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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



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.

24th December 2020

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ex 16: 6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

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,

Collect

O God, who gladden us year by year
as we wait in hope for our redemption,
grant that, just as we joyfully welcome
your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer,
we may also merit to face him confidently
when he comes again as our Judge.

First reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of
the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;

no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 88(89):4-5,16-17,27,29

R. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall endure.' **R.**

Second reading Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in
the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began
to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God
of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made
our people great when they were living as foreigners
in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he ap-
proved in these words, "I have selected David son of
Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out
my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has
raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus,
as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John
when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the
whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career
he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that
one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his
sandal."'

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow there will be an end
to the sin of the world
and the saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:1-25

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David,
son of Abraham:

Abraham was the father of Isaac,
Isaac the father of Jacob,
Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,
Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah,
Tamar being their mother,
Perez was the father of Hezron,
Hezron the father of Ram,
Ram was the father of Amminadab,
Amminadab the father of Nahshon,
Nahshon the father of Salmon,
Salmon was the father of Boaz,
Rahab being his mother,
Boaz was the father of Obed, Ruth being his moth-
er,

Obed was the father of Jesse;
and Jesse was the father of King David.

David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been Uriah's wife,
Solomon was the father of Rehoboam,
Rehoboam the father of Abijah,
Abijah the father of Asa,
Asa was the father of Jehoshaphat,
Jehoshaphat the father of Joram,
Joram the father of Azariah,
Azariah was the father of Jotham,
Jotham the father of Ahaz,
Ahaz the father of Hezekiah,
Hezekiah was the father of Manasseh,
Manasseh the father of Amon,
Amon the father of Josiah;
and Josiah was the father of Jechoniah and his
brothers.

Then the deportation to Babylon took place.

After the deportation to Babylon:
Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel,
Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,
Zerubbabel was the father of Abiud,
Abiud the father of Eliakim,
Eliakim the father of Azor,
Azor was the father of Zadok,
Zadok the father of Achim,
Achim the father of Eliud,
Eliud was the father of Eleazar,
Eleazar the father of Matthan,
Matthan the father of Jacob;
and Jacob was the father of Joseph
the husband of Mary;
of her was born Jesus who is called Christ.

The sum of generations is therefore: fourteen from
Abraham to David; fourteen from David to the
Babylonian deportation; and fourteen from the
Babylonian deportation to Christ.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His
mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before

they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 remember 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, 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**

