnight.

Christmas Day: 25th 9am, 10.30am, 12 Noon & 1pm



NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS: We, as a parish will come together and spend time in thanksgiving to God for all the blessing each one us & our families have received in 2020. **There will be two thanksgiving services this year: the first one - thanksgiving service at 8pm & Mass at 9pm and the second one - thanksgiving services at 11pm & Mass at midnight followed by New Year's celebration in the hall.**

SUNDAY OFFERINGS: **Please drop your envelopes/offering in the offering boxes which can be found at the entrance and exits or use the card machines at the back of the Church.**

CONTACTLESS OFFERINGS & GIFT AID: We have two card terminals to make your offering. **YOU CAN FIND THE TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THOUGH THE FRONT DOORS.** You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. If you wish to use your card for your offering/ donation, please follow the instructions at the terminals. Thanks for using the facility.

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.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2020: The last weekday Mass in 2020 at 9.30am on Thursday 31st December will be a special Mass for all the faithful departed in 2020 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.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am Mon– Sat and Sun 12:00.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS: Will meet on Monday 7th December and **CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS** on Wednesday 9th December. Both the meetings will be by Zoom at 7.15pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Will meet on Tuesday 8th December. **PARISH COUNCIL:** Will meet on Thursday 10th December. Both the meetings will be in the parish hall at 7.15pm

SVP HOMELESS & PRISON PACKS AVAILABLE: The winter packs for the homeless and/or prisoners with each pack costing just £4.00 are available on this weekend of 5/6th DECEMBER from Cafe.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: The next Open House is on Friday 11th December 4-6pm.

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY: For all those who are affected by Coronavirus especially healthcare workers and all frontline workers. We say a Big thank you to all of them for looking after us and our loved ones. Thank you to each one of you for your prayers and support.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: All are requested to come and help in decorating the Church on Saturday 12th December after the 6.30pm Mass. Many thanks.

RCIA: Next session is on Monday 7th December at 7.15pm

HOSPITAL VISITS: A Catholic Priest is available for patients, staff & Visitors to St. George’s Hospital, Fr. Mark Higgins, on 0208 725 3069. Messages can be left. In emergencies phone the switchboard on 020 8672 1255 to page the Catholic Priest, who can be reached 24/7. **Please note: No Mass in the hospital chapel during lockdown.**

WE PRAY: for all staff who works in hospitals and care homes especially for our chaplains at George's Hospital.

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation wont allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

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 for a parish open house which is every Friday 4pm-6pm.

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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.



PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

The Sick: Dessy, Helena O'Connor, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Gordon King, Beverley King, Maria Fatima, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Rosalie Hickey, Anastasia Ogbonna, Nilojan Mariyathas, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Janet Adams, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly & Eli Lee Roberts.

Death Anniversaries: Lizzie Lynch, George Goodwin, Luke Da Costa, Michael Spencer, Angelina Joseph, Mary Gear, Peter Joyce, Francis Tiernan, Margaret Stockdale, Neville Jason, Kevin Maher, Margaret Antoine, Isabella O'Neil, Stephen Gomes, Jim Mackin, John McGrath, Elizabeth Mensah, Milagrina Carvalho, Jean Ramos, Mary Hale, Chelliah Shanmuga-Sunderam, Michael Crowley. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	5th & 6th December	12th & 13th December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Ethna Power	Mitchal Bibat
09.00	Andrea Mango	Remo Manoharadas
10.30	Francis Ikpoh	Deuwayne Ikpoh
12.00	Tess Vallo	Finnuala Lynch
13:00	Calum Fernandes	Ian Johnson
18.30	Ivon Kandiah	James Short

Cleaning Rota:	Wk1: Mon 7th December 10am	Wk2: Mon 14th Dec @7pm
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<p align="center"><u>Sunday 6th December</u></p> <p align="center">2nd Sunday of Advent Year B</p> <p align="center">Bible Sunday</p>	09:00	Porinchu & Rosa RIP/ Arleen Famas, RIP
	10:30	Peggy Hogan
	12:00	Theresa Schembri RIP
	13:00	Tony Kelly Birthday Ints
	15:00	Baptism
	16:00	Baptism
	18:30	Brigida De Nazareth RIP
Monday 7th December Saint Ambrose	09:30	P. O. Varkey RIP
	18:30	Curtis Frazser
Tuesday 8th December Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30	Martin Creighton RIP
	18:30	Egbert & Colleen Green RIP
Wednesday 9th December Saint Juan Diego	09:30	Teresa O'Shea RIP
	18:30	Dorothy Castelino RIP
Thursday 10th December The Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto	09:30	MaryAnne Michael Birthday TGiving
	18:30	Maria De Fatima Vale RIP
Friday 11th December Saint Damasus I	09:30	Julia McTigue Ints
	18:30	Robin & Sibi Private Ints
Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	09:30	Brenda Marquez Perilla RIP
	11:00	Funeral
	18:30	Michael Crowley & Paul Alcudia RIP
<p align="center"><u>Sunday 13th December</u></p> <p align="center">3rd Sunday of Advent Year B</p> <p align="center">Gaudete Sunday</p>	09:00	Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
	10:30	James Bolger RIP
	12:00	Mr & Mrs. Zerafa RIP
	13:00	Glen & Jim Money Birthday Remembrance
	18:30	Rose Lyons RIP

All the Group meeting & Prayer Groups are closed until further notice.

Thursday 10th December: Tamil Mass: 7.15pm

Friday 11th December: Parish Open House 4pm – 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30pm

Holy Hour

First Friday 5:15 – 6:15pm

Adoration & Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday: 9am
Holy Hour on First Friday
5.15pm – 6.15 pm

Novena to St Anthony

Tuesday: 10am & 7pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday: 10am

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

Saturday: 10am