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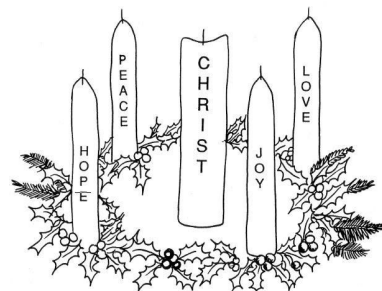
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

SUNDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2021: GAUDETE SUNDAY

"I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Lk: 3:16)

Luke's gospel gives prominence to John the Baptist as a social reformer. The question 'What must we do then?' resonates through this reading. The answers are of extraordinary relevance to us. We are called upon to share with the hungry and with the needy, to act with justice and to avoid violence. Luke also stresses the sense of expectation among the people, who even think that John might be the promised Messiah, the Christ. John then speaks about the mission of the Messiah, describing him as 'more powerful'. The overwhelming atmosphere here is of joyous anticipation of the one who will bring the good news, and who is the good news, the one who will bring healing, forgiveness and new life. During Advent, and particularly on this Third Sunday of Advent, we sense already the profound joy of the coming of the Saviour. What demands of justice and non-violence does the gospel bring to me today? Do I welcome the coming of Christ as good news in the deepest sense?



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

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

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 Zephaniah 3:14-18

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.



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

RESPONSORIAL ISAIAH 12

R. Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. **R**

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. *R*

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *R*

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

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

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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

Luke 3:10-18

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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:

*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

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 this **Sunday 12th December** and all the proceeds will go towards the Orphanage.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: Carol services will be at 9.30pm & 11:30pm before Christmas Masses on 24th December. Raffle draw now will take place on **Monday 20th December** after morning Mass.

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.

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.

YOUTH AND 20'S & 30'S COMMITTEE: Members are requested to gather in the Parish Meeting Room on this **Friday by 7pm to wrap Christmas presents to children.** Many thanks. Children will receive their Christmas present next weekend.

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.*

CHOCOLATE & WINE HAMPER : If you have brought any chocolate or wine bottle, please place them in the box at the back of the Church.

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.

THE AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY: Is starting a group to pray and support one another in the community. All the African & Caribbean members are most welcome. If anyone wishes to join the group, please contact parish office.

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 this Thursday 16th-23rd DEC at 6.30pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

POLISH COMMUNITY: Will come together on Saturday 8th January 6pm-10:30pm for Christmas & New Year Celebration in the function room. All Polish Community members are invited.

SVP HOMELESS PACKS / QUIZ NIGHT: We raised £675.50 for the Homeless and Refugees & £357 from the Quiz Night. Thank you so much for everyone's generosity and support.

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.

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

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 Week1 (Team 1) at 10m.

RECENTLY DIED: Victoria Ojukwu and Shirley Gibbs-Moorcroft

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:

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.**

	11th & 12th December	18th & 19th December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Mathew D’Souza Lucinda D’Souza	Chezka Mary Altea Chezter Marc Altea
09.00	Esther Robin Ann Xavier	Robin Thomas Ann Mary Kuriakose
10.30	Anita Bennett Gary Bennett	Adela Vianello Sandra Brekalo
12.00	Keoni McGowan Charmaine Fernandes	Doris Cubero Stephen Callus
13:15	Ian Johnston Caroline Rapu	Ian Johnston Chisom Aghaji
18:30	Philomena Moffat Emie Roberts	Padraig Cronin Susan Daniel
Cleaning Rota:	Wk1: 13th December @ 10am	Wk2: 20th December @ 7pm

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2988.70)
 Bag collection £1,135.20 Card collection: 444.00 & S/O: £1409.50



<p><u>Sunday 12th December (C)</u></p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>GAUDETE SUNDAY</p>	<p>09:00 Deceased of Higgins/Healy Families</p> <p>10:30 David Duncan</p> <p>12:00 Michael Crowley RIP/ Thomas Annama RIP</p> <p>13:15 Oyster Da Costa RIP</p> <p>18:30 Ken Day RIP</p>
<p>Monday 13th December</p> <p>Saint Lucy</p>	<p>09:30 Oyster Da Costa RIP</p> <p>18:30 Deceased of Alvares Family</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th December</p> <p>Saint John of the Cross</p>	<p>09:30 Maura Maloney Ints</p> <p>18:30 Glen Money Birthday Remembrance</p>
<p>Wednesday 15th December</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Pro Populo</p> <p>18:30 Rita D'Cruz RIP/ Lucinda D'Souza Bday</p>
<p>Thursday 16th December</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Desmond Lawrence, RIP Robin Hunte RIP</p> <p>18:30 Deceased of Mendonca Family</p>
<p>Friday 17th December</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>09:30 Retalia Orenzo RIP</p> <p>18:30 Ann Ryan, RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 18th December</p> <p>Votive Our Lady</p>	<p>09:30 Lawrence Gomes</p> <p>14:00 Baptism 2pm & 3pm</p> <p>18:30 Benjamin Rioux RIP/ Brennan Family Living & Deceased</p>
<p><u>Sunday 19th December (C)</u></p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS</p>	<p>09:00 Patrick Togher RIP</p> <p>10:30 Ellen Bolger, RIP</p> <p>12:00 Augustine D'Souza RIP/ Anne Eggleston Birthday Ints</p> <p>13.15 Derek Pinto Birthday Ints</p> <p>14:00 Baptism</p> <p>18.30 For the Holy Souls</p>

<p><u>Monday 13th December</u> Padre Pio Group 7pm Cry Chapel-Closed</p> <p><u>Tuesday 14th December</u> Charismatic Prayer Group –Closed</p> <p><u>Wednesday 15th December</u> Rosary Prayer Group Cry Chapel-Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 16th December</u> Knit & Natter Group 3pm Cry Chapel Legion of Mary 7.15pm Cry Chapel Tamil Mass 7.30pm Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 17th December</u> Parish Open House (4.00pm – 6.00pm in the Presbytery)</p>
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<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</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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