



## 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



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.**

**Entrance Antiphon** Ps 2: 7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.

**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,

**Collect**

O God, who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendour of the true light,  
grant, we pray, that we, who have known the  
mysteries of his light on earth,  
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.

**First reading****Isaiah 9:1-7**

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy  
when they are dividing the spoils.  
For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.  
For all the footgear of battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
is burnt,  
and consumed by fire.  
For there is a child born for us,  
a son given to us  
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;  
and this is the name they give him:  
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,  
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.  
Wide is his dominion  
in a peace that has no end,  
for the throne of David  
and for his royal power,  
which he establishes and makes secure  
in justice and integrity.  
From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm Ps. 95(96):1-3,11-13**

**R. Today a saviour has been born to us:  
he is Christ the Lord.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

**Second reading****Titus 2:11-14**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made  
salvation possible for the whole human race and  
taught us that what we have to do is to give up  
everything that does not lead to God, and all our  
worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and  
live good and  
religious lives here in this present world, while we  
are waiting in hope for the blessing which will  
come with the Appearing of the glory of our great  
God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed him-  
self for us in order to set us free from all wicked-  
ness and to  
purify a people so that it could be his very own and  
would have no ambition except to do good.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I bring you news of great joy:  
today a saviour has been born to us,  
Christ the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel****Luke 2:1-14**

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the  
whole world to be taken. This census – the first –  
took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria,  
and everyone went to his own town to be regis-  
tered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth  
in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town  
of  
David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's  
House and line, in order to be registered together  
with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.  
While they were there the time came for her to  
have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her  
first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes,  
and laid him in a manger because there was no  
room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds  
who lived in the fields and took it in turns to  
watch their flocks during the night. The angel of  
the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the  
Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but  
the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring  
you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the  
whole people. Today in the town of David a sav-  
iour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.  
And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby  
wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a man-  
ger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a  
great throng of the heavenly host, praising God  
and singing:

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

**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 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/](http://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.

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- **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**

