

# ST BONIFACE CATHOLIC PARISH, TOOTING



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## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (C) SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY 2022

*"John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' " (Jn 1:15)*

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.



## 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    Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

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*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM 147:12-15,19-20

*R. 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

**Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18**

*A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians*

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

**John 1:1-5. 9-14**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

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 your 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.*

**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:** *Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free. .*

## **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

## PARISH INFORMATION, FAITH NEWS & MISSION

**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 **Children's Choir & Nativity Play** and all those who prepared them. Hard work of all other choirs, florists, welcomers and all those who helped in decorating the Church is greatly acknowledged. We also thank Filipino community who organised Simbáng Gabi celebrations.



**TENTH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FR ANTHONY:** Fr Anthony's ordination anniversary Mass is postponed to **next Sunday 9th January** at 12:00.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** The First Holy Communion classes starts on **SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY AT 10:15 IN THE CHURCH.** Parents meeting is on Tuesday 18th January at 7.30pm.

**CONFIRMATION:** Parents meeting on Friday 11th March at 7pm. The first session for candidates starts on **SATURDAY 12TH MARCH AT 10:45AM** in the Parish Hall.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE:** Thank you very much for supporting the fund raising for the restorations works through the raffle. The winning ticket numbers: 1st (ticket number 5048), 2nd (1278), 3rd (2164), 4th (5240), 5th (3286), 6th (731), 7th (773), 8th (1736), 9th (979) and 10th (2950).

**PARISH ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH DAY:** Is postponed to Saturday 23rd April 5pm.

**YOUTH AND 20S & 30S GROUP: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO CHILDREN:** Parish wishes to thank all the young people who organized Christmas present for our children. Well done!

**HELP AND ADVICE ON APPRENTICESHIPS & HIGHER EDUCATION:** Due to Covid-19 situation, Youth and 20's & 30's programme on Help and advice sessions on Apprenticeship and Higher Education postponed to another date. New date will be available soon.

**PARISH EVANGELISATION UNDER FIVE SUNDAY LITURGY:** As part of the parish Evangelisation programme, we need help for Sunday liturgy activities at 10:30am Mass on Sunday for under fives. If anyone can volunteer, please come for a meeting in the hall on next Sunday 9th January after 10:30am Mass.

**SYNOD 2023 COMMITTEE:** Will meet on Thursday 6th January at 6pm in the presbytery.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Will meet on Wednesday 9th February at 7pm.

**PARISH EVANGELISATION TEAM:** Will meet on Thursday 10th February at 7pm in the Café.



**CHRISTMAS OFFERING:** Fr Shaju & Fr Anthony would like to thank you all for your generous Christmas Offering, very many cards and gifts.

**SANTO NINO FEAST:** Is on Sunday 16th January, Mass 3.30pm followed by dinner in Main Hall from 5.30pm-8pm. Bishop Patrick Lynch will be the main celebrant. For more info pls contact Mericel 07802799371.

**NEW ROTA FOR READERS:** Please collect a copy of the rota from the Church Notice Board.

**SUNDAY CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN:** Resumes from Sunday 9th January 10:30am Mass.

**PARISH OPEN HOUSE:** On Fridays 4-6pm.

**CONFESSIONS:** On Saturdays 10.30am-11.30am & 5.45pm-6.15pm

**BIBLE STUDY:** Resumes from Thursday 13th January.

**HALL BOOKINGS:** Please call 0208 672 2345 opt 1, Mobile 07456 514037 Hall queries only. Follow us online @stbonifacehall

**CHURCH CLEANING:** Thank you very much to those who have volunteered to clean the Church on Mondays. *Cleaning Team is requested to inform the parish office before you leave the Church after cleaning so that the doors can be closed and turn off lights.* Please do not forget about your duty according to the Rota. This Monday is Week4 (Team 4) at 7pm.

**RECENTLY DIED:** Jean Mulenga, Irene Rigarlsford, Mary Rafferty, Victoria Ojukwu, Shirley Gibbs-Moorcroft & Mary Rafferty.

## **THANK YOU**

*As we have come to the end of the year 2021, we all acknowledge the struggles and difficulties we are still going through in this year. We also witnessed great acts of heroism to combat Corona-virus and compassion of the people to reach out to those who are affected by Coid-19. We raise our minds and hearts in gratitude to God for all the sacrifices our frontline workers have been doing especially health care workers. St Boniface Parish Family wishes to say a thank you to all of them and also those who supported our community in various ways in this year. Thank you for your support to those who are saddened at the death of their loved one, your loving care for the sick & the housebound, comforting presence to those in loneliness, timely support to those who were in crisis and the helping hand to the needy, encouragement to the children & youth, compassion to the elderly etc. You all made a difference in our community: some by their silent prayers, some with their generosity, some with their gifts & talents and some with their very presence. As we acknowledge your valuable support and hard work, we wish to say a special thanks to the following:*

\*Altar Linen Cleaners \*Altar Servers \*Altar Servers Alb organisers \*Catechists  
\*Cleaning Team \*Communication Team \*Coffee Morning Organisers \*Children's Liturgy Team \*Choirs & Music Organisers \*Extraordinary Ministers of Communion & the Sick \*Event Organisers \*Flower Arrangers \*Finance Committee \*Gift Aid Administrators \*Mass Coordinators \*Ministers of the word \*Ministers of Welcoming  
\*Money Counters \*Mothers& Toddlers Group organisers \*Outreach Group \*Pastoral Council \*Premises Team \*Rosary, Divine Mercy, Padre Pio & Charismatic Prayer Groups \*Sunday Collection & Offertory Organisers \*Repairs & Maintenance helpers  
\*Repository Team \*Sacred Vessel cleaners \*Sacristans \*School Governors \*SVP, Knights, Bible study group, 50+ club & Knitter Natter group \*Tea & Coffee Team \*Safeguarding Representative \*Social Committee \*Votive Candle stand Cleaning Team \*Web Master  
\*Working Party \*Youth Group & Leaders.

**TO BAPTISE A BABY:** Please discuss with a priest during Parish Open House which is every Friday 4pm – 6pm in the Parish Office.

**NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:** Is on Monday 31st January at 7.15pm in the Presbytery.

**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 on FRIDAYS. No appointment needed.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** If you or a family member are admitted to St George's Hospital and 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.

*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*



**PARISH PRAYER LIST**

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

**The Sick:** Carmel Sammonds, Pat Nolan, Norah Bolger, Anne Scanlon, Fortunata D'Souza, Nigel Searle, Fernando, Michael Andrade, Rosaria Alfonso, Anastasia Ogbonna, Tony Hardy, Esther Daley, Norman Mendonca, Irene Mendonca, Julianna Hayfron, Nino Abel, Albert Folvi, Marciana Tangcay, Geoff Blwyddin, Christina Grogan, Matilda Addison, Elizabeth Bosley, Frances Brady, Maureen Connelly, Paric Burke, Eli Lee Roberts, Daniel Bird, Anne Doyle, Mark Sharkey, Tess Hill, Sheena Tighe, Carmel Sammons, Margaret Wood, Peter Hardy, Barbara Kelly. Mella Washington, Colleen Bowen, Lorraine & Herman Mendonca.

**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 & Rita Rajcoomar **May they rest in peace – Amen.**

	1st & 2nd January 2022	8th & 9th January 2022
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Mellesha Hayden Serene Agbagba	Merichel Austria Altea Charlez M Altea
09.00	Ad Ikpoh Rufus Bennett	Robin Thomas Ann Mary Kuriakose
10.30	Rose Adroa Francis Ikpoh	Rebekka Prabakaran Frances Akah
12.00	Candice Aruajo Marie Dick	Doris Cubero Stephen Callus
13:15	Luiza Lobo Michael Lobo	Ian Johnston Chisom Aghaji
18:30	Ivon Kandiah Raphael Oapa	Padraig Cronin Susan Daniel
Cleaning Rota:	Wk4: 3rd January @ 7pm	Wk1: 10th January @ 10am

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2051.88)  
 Bag collection £1,103.38 Card collection: 507.00 & S/O: £441.50



<p><b><u>Sunday 2nd January (C)</u></b></p> <p><b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</b></p>	<p>09:00 Salome Sayno &amp; Margaret Wallace, RIP</p> <p>10:30 Tadiya, Mara &amp; Marko Leko RIP</p> <p>12:00 Martha Pinto RIP</p> <p>13:15 Tommy &amp; Michael O'Donnell</p> <p><b>15:00 Baptism</b></p> <p>18:30 Souls of N.A &amp; A.A</p>
<p>Monday 3rd January</p> <p><b>The Most Holy name of Jesus</b></p>	<p>09:30 Philomena Francis RIP</p> <p>18:30 Peter Kearney RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 4th January</p> <p><b>Feria of Christmas Time</b></p>	<p>09:30 Con McGlynn Ints</p> <p>18:30 Fr. Shaju Ints</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th January</p> <p><b>Feria of Christmas Time</b></p>	<p>09:30 Lancelot De Souza</p> <p><b>11:00 Funeral: Victoria Ojukwu</b></p> <p>18:30 Patrick Igoe RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 6th January</p> <p><b>The Epiphany of The Lord</b></p>	<p>09:30 For the Victims of the Kerala Flood</p> <p><b>10:15 Funeral: Irene Rigarlsford</b></p> <p>18:30 Thomas &amp; Bridget Burke RIP</p>
<p>Friday 7th January</p> <p><b>Feria of Christmas Time</b></p>	<p>09:30 Pro Populo</p> <p>18:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory/ Eveena Mary Babu Bday Ints</p>
<p>Saturday 8th January</p> <p><b>Feria of Christmas Time</b></p>	<p>09:30 Menino Dias RIP</p> <p>18:30 Rodney Jhugroo RIP/ Elida Corracedo Marcote RIP</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday 9th January (C)</u></b></p> <p><b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>09:00 Ints of Valerie</p> <p>10:30 Dhanraj Harrilal/ Michael &amp; Delia Hogan RIP</p> <p>12:00 Kieran Ruane RIP</p> <p>13.15 Asher, Neelam &amp; Khuram Sheldon RIP</p> <p>18.30 A Private Intention</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Monday 3rd January</u></b> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel-Return 1st Feb</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Tuesday 4th January</u></b> Charismatic Prayer Group – Return 11th January</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Wednesday 5th January</u></b> Rosary Prayer Group Cry Chapel- Return 19th Jan</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Thursday 6th January</u></b> <b>Knit &amp; Natter Group</b> 3pm Cry Chapel <b>Legion of Mary</b> 7.15pm Cry Chapel <b>Tamil Mass</b> 7.30pm Church <b><u>Friday 7th January</u></b> Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
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<p><b>Adoration &amp; Morning Prayer</b> Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p><b>Novena to St Anthony</b> Tuesday: 10am <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> Friday: 10am</p>	<p><b>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</b> Saturday: 10am</p>
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