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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

3 JANUARY 2021– YEAR (B)

A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. (Jn 1:5)

This Sunday of the Christmas season offers the opportunity to reflect quietly with the help of the Scripture readings on the deeper meaning of the coming of Christ. Our first reading, from the extensive writings of the sage known as Ben Sira, offers a reflection on how 'Wisdom' pitches her tent among the people of God. The one who was from the beginning 'takes root in a privileged people'. These words are fulfilled in the becoming flesh of the Son of God. This is momentarily expressed in the first chapter of the Fourth Gospel, read today: 'the Word was made flesh and lived among us.' John the evangelist calls Jesus 'the Word', for in him God has spoken his fullest word to the human race. The



Prologue also refers to Jesus as 'the true Light', for he brings truth and direction in our darkness. The darkness of sin and death cannot overcome the light of Christ. Many will reject the Word, but those who accept him become children of God. Our gospel also refers to the witness of John the Baptist, who points to one greater than himself. We have all received from the fulness of the Word. In the opening of the Letter to the Ephesians we bless God who has chosen us in Christ to be adopted sons and daughters. How can we ever fathom the marvelous love of God who humbles himself to share in our humanity? Do I appreciate or simply forget that I am an adopted child of God? We pray that the feast of Christmas will shed light on our darkness. Let us open our hearts to the grace and truth which come to us in Christ. !



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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12

Wisdom speaks her own praises,
in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; 'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance."
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain.
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion.
In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.
I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

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



The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you. *R*

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. *R*

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. *R*

SECOND READING

A Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-18

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved.

That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him.

May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans.
Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-5. 9-14

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

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

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: is

on this Wednesday 6th January. It is a day of obligation. Masses are: Vigil at 6.30pm on Tuesday 5th, and 9.30am & 6.30pm on Wednesday.



NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE & MASS: A Big Thank you to all

who joined in prayers on the last hour of 2020 and the first hour of 2021. It was good to see so many people joined us in prayer.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2020: Thank you for joining for the Mass and praying for the faithful departed in 2020.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who helped to celebrate this year's Christmas Celebrations with prayerfulness and festivities. Special thanks to all those who helped in decorating the Church. This year, our young people made a big contribution in decorating the Church. Parish family wishes to say thank to them all.

NEXT BAPTISM PROGRAMME is on Monday 25th January at 7.30pm.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: The next Open House is on this Friday 8th January, 4-6pm.

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 THROUGH 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.

A YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR YOUR PRIESTS: Parish clergy expresses their gratitude for your generosity.

FACE PROTECTIVE SHIELD VISOR WITH GLASSES: are available from our shop. Cost £1.50 each.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Programme will start on Saturday 24th April at 9.50am in the Parish Hall. All the parents (ONLY) are requested to attend a meeting on Saturday 20th March at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

CONFIRMATION: Programme starts on Saturday 6th February at 11.15am in the Parish Hall. Parents (ONLY) meeting is on 16th January.

RCIA: Next session is on Monday 11th January at 7.15pm

CONFESSIONS: On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am. Unfortunately, regulation won't allow us to have confessions in the confessional. So the confessions will be at the Our Lady Chapel area. **Please note the time change.**

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: Please receive the blessed sacrament with reverence and consume the body of Christ before you walk away from communion place.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS: Next one is on Saturday 6th February beginning with Adoration at 8.45am followed by morning prayers, Mass at 9.30am, Novena and Rosary. You all are invited

THE REAL 2021

When does the real 2021 start? If we were ancient Romans then it would be beginning on March 1st. If we were living in 1751 in England then our New Year would have begun on March 25th, Lady Day (Feast of the Annunciation). It was only changed to January 1st in 1752 when the Gregorian Calendar took over from the Julian Calendar in England. In various parts of the world under the Old Calendar of Pope Julius 1(337-352) New Year began sometimes at Christmas and other times at Easter. So if you haven't made your New Year resolution yet, just pick another starting date!

If we meet no gods, it is because we harbour none. If there is grandeur in you, you will find grandeur in porters and sweeps -Ralph Waldo Emerson.

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.

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.

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: Abena Bekoe, Olive Danials, Pamela Pengelly, Anastasia Oates, Patrick Mulroe, Mathaiparanam Tharmanesan, Ellen Poole, Una Conlon, Olga Maud, Baby Jaden Lagan-Joseph, Luisa Cassettari, Pasquale Aueta, Edward Wozniak, Michael Creegan, William Basilisco, Ianayat John, Maureen Clarke, Anourada Rajcoomar, Dominca Saminathar, Patrick Ahern, Nora Goss, Alice Lees, Imelda Nolan, John Fox, Elizabeth Digan, Emmanuel Okonkwo, Richard Sagoe, Quinto Cecchetti. **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	2nd & 3rd January	9th & 10th January
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the rota)	
Sat 18.30	Milos Wojtowicz	Nancy Biney
09.00	Barrie Ellis-Daley	Rexon Redidelmo
10.30	Lola Lawrence	Christi Anoop
12.00	Tess Vallo	Keoni McGowen
13:00	Callum Fernandes	Ian Johnson
18.30	Liza Asante	Padraig Cronin
Cleaning Rota:	Wk1: Mon 4th Jan @ 10am	Wk2: Mon 11th Jan @ 7pm

<u>Sunday 3rd January</u> Second Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord Year B	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Thanksgiving – The Robin family Nicholas Coote RIP Theresa Schembri RIP Kevin McNicholas RIP Inayat John RIP
Monday 4th January Feria of Christmas Time	09:30 18:30	Giuseppe Piccinini RIP Rose Lyons RIP
Tuesday 5th January Feria of Christmas Time	09:30 18:30	Maria Fatima Vale & Fr. Peter Audu's Ints Caroline Mascarenhas RIP
Wednesday 6th January Day of Obligation THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	09:30 18:30	Marcela Cortez B/D Virginia D'Costa RIP Loreto Santimano De Sousa RIP
Thursday 7th January Feria of Christmas Time	09:30 18:30	Bella Fernandes RIP Menino Dias RIP
Friday 8th January Feria of Christmas Time	09:30 18:30	Patrick Cummings RIP Ronan Lynch RIP
Saturday 9th January Feria of Christmas Time	09:30 18:30	Pro Populo John Quinn RIP
<u>Sunday 10th January</u> <u>The Baptism of the Lord</u> Year B	09:00 10:30 12:00 13:00 18:30	Fiacchi Family Ints James Bolger RIP Mr & Mrs Zerafa RIP Frank McCluskey Birthday Ints Paddy McGrath

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

Friday 8th January 2021: Parish Open House 4pm – 6pm

Tamil Mass: Thursday 7th January at 7.30pm

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