



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

(ST MARY'S)

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES: 7:00pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am; 10:45am; 12:15pm, 3:00pm & 6:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: 10am; 12:10pm (**ONLINE ONLY**) & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Weekday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 6:00pm

CONFESSION: Sat. 10:30am – 11:30am & 6pm – 6:45pm;

ROSARY: 11.30am daily



Christmas Day Mass at Dawn

Entrance Antiphon cf. Is 9: 1, 5; Lk 1: 33

Today a light will shine upon us,
for the Lord is born for us;
and he will be called Wondrous God,
Prince of peace, Father of future ages:
and his reign will be without end.

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.

Collect

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance
of your incarnate Word,
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
may also shine through in our deeds.

First reading**Isaiah 62:11-12**

This the Lord proclaims
to the ends of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look,
your saviour comes,
the prize of his victory with him,
his trophies before him.'
They shall be called 'The Holy People',
'The Lord's Redeemed.'
And you shall be called 'The-sought-after',
'City-not-forsaken.'
The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 96(97):1,6,11-12

**R. This day new light will shine upon the
earth: the Lord is born for us.**

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **R.**

Light shines forth for the just
and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice, you just, in the Lord;
give glory to his holy name. **R.**

Second reading**Titus 3:4-7**

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for
mankind were revealed, it was not because he was
concerned with any righteous actions we might have
done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own
compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleans-
ing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Ho-
ly Spirit which he has so generously poured over us
through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that
we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs
looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 2:15-20**

Now when the angels had gone from them into heav-

en, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened
which the Lord has made known to us.' So they
hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the
baby lying in the manger. When they saw the
child they repeated what they had been told about
him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at
what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she
treasured all these things and pondered them in
her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying
and praising God for all they had heard and seen;
it was exactly as they had been told.

The Gospel of the Lord**Homily****The 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.

(let us kneel)

For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary
and became man.

(let us stand)

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.

Prayer over the Offerings

May our offerings be worthy, we pray, O Lord,
of the mysteries of the Nativity this day,
that, just as Christ was born a man
and also shone forth as God,
so these earthly gifts may confer on us
what is divine.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.

Agnus Dei:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Zec 9: 9

Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise,
Daughter Jerusalem:
Behold, your King will come,
the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, Lord, as we honour with joyful devotion
the Nativity of your Son,
that we may come to know with fullness of faith
the hidden depths of this mystery
and to love them ever more and more.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr. Joseph O'Callaghan, Rev Deacon Alan Boxall,
Michael Anthony Powell, Maureen Habgood,
Antoinette Chambeyron, Mary Josephine Har-
wood, Daniel Junior Morrison, Patrick Stokes,
Robert Edward Wright. Robert James Brennan,
Emillie Joseph, Eugene McKeon and Michael
Lavery.

IN CASE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION: If any
Catholic you know is taken to the hospital, please
let us have their details so we can link them up
with Catholic chaplains in the hospitals for proper
spiritual care.

**Congratulations to Rev David Hunter and Rev
Mathew Donnelly** who were ordained deacons for
the Archdiocese on 19 December 2020 at St John's
Seminary, Womersley.

Prayers for those who have died - Please re-
member in your prayers the following clergy of the
Archdiocese, or clergy who have worked in the
Archdiocese, who have died recently:
Father John O'Callaghan who died on 16 Oct 2020
Deacon Alan Boxall who died on 12 Nov 2020
Father Michael Gwinnell who died on 14 Dec 2020
Canon Frank O'Sullivan who died on 22 Dec 2020

Covid19 Vaccines

There has been some uncertainty within the Cath-
olic community with respect to vaccinations for
Covid 19. It is very important that the pastoral
counsel we offer our people accurately reflects the
Church's moral teaching and tradition which af-
firms that such vaccinations are morally licit. This
is articulated in the most recent statements by the
Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
[https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/
health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-
on-covid-19-and-vaccination/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/our-work/health-social-care/coronavirus-guidelines/update-on-covid-19-and-vaccination/) and the Vatican
[http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/
congregations/cfaith/documents/
rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-
anticovid_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html)

PARISH PRIEST'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ, 2020 has been a very special year as indeed every opportunity for us to live as God's creatures is a special privilege. Christmas 2020 is a very special Christmas indeed! It is so different in many ways: face masking, social distancing, different tiering regulations, physical restrictions, controlled singing, job loss, furlough, bad economy, Brexit deadlines, R-rates, not forgetting the hundreds of thousands of lives that have been lost to the invisible monster that has thrown things upside down for most of this year. Yet the commemoration of the birth of our Saviour is here again and we cannot but be filled with sentiments of joy and gratitude. Joy, that in spite of all that tell of the contrary we are still here and we are opportune to gather as brothers and sisters to relish the joy of Christmas. Gratitude because that is a sense that Christmas should evoke in us: the coming to our world of the Only Begotten Son of the Eternal Father in the mystery of the Incarnation should make us swell with high sense of gratitude to God for his love and mercy upon us. For, if God did not become man, we would have been forever condemned to death and misery. But because Jesus took on flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary and was born for us, he was able to experience our pain and misery, share in our death and restore us to life. This is the reason for this season of joy and gratitude. In the words of St Augustine of Hippo to the people of God, 'let us then joyfully celebrate the coming of our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he who is the great and eternal day came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time.' Our celebration of joy and gratitude should move us to be open in love and generosity to those who have been immersed in sorrow at the time. We must, like the child born for us, share in the pain, misery and woe of the homeless, the unloved, the afflicted, the abused, the jobless, the sick, the grieving and all those who find no reason to rejoice at this festive season.

On behalf of the entire parish, I wish you all a blessed celebration of the birth of Christ. I pray for you all to remain joyful in hope, active in love and untiring in charity. I also thank all the stewards who have been contributing their energy and time to making the church safe for worship. Equal thanks to you all who have been supporting the parish financially at this very hard time. May the joy and peace that Jesus brings lasts in us forever.

- **PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED TILL MONDAY 4TH OF JANUARY 2021**
- **Our weekend Masses as usual. See front page.**
- **Mon. 28th: 10am Mass ONLY**
- **Weekday schedule resumes on Tue 29th**
- **31st Dec: Mass at 10 am, 12:10 (Online) & 6:45pm.**
- **New Year Eve Programme:
10:30pm Adoration. 11:00pm: Mass**
- **1st Jan 2021: 10am & 12noon Masses**
- **2nd & 3rd Jan: weekend Masses as usual**

