



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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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



25th December 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9: 5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of
great counsel.

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

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity
of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading **Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 95:1-6**

R. *All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.*

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **R.**

Second reading **Hebrews 1:1-6**

At various times in the past and in various different
ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the
prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has
spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has
appointed to inherit everything and through whom
he made everything there is. He is the radiant light
of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature,
sustaining the universe by his powerful command;
and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin,
he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right
hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the

angels as the title which he has inherited is higher
than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son,
today I have become your father*; or: *I will be a father to
him and he a son to me*. Again, when he brings the
First-Born into the world, he says: *Let all the angels
of God worship him*.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light
has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel **John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word:
and the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
A man came, sent by God.
His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.
The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.
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.'
Indeed, from his fullness we have,
all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son,
who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

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

As we look forward, O Lord,
to the coming festivities,
may we serve you all the more eagerly
for knowing that in them
you make manifest the beginnings of our
redemption.
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. Is 40: 5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that we may draw new vigour
from celebrating the Nativity of your
Only Begotten Son,
by whose heavenly mystery
we receive both food and drink.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 Catholic 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 affirms 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/> and the Vatican 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, mis-

ery 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 last 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**

