



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 & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Wednesday 12:45pm – 6:00pm; Sat. 10:45am – 12noon; Sun. 4pm–5.45pm

CONFESSION: Saturday after 10:30-11:30am; 6pm and at call. **ROSARY:** 11.30am (Monday—Friday)

PARISH SURGERY: Every Tuesday and Friday: 9:00am to 12:30pm and 2:00pm to 4:30pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 12TH DECEMBER 2021

Entrance Antiphon Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.

HYMN: ON JORDAN'S BANK

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
come then and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every Christian breast,
and furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our heart prepare,
for Christ to come and enter there.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace our souls must fade,
and wither like a flower decayed.
4. Stretch forth thy hand to heal our sore,
and make us rise, to fall no more;
once more upon thy people shine,
and fill the world with love divine.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,

and Holy Ghost, for evermore.

-C. Collin (1676-1749)

Collect

O God, who see how your people
faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

First reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes,
word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;

he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12

R. *Sing and shout for joy for great in your
midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

Truly, God is my salvation,

I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,

he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

R.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!

Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!

Declare the greatness of his name.

R.

Sing a psalm to the Lord

for he has done glorious deeds;

make them known to all the earth!

People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,

for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

The word of the Lord

Second reading **Philippians 4:4-7**

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation **Is61:1(Lk4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel **Luke 3:10-18**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with some-

thing to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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.

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.

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 of the Faithful

HYMN: GAUDETE

Gaudete, gaudete Christus est natus

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1. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger
There he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger
2. Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Saviour?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his
favour.
3. Angels sang a bout his birth, wise men sought and
found him; Heavens star shown brightly forth,
glory all around him.
4. Shepherd saw the wondrous sight, heard the
angels singing; all the plains were lit that night,
all the hills were ringing.
5. Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled but no more a stranger.
6. Son of God, of humble birth, beautiful the story;
Praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of
Glory.

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 Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty,
and our earth shall yield its increase.

HYMN: ONE BREAD ONE BODY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessings which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the earth
We are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or
man no more.
2. Many the gifts, many the works, one in the
Lord of all.
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one, for all.

- John B. Foley, SJ

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Clare Leonard, Sadie Angela McQuin,
Matias Silva. May they rest in peace and
rise in glory. Amen.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the
gifts of our priests; help them to be strong in their
vocation and become instruments of your love and
grace. Send your Holy Spirit to give courage and
guidance to all those you are calling to the priest-
hood, diaconate and religious life in our Archdio-
cese. May those called hear your voice and re-
spond wholeheartedly to become the person you
created them to be.

Heavenly Father, form us all in the like ness of your
Son, Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd, so that we may
love you more deeply and serve you more
faithfully. We ask this through Christ, Your son, the
Eternal High Priest, **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: THE KING OF GLORY

Refrain

The king of glory comes, the nation rejoices
Open the gates before him, Lift up your voices.

Who is the king of glory, How shall we call him?
He is Emmanuel, the promise of ages.

In all of galilee, in city or village
He goes among his people, curing their illness.

Sing then of David's Son, our Saviour and brother;
In all of Galilee was never another.

He gave his life for us, the pledge of salvation;
He took up on himself the sins of the nation.

He conquered sin and death, he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly vision.

- *W.F. Jabusch*

COMING PARISH EVENTS:

RAFFLE DRAW FOR MISSIO, CAFOD, AID TO

THE CHURCH IN NEED CHARITIES: This shall be held on Tuesday the 21st December. All sold and unsold tickets need to be returned by 20th the latest either to any of the volunteers or to one of the priests in the parish.

PARISH SURGERY DAYS: For signing of school forms, registration for Marriages, enquiry about Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, visit the parish office on **Tuesdays and Fridays between 9am and 12:30pm, and from 2pm to 4:30pm.**

ADVENT SHOEBOX APPEAL

St Mary's Women's Group are, once again, asking parishioners to donate a Christmas present for the homeless and vulnerable in our community. Fill a shoe box with toiletries, treats and a Christmas Card and these will go to the guests at St Mildred's Drop-In on Christmas Day. Further information about what to include in your box is on the parish website and on the posters in the porch. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

FATHER PATRICK, on behalf of the parish, is inviting Our Senior Parishioners to CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Date: 17th December 2021

Time: 1:00pm—4:00pm Venue: Parish Hall
Tickets £5:00 per person. Tickets available from the parish office. Tel no. 02086881857 option 3 to reserve your ticket.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PROGRAMME

Confessions:

Saturday 18th Dec. 10:45-12noon: 6pm to 6:45pm
Mon 20th –Tue 21st: 10:45-12noon
Wed. 22nd Dec 6:pm: Penitential Service/
Confessions
(NO EVENING MASS ON THAT WEDNESDAY)

Masses:

Friday 24th December: Christmas Eve

10am: Last Advent Mass
6:00pm: (*Family*) Vigil Mass
8:00pm: Vigil Mass
10:00pm: Vigil Mass
12:00am: Midnight Mass

Saturday: 25th December: Christmas Day

8:00am: Mass at Dawn
9:15am: Mass During the Day
10:45am: Mass During the Day
12:15pm: Mass During the Day
(NO SATURDAY EVENING MASS)

Sunday 26th December: Holy Family Day

Masses at 8:00am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm,
3:00pm and 6:00pm

Monday 27th December: St John the Evangelist

10:00 am Mass ONLY

Tuesday 28th December: The Holy Innocents

10:00 am Mass ONLY

Wednesday & Thursday: Masses as usual

Friday 31st December

10:00am: Mass **NO 12:10pm & 6:45pm**

Masses

10:00pm HOLY HOUR

11:15pm: New Year Eve Thanksgiving Mass

Saturday 1st January: Mary, Mother of God

10:00am: Mass

12 noon: Mass

7:00pm: Sunday Vigil Mass

Sunday 2nd January: Usual Sunday Masses

Monday 3rd January: 10am Mass ONLY

ALTAR SERVERS' Christmas Training Session shall be held on Monday 20th December after the 6:45pm Mass in the church.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION: We require help for putting up our Christmas decoration for this year on Monday 13th December after the 12:10pm Mass. Stewards and other interested parishioners are invited to join in beautifying the church.