



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) : 5th December 2021

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

HYMN: WAIT FOR THE LORD

1. Hark! A herald voice is calling;
'Christ is nigh' it seems to say;
'cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!'
2. Startled at the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo! The Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven.
4. So when next he comes with glory,
wrapping all the earth in fear,
may he then as our defender
on the clouds of heaven appear.
5. Honour, glory, virtue, merit,
to the Father and the Son,
with the co-eternal Spirit,
while unending ages run.

-6th Century Tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)

Collect

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
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 Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress,
put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever,
wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you,
put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head:
since God means to show your splendour
to every nation under heaven,
since the name God gives you for ever will be,
'Peace through integrity,
and honour through devotedness.'
Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights
and turn your eyes to the east:
see your sons reassembled from west and east
at the command of the Holy One,
jubilant that God has remembered them.
Though they left you on foot,
with enemies for an escort,
now God brings them back to you
like royal princes carried back in glory.
For God has decreed the flattening
of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills,
the filling of the valleys to make the ground level
so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.
And the forests and every fragrant tree
will provide shade
for Israel at the command of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps. 125(126)

**R. *What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad.***

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second reading Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in

the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley will be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
winding ways will be straightened
and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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: LORD ACCEPT THE GIFTS WE OFFER

Lord accept the gifts we offer
 at this Eucharistic feast,
 Bread and wine to be transformed now,
 through the action of thy priest,
 Take us too Lord and transform us,
 may thy grace in us increase.

May our souls be pure and spotless,
 as the host of wheat so fine,
 May all stain of sin be crushed out
 like the grape that forms the wine,
 As we too become partakers
 in this sacrifice divine

Take our gifts Almighty Father,
 living God eternal true,
 Which we give through Christ our Saviour
 pleading here for us anew
 Grant salvation to us present
 and our faith and love renew.

- *Sister M. Teresine*

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: O BREAD OF HEAVEN

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil
 Thou dost my very God conceal:
 My Jesus, dearest treasure, hail!
 I love Thee and, adoring, kneel;
 Each loving soul by Thee is fed
 With Thine own Self in form of Bread.

O food of life, Thou Who dost give
 The pledge of immortality;
 I live, no 'tis not I that live;

God gives me life, God lives in me:
 He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,
 And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of love that dost unite
 The servant to his living Lord;
 Could I dare live and not requite
 Such love - then death were meet reward:
 I cannot live unless to prove
 Some love for such unmeasured love.

Beloved Lord, in Heaven above
 There, Jesus, Thou awaitest me,
 To gaze on Thee with endless love;
 Yes, thus I hope, thus shall it be:
 For how can He deny me Heaven,
 Who here on earth Himself hath given?
 - *St Alphonsus Liguori (1697-1787)*

PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED:

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 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**

CLOSING HYMN: LIKE A SEA

Like a sea without a shore
 love divine is boundless.
 Time is now and evermore
 and His love surrounds us.

Refrain:

Maranatha! Maranatha!
 Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!

So that we could all be free
 He appeared among us,
 blest are those who have not seen,
 yet believe His promise.

All our visions, all our dreams,
are but ghostly shadows
of the radiant clarity
waiting at life's close..

Death where is your victory?
Death where is your sting?
Closer than the air we breath
Is our risen King.

- Estelle White

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LAST BATCH OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAD THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE PARISH YESTERDAY. IMMENSE THANKS TO ALL THE CATECHISTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO PARISH LIFE.

COMING PARISH EVENTS:

RAFFLE FOR MISSIO, CAFOD, AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED CHARITIES: Malcolm Fernandes, the representative of the above Church charities in our parish is organizing sale of raffle tickets to raise funds for the charities. Volunteers are needed to help in this regard. Contact Malcolm on 02087774785

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.**

A DAY WITH MARY monthly devotion shall be held in our parish on Saturday 11th December from 9:30am.

OUR LADY OF MADHU: Special novena in honour of Our Lady of Madhu in thanksgiving to God for Our Lady's Maternal help is ongoing. It was started last Monday 29th November and runs to 7th December after the 6:45pm Mass. All are invited to the Novena and to the Feast on the 8th of December.

SYNOD on SYNODALITY

Thursday **9th December @8pm:** ZOOM Meeting (ID 836 8671 5720) Passcode: Synod

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.