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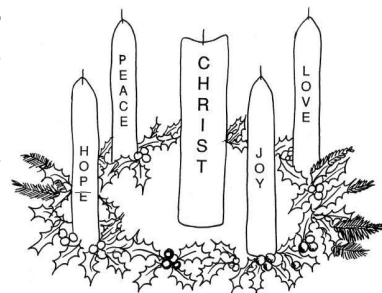
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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) SUNDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2021

"A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a ways for the Lord, make his path straight" (Lk: 3:4)

One of the great characters of the Advent season is John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus. John's work is to proclaiming 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins'. With his baptism John challenges the people to a new start, a change of heart, and to seek the forgiveness of God. If they respond, they will be ready to welcome the Messiah. At the end of this gospel passage the evangelist gives a lengthy quotation from the book of Isaiah, which Christians consider to have been fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah. The whole of creation is described as getting ready for the coming of the Lord. Finally, 'all mankind shall see the salvation of God'. Luke makes clear that the Messiah comes to offer salvation to all nations. How does the preaching of John the Baptist speak to me today? Do I welcome the coming of Christ as a gift for all the people of the earth?



YOUTH AND 20S & 30S GROUP: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO CHILDREN

This weekend is the last opportunity to give your names, if any child ten years or under ten to receive a Christmas Gift.

HELP AND ADVICE ON APPRENTICESHIPS & HIGHER EDUCATION

St Boniface Youth and 20's & 30's group invite year 11 & Year 12 & parents (or anyone who interested) on **Saturday 8th January 3-5pm** to **Help and advice sessions on Apprenticeship** and on **Saturday 15th January 3-5pm** on **Higher Education.**

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 ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord, our God.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Baruch 5:1-9

A reading from the prophet Baruch

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 125(126)

R. What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

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

Luke 3: 1-6

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

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: *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

FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS: 4pm Mass is Ideally for children & families. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherd, angels, wise men or any of other the nativity figures.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: All are requested to come and help in decorating the Church on **Tuesday 14th December** after morning Mass and/or **Wednesday 15th December** after evening Mass. Also if anyone is free anytime on **15th, 16th & 17th December 10am-12:00** to help putting Christmas Tree outside and putting lights outside. Thanks.



CAKE & CRAFT SALE: On **Next Sunday 12th December** and all the proceeds will go towards the Orphanage.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S FEAST: Parish is celebrating the feast of St Francis Xavier on **Saturday 4th December**. Mass at 6.30pm followed by celebration in the Cafe.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: In view of the recent Covid-19 situation, All nations carol service on **Sunday 19th December** remain cancelled. Raffle draw now will take place on **Monday 20th December** after morning Mass. Carol services will be at **9.30pm & 11:30pm** before Christmas Masses on **24th December**.

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

OFFERINGS by CARD & GIFT AID: *YOU CAN FIND THE CARD TERMINALS ON EITHER SIDE IN THE PORCH AS YOU ENTER THROUGH THE FRONT DOORS and also AT THE EMERGENCY EXIT LEADING TO THE GARDEN. You can Gift Aid all the offering you make by card. You can use card for Sunday offering/ Offering to the Poor/Second collection/ Shop etc. Please follow the instruction on the welcoming screen.*

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS & YOUTH DAY: Parish will keep **Sunday 2nd of January as Altar Servers & Youth Day** in our parish. **Youth Mass at 13:15** followed by celebration in the hall.

CHOCOLATE & WINE TOMBOLA: If you can, please donate a box of chocolates or a wine bottle for Christmas Hamper prize for Raffle. Please bring them and place them in the basket / box at the back of the Church.

PARISH EVANGELISATION MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE: Will meet this **Wednesday 8th December at 7.15pm** in the presbytery.

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 any parents can volunteer, please see Fr Shaju after Mass or contact by email. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Please return the raffle stub & money before 18th December. Please put them in an envelope and hand over to a priest or put through presbytery letter box. Many thanks.

SVP HOMELESS PACKS AVAILABLE: The winter packs for the homeless and/or prisoners with each pack costing just £4.00 are available this weekend, 4th & 5th DECEMBER after all Masses.

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-23rd DEC at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

CHRISTMAS CARDS: There is a Christmas card for all of you from Frs Anthony and 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 Christmas & New Year celebrations.

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF NEWSLETTER: If you wish to receive a copy of the newsletter electronically by Friday, please go to st Boniface parish website and put your email Id and click subscribe.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTISE: On Saturdays at 4pm. Youth Choir will sing at 9am Mass on every other Sundays.

SUNDAY CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN: At 10:30am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY CLASSES: On Thursdays at 7.15pm in the Café.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: On Fridays 4-6pm.

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

50PLUS CLUB: On Mondays from 12:30-2.30pm in the Café. All are welcome.

PADRE PIO GROUP: Will meet every 1st and 4th Monday of month after evening Mass. Last meeting before Christmas is this Monday 6th December and will return Monday 1st February 2022.

ROSARY GROUP AND LEGION OF MARY: Closed from 8th December and return 19th January 2022.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Will meet every Tuesday after evening Mass. Closed for Christmas & New Year, will resume on 11th January.

PARENT AND BABY : If you are a parent and have a baby 0-6 months old and looking for a support group for walks, coffees and play dates please contact Lisa on 07930479208

LIVE STREAMING OF MASS: 9.30am on Mon-Sat and Sun at 12:00.

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.**

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 this Monday *20th December 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 week.



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:

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.**

	4th & 5th December	11th & 12th December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Jim Russell Agnela Cabral	Mathew D’Souza Lucinda D’Souza
09.00	Aaron Andrews-Maria Thomas Adrian Andrews-Maria Thomas	Esther Robin Ann Xavier
10.30	Lola Lawrence Mary Sagoe	Anita Bennett Gary Bennett
12.00	Callum Fernandes Finnuala Lynch	Keoni McGowan Charmaine Fernandes
13:15	Luiza Lobo Michael Lobo	Ian Johnston Caroline Rapu
18:30	Ivon Kandiah Raphael Oapa	Philomena Moffat Emie Roberts
Cleaning Rota:	Wk4: 6th December @ 7pm	Wk1: 13th December @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2048.63)
 Bag collection £1,150.13 Card collection: 430.00 & S/O: £468.50



<u>Sunday 5th December (C)</u> SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	09:00 Madeline 'Dada' RIP/ Brigida De Nazareth RIP 10:30 Anita Fonseca Ints 12:00 Jim Harkin Theodore & Domingue Flys 13:15 Mick Walsh RIP 14:00 Baptism 18:30 Tess & Jimmy McQuade RIP
Monday 6th December Advent Feria	09:30 Patrick & Kitty cummings 18:30 Cyprian Alvares RIP
Tuesday 7th December Saint Ambrose	09:30 Edward Talbot/ Nicolas Mascarenhas 18:30 P.O. Varkey RIP
Wednesday 8th December The Blessed Virgin Mary	09:30 Tammy Burch Ints 10:30 St Boniface School Mass KS1 18:30 Mary O'Gorman RIP
Thursday 9th December Advent Feria	09:30 Pro Populo 18:30 Chichi Onyebalu Ints
Friday 10th December Our Lady of Loreto	09:30 Daisy Jhugroo & Pierre Numa RIP 18:30 For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 11th December Votive Our Lady	09:30 Maryanne Michael Bday TGiving 18:30 Benjamin Rioux RIP
<u>Sunday 12th December (C)</u> THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY	09:00 Deceased of Higgins/Healy Families 10:30 David Duncan 12:00 Michael Crowley RIP/ Thomas Annama RIP 13.15 Oyster Da Costa RIP 18.30 Ken Day RIP

<u>Monday 6th December</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel <u>Tuesday 7th December</u> Charismatic Prayer Group <u>Wednesday 8th December</u> Rosary Prayer Group Closed Cry Chapel	<u>Thursday 9th December</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church <u>Friday 10th December</u> Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)
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Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm	Novena to St Anthony Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Saturday: 10am
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