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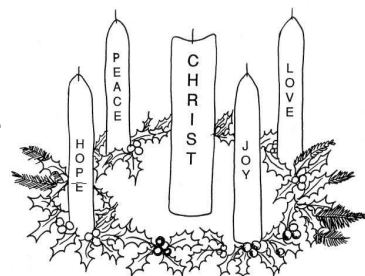
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2021

"Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promises made her by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk: 1:45)

On the days before the feast of Christmas, and on this final Sunday, the gospel describes Mary as the 'kinswoman' of Elizabeth (Luke 1:36), and stresses how deeply related the mission of John the Baptist is to the mission of Christ. Today's gospel passage is unique because it presents a meeting between the mothers of the two men, each carrying in their wombs the children soon to be born. The story has a deeper significance, for it is the first meeting between the Messiah and the one who will prepare the way for him. Luke tells us that the child in the womb of Elizabeth recognised the coming of the Lord, the Messiah. What John will do during his adult life, preparing the people for the coming of the Messiah, is anticipated here in the tender meeting of two pregnant mothers. As Mary welcomed the coming of the Lord into her body, now John, as yet unborn, welcomes his arrival too. What can we learn from the behaviour and attitude of Mary and Elizabeth?



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 and Careers**, and Talks from professionals on these topics.

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour..

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 Micah 5:1-4

A reading from the prophet Micah

The Lord says this: But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

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

RESPONSORIAL ISAIAH 12

R. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be Saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help. **R.**



God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-15

A reading from the letter of Hebrews

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

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.

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER: Is a day for prayer for expectant mothers.



TENTH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FR ANTHONY: Fr Anthony is ten years ordained on this Saturday 18th December. We congratulate him on this special anniversary day and continue to offer our prayers for his ministry. Parish will have a celebration to mark his ordination anniversary on Saturday 1st January after 9:30am Mass.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE: Carol services are: 9.30pm & 11:30pm before Christmas Masses on 24th December.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Please return the raffle stub & money before by this Sunday 19th December. Please put them in an envelope and hand over to a priest or put through presbytery letter box. Raffle draw will take place on Monday 20th December after morning Mass. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TO CHILDREN: Children will receive their Christmas present this weekend. Thank you to all young people.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

First Mass of Christmas: Friday 24th at 4pm

Christmas Vigil Masses: Friday 6pm, 8pm & 10pm

Carol Services: 9.30pm & 11:30pm

Midnight Mass: At midnight

Christmas Day: Saturday: 9am, 10.30am, 12:00 & 1.15pm

CHANGES to NEW YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICES: We, as a Parish will come together and spend time in thanksgiving to God for all the blessings each one of us and our families have received in 2021. **There will be two Thanksgiving Services: 6pm followed by Mass at 7pm & 11pm followed by Mass at midnight on Friday 31st December.** After midnight mass, there will be a mall celebration in the hall.

LAST WEEKDAY MASS IN 2021: The last weekday Mass in 2021 at 9.30am on Friday 31st December will be a special Mass for all the dearly departed in 2021 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. Those who died in 2021 only.

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.

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.

CAKE & CRAFT SALE: A big thank you to all who organised the Cake Sale last Sunday.

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

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.

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.

PARISH OPEN HOUSE: On Fridays 4-6pm.

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

BIBLE STUDY: Closed for Christmas & New Year.

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.**

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 **Week2 (Team 2) at 7pm.**

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.**

	18th & 19th December	25th & 26th December
	LITURGICAL READERS (please collect a copy of the Rota)	
Sat 18.30	Chezka Mary Altea Chezter Marc Altea	
09.00	Robin Thomas Ann Mary Kuriakose	Angel Babu Mary Donoghue
10.30	Adela Vianello Sandra Brekalo	Elizabeth Gyamfi Emily Singh
12.00	Doris Cubero Stephen Callus	Anthony Eze Duewayne Ikpoh
13:15	Ian Johnston Chisom Aghaji	Pam Fernandes Callum Fernandes
18:30	Padraig Cronin Susan Daniel	Remija Mponzi Bernadette Rose
Cleaning Rota:	Wk2: 20th December @ 7pm	Wk3: 27th December @ 10am

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Thank you for your generosity at last week's collection (£2387.20)
 Bag collection £1,301.70 Card collection: 556.00 & S/O: £529.50



<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 Holy Souls</p>
<p>Monday 20th December</p> <p>Advent</p>	<p>09:30 Holy Family Nuns, RIP</p> <p>18:30 Alfred William, RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 21st December</p> <p>Votive St Anthony</p>	<p>09:30 Paul Hogan, RIP</p> <p>18:30 Rose McDonagh</p>
<p>Wednesday 22nd December</p> <p>Votive St Josphe</p>	<p>09:30 Intentions Peggy Blake</p> <p>18:30 Jim & Gen Money B/D Remembrance</p>
<p>Thursday 23rd December</p> <p>Advent</p>	<p>09:30 Stella Ho Mak</p> <p>18:30 Rose Corrigan</p>
<p>Friday 24th December</p> <p>Christmas Eve</p>	<p>09:30 Nuala Bush B/D Ints</p> <p>4pm Emelda & Anthony Lum Wai</p> <p>6pm Rosemary B/D Ints, Daisy Jhugroo, RIP</p> <p>8pm Sylma, Jerome & James Laurent, RIP,</p> <p>10pm Paddy Arnold, RIP</p> <p>00:00 Basil Netto, RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 25th December</p> <p>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p>09:00 Francis Misquita, RIP</p> <p>10:30 Cornellius Warren, RIP</p> <p>12:00 John McCorry/ Ruben & Susie Episcopo Thanksgiving</p> <p>13:15 Jim Coyne, RIP</p>
<p><u>Sunday 26th December (C)</u></p> <p>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH</p>	<p>09:00 Kevin Deegan, RIP/ Grace Elliot Ints</p> <p>10:30 Gary, Anita & Jaden Thanksgiving</p> <p>12:00 Teresa Schembri & Curuana Family</p> <p>13.15 Benjamin Rioux, RIP</p> <p>18.30 Anne Marie Kwane, RIP</p>

<p>Adoration & Morning Prayer</p> <p>Monday - Saturday: 8.45am Holy Hour on First Friday 5.15pm – 6.15 pm</p>	<p>Novena to St Anthony</p> <p>Tuesday: 10am Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday: 10am</p>	<p>Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour</p> <p>Saturday: 10am</p>
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