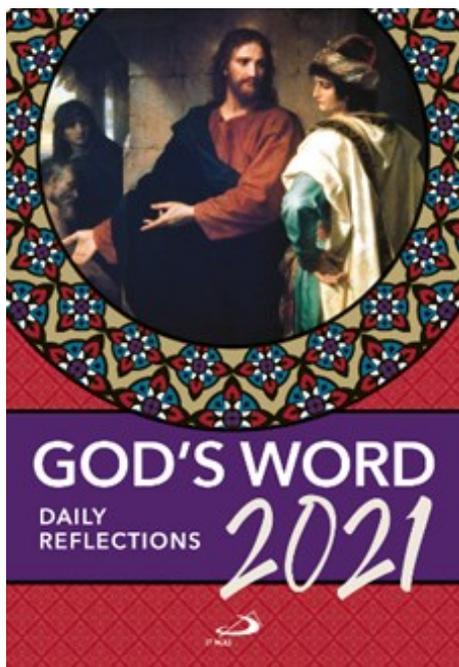


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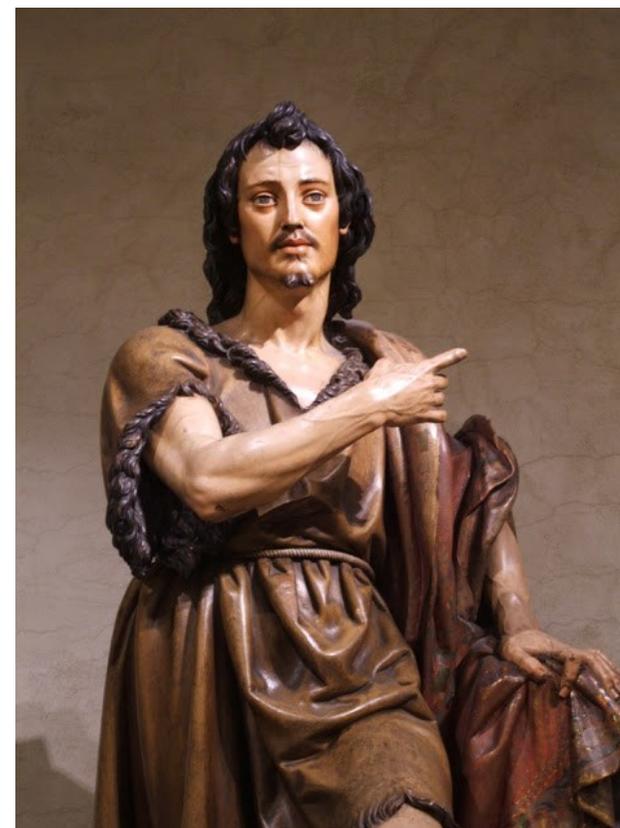


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6th December 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

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ORDER OF THE MASS

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.

Introductory Rites

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

*I confess to almighty God / and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned / in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints / and you my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.
Amen.*

P: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: / Lord have mercy.

C: *Lord have mercy*

P: You came to call sinners: / Christ have mercy.

C: *Christ have mercy*

P: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: / Lord have mercy

C: *Lord have mercy.*

Advent Reflections: We have produced a series of short video reflections which are posted weekly on our website and Facebook page. One set of videos is aimed at children to explore the Sunday gospel through storytelling, prayer, music and activities. Not forgetting the spiritual needs of our grown ups, we have produced a set of reflections aimed at adults, using music, art and prayer to explore the Gospel of the week. Thank you to all those involved in producing these resources.

Congratulations to Billy Walker, winner of the Pound Club draw for November. The next draw will take place on **Sunday 20th December**, with a bumper prize of £100. You've got to be in it to win it!

Pro-Life Advent Rosary THIS MONDAY: Join people across the Archdiocese on Zoom to pray for unborn children, their mothers and all Pro-Life intentions. Each Monday at 7:30pm in Advent. To register, visit bit.ly/RosaryAdvent2

DIY Abortion: Make Your Voice Heard THIS TUESDAY: A Zoom session to learn how to respond to the Scottish Government online consultation on early medical abortion at home. 7:30pm, Tuesday 08 December. Register at bit.ly/DIYabortion

Be Still: Sr Anna Marie McGuan RSM helps you cut through the cacophony of consumerism to ensure prayer is the priority in your prep to celebrate the birth of Christ. This Zoom event takes place at 7:30pm on Monday 14 December. No registration required - join using this link bit.ly/BeStillWebinar

Diploma in Catechetics: More people are registering for the Archdiocese's Diploma in Catechetics. Lectures take place on a Thursday evening on Zoom, so you can learn from the comfort and convenience of your home. To register visit bit.ly/CatecheticsDiploma (deadline 01 January). Or for more info email: sranna.marie@staned.org.uk

Thank You to the parishioner who anonymously donated £100 towards the cost of CCTV for the parish house. The CCTV is being installed to try and combat the recent spate of vandalism, but is proving to be quite expensive. As you imagine, it is important that our priests feel safe living in the house. If you wish to contribute towards this worthy cause, please speak to a member of the Parish Council.

NOTICES

Booking for Mass: It is essential that you book if you wish to attend any of our weekend Masses. To do this, contact Ewan Walker on 07913 824 258 or eaw287@gmail.com. Contact details are also available on the parish website.

PLEASE, IF YOU MAKE A BOOKING AND CANNOT ATTEND, GET IN TOUCH TO CANCEL SO THE PLACE CAN BE ALLOCATED TO SOMEONE ELSE.

Remember, we have now added in an extra Mass at 9.45am on Sundays, so if your first choice Mass is full, please consider coming to an alternative one.

Money Matters: Thank you for your continued generosity with your offerings during these difficult times. If you are still unable to come to Mass but wish to continue your contributions, there are several ways you can do this. You can post your donations through the letterbox of the parish house. It is also possible to donate via bank transfer or standing order. The parish bank account details are:

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Account number: 00126361

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Please remember to include your name as a reference.

Last Sunday's collection: **£463.18**

Christmas 2020: Guidelines regarding the safe celebration of our Christmas Masses were included with last week's bulletin. They are also available to view as a special edition on the Bulletin page of our website.

A reminder that Christmas Masses will be at the following times:

Christmas Eve: ~~5:00pm~~, (this Mass is now fully booked) 6:30pm,
8:00pm

Christmas Day: 10:00am.

To book a place at one of our Christmas services, follow the normal booking instructions above.

Requiescat in Pace: The requiem of Maureen McMahon, formerly a long-serving **teacher** at St Joseph's school until her retirement, will be held on **Wednesday 9th December at St John Ogilvie's**, followed by burial at Mount Vernon. Due to current restrictions, Maureen's funeral is to be attended by family only. May she rest in peace.

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
Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14(Advent)

***R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy,
and give us your saving help.***

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection

On this second Sunday of Advent the Liturgy of the Word focuses on the absolute necessity of repentance and reparation for the coming of Christ.

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to repent. He preached 'a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins' for the real cure for the ills of his society. John is introduced with two quotations from the Old Testament (Mal 3:1 & Isa 40:3) which show that the Messiah will be preceded by a forerunner, and that the latter will be ministering in the wilderness. They signify that the long awaited final act of God for the salvation of humankind has begun.

People listened to the words of John the Baptist attentively. They trembled and felt the need to mend their ways. He preached the message of hope to those who were discouraged. In his words they found comfort and consolation that they did not have to remain enslaved by negative circumstances but could overcome them by discovering the hidden power within them to prepare the way to welcome the Saviour.

The call to repentance is a call to conversion, to have a new heart, to discover our authentic selves. We cannot do this unless we are willing to change when we find the things we set our hearts on and the persons we associate with are not helpful to grow as faithful followers. And when we realize that our past actions and attitudes were wrong, that they have caused pain and suffering to others, our tears become spontaneous and eloquent. Moistened by repentant tears, the seed of real conversion germinates within us and a new heart begins to bloom.

In this world of ours, John's message gives us great hope because he points out that it is possible for us to become a 'new creation' by preparing ourselves to accept Jesus, God's gift of love.

With repentant hearts let us welcome the Lord.

Fr Shinto Joseph, SSP

P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

C: Lord, I am not worthy that I should enter under your roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon **Bar 5: 5; 4: 36**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion

P: Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.

Through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Final Blessing

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit

P: May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son and
the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the
Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.
and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the
forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of
Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were
baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their
sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on
locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he
said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more
powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and
undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with
water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Profession of Faith

*I believe in God, / the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit /
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was
buried; / he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven;
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty,*

*from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting.
Amen.*

Prayers of the Faithful

P: Lord, hear us.

C: *Lord Graciously Hear us.*

Liturgy of the Eucharist

P: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

C: *Blessed be God for ever.*

P: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

C: *Blessed be God for ever.*

P: Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

C: *May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy church.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *And with your spirit.*

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: *It is right and just.*

The 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.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Doxology and Great Amen

P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever>

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; / thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,*

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, / but deliver us from evil.

P: Deliver us Lord, we pray...

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.*

P: Lord Jesus Christ.... For ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And with your spirit.**

P: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

*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.*