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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

Second Sunday of Christmas (C) 2nd January 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Wis 18: 14–15

When a profound silence covered all things
and night was in the middle of its course,
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

HYMN: DING DONG MERRILY ON HIGH

Ding dong merrily on high
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below
Let steeple bells be swungen
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you, dutifully prime
Your matin chyme, ye ringers;
May you beautifully rime
Your evetime song, ye singers
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

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

Almighty ever-living God,
splendour of faithful souls,
graciously be pleased to fill the world
with your glory,
and show yourself to all peoples
by the radiance of your light.
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.
Amen.

First reading

Ecclesiasticus 24:1–2,8–12

Wisdom speaks her own praises,

in the midst of her people she glories in herself.
She opens her mouth in the
assembly of the Most High,
she glories in herself
in the presence of the Mighty One;
'Then the creator of all things instructed me,
and he who created me fixed a place for my tent.
He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob,
make Israel your inheritance."
From eternity, in the beginning, he created me,
and for eternity I shall remain.
I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle,
and thus was I established on Zion.
In the beloved city he has given me rest,
and in Jerusalem I wield my authority.
I have taken root in a privileged people,
in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 147:12-15,19-20**

R. *The Word was made flesh,
and lived among us.*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you. **R.**

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **R.**

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **R.**

Second reading **Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings
of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made,
he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless,
and to live through love in his presence,
determining that we should become
his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
for his own kind purposes,
to make us praise the glory of his grace,
his free gift to us in the Beloved.
That will explain why I, having once heard about your

faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show to-
wards all the saints, have never failed to
remember you in my prayers and to thank God for
you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and per-
ception of what is revealed, to bring you to full
knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your
mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for
you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will
inherit.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to you, O Christ,
proclaimed to the pagans.
Glory be to you, O Christ,
believed in by the world.

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.

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

OFFERTORY: WHILE SHEPHERDS

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground,
the angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around.

"Fear not," said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;

"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day
is born of David's line
a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord;
and this shall be the sign:

"The heavenly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands,
and in a manger laid."

Thus spoke the Seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
of Angels praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song:

"All glory be to God on high
and on earth be peace;
good will henceforth from heaven to men
begin and never cease."

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: THE FIRST NOWELL

The first "Nowell" the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;

In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Nowell! Nowell! Nowell! Nowell!
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

This star drew nigh to the northwest:
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Then did they know assuredly
Within that house the King did lie;
One entered in then for to see,
And found the Babe in poverty.

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh, and frankincense.

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Clare Leonard, Sadie Angela McQuin, Matias
Silva, Patrick Neale and Josephine Singers.
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 priesthood, diaconate and religious life
in our Archdiocese. May those called hear your voice
and respond 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

RECESSIONAL: GOD REST YE

God rest you merry, gentlemen
Let nothing you dismay
Remember, Christ, our Saviour
Was born on Christmas day

To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray

**Refrain: O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy
O tidings of comfort and joy**

In Bethlehem, in Judah
This blessed Babe was born
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn
The which His Mother Mary
Did nothing take in scorn

From God our Heavenly Father
A blessed Angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.

"Fear not then," said the Angel,
"Let nothing you affright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of a pure Virgin bright,
To free all those who trust in Him
From Satan's power and might."

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway
The Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort and joy,

And when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found Him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All other doth deface.

**Our parish office will re-open on Wednesday 5th
of January 2022.**

New Year Day Mass in Honour Of Mary, Mother of
God: **10am & 12noon**

Sunday 2nd January Masses as scheduled starting
with the 7pm vigil Mass on Saturday 1st January.

Monday 3rd January is Bank Holiday. There will be
only one Mass in the parish at 10:00am after which
the church doors will be closed.

**Thursday 6th January is Epiphany: Masses
as during the week.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!