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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

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (C) 9TH JANUARY 2022

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mt 3: 16–17

After the Lord was baptized,
the heavens were opened,
and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove,
and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

HYMN: OPEN YOUR EARS

1 Open your ears, O Christian people,
open your ears and hear Good News.
Open your hearts O royal priesthood
God has come to you.

Chorus:

God has spoken to His people, alleluia.
And His words are words of wisdom, alleluia.

2 Israel comes to greet the Saviour,
Judah is glad to see His day.
From East and West the people travel,
He will show the way.

3 Those who have ears to hear His message;
those who have ears, then let them hear.
Those who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's words.

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,
who, when Christ had been baptized
in the River Jordan
and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him,
solemnly declared him your beloved Son,
grant that your children by adoption,
reborn of water and the Holy Spirit,
may always be well pleasing to you.
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 **Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**

‘Console my people, console them’
says your God.
‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.’
A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.
Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’
Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.
Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.
Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
‘Here is your God.’
Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps. 103:1-4,24-25,27-30**

R. *Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are.*

Lord God, how great you are,
clothed in majesty and glory,

wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.
You make the clouds your chariot,
you walk on the wings of the wind,
you make the winds your messengers
and flashing fire your servant. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your riches.
There is the sea, vast and wide,
with its moving swarms past counting,
living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it, they gather it up:
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You hide your face, they are dismayed;
you take back your spirit, they die.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

Second reading **Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7**

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made sal-
vation possible for the whole human race and
taught us that what we have to do is to give up eve-
rything 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 sacri-
ficed himself for us in order to *set us free from all
wickedness* and *to purify a people so that it could be his
very own* and would have no ambition except to do
good.

But when the kindness and love of God our sav-
iour for mankind were revealed, it was not because
he was concerned with any righteous actions we
might have done ourselves; it was for no reason ex-
cept his own compassion that he saved us, by means
of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us
with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously
poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour.
He did this so that we should be justified by his

grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Lk3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Someone is coming, said John,

someone greater than I.

He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:15-16,21-22

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. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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: Go Tell It On The Mountain

Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and everywhere,
Go tell it on the mountain,
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

And lo when they had seen it
they all bowed down and prayed.
They travelled on together
to where the babe was laid

When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day:
I asked my Lord to help me
and he showed me the way.

He made me a watchman
upon the city wall.
And if I am a Christian,
I am the least of all.

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: SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW

1. See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Chorus

Hail, thou ever-blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

2. Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the starry skies;
He, who throned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim.

3. Say, ye holy shepherds, say
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?

4. "As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing peace on earth
Told us of the Saviour's birth".

5. Sacred infant, all divine,
What a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.

6. Virgin mother, Mary blest,
by the joys that fill thy breast,
pray for us, that we may prove
worthy of the Saviour's love.

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patrick Michael Neale, Josephine Singers, Antonio
Jose Francisco Luis Carvalho and Peter D'Costa.
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 likeness 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: ON JORDAN'S BANK

On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings!

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.

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.

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.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost, forevermore.

Catechesis - Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Because of continued uncertainties over the
COVID/Omicron pandemic and our desire to en-
sure safety, we are postponing the launch of these
two sacramental programmes from 14/15 January
to the start of February. We will launch the confir-
mation course at a meeting of the young candidates
and their parents on Friday 4 February at 7 pm,
and the First Holy Communion course at a meeting
of the parents (one parent without the children) on
Saturday 5 February at 10.45 am, both in the Parish
Centre. Please watch this space for further updates
as the COVID situation becomes clearer.

Christmas Decoration:

We request for helpers to take down our Christmas
decoration on Monday 10th January after the 10am
Mass.

**NEXT SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY IS PEACE
SUNDAY. THERE WILL BE PEACE SUN-
DAY SECOND COLLECTION AT MASSES.**