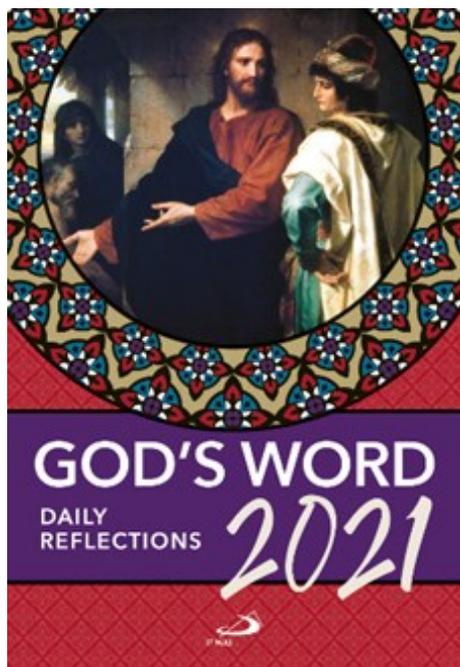


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**Third Sunday of Advent**

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# ORDER OF THE MASS

## Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4: 4-5

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

## 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.*

**Reconciliation:** Our usual Advent Penitential Service can't take place this year. However, for those wishing Confession in the run up to Christmas, a priest will be available in the church hall **before each Mass on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of Advent** (13th and 20th December), or **after morning Mass during the week**. If you can't make any of these times, please phone the Parish House to arrange a suitable, socially distanced time.

**The final Pound Club draw of 2020** will take place next Sunday, with a **bumper prize of £100**. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Pound Club in raising money for the parish, especially during such a challenging year.

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**The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has issued a pastoral letter on the Covid-19 pandemic titled 'Light Shines in Darkness'. You can find it on the Covid-19 section of [www.bcos.org.uk](http://www.bcos.org.uk). A copy is also on the noticeboard in the foyer.**

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**Advent Healing Service:** New Dawn Scotland invite you to take part in an Advent Healing Service, led by Augustinians at Clare Priory in Suffolk. It takes place on YouTube at 7:30-9:00pm on Friday 18 December. For details visit [www.newdawninscotland.com](http://www.newdawninscotland.com)

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**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](https://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](https://bit.ly/CatecheticsDiploma) (deadline 01 January). For more info email: [sranna.marie@staned.org.uk](mailto:sranna.marie@staned.org.uk)

**Year of St Joseph :** Pope Francis proclaimed a year of St Joseph this week, which runs until 08 Dec 2021. He has issued a new Apostolic Letter, which is available online. Just type *Patris Corde* into your web browser. A copy is also available on the church noticeboard. The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

## 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:

**Sort code: 80-02-27**

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Please remember to include your name as a reference.

Last Sunday's collection: **£369.36**

**Christmas 2020:** Guidelines regarding the safe celebration of our Christmas Masses were included with the bulletin at the start of December. 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, 6:30pm (these are fully booked), 8:00pm

**Christmas Day:** 10:00am.

To book a place at one of our Christmas services, follow the normal booking instructions above. **The 6.30pm Mass will also be live streamed on our Facebook page.**

**Looking beyond Christmas:** Morning Mass on St Stephen's Day, 26th December, will be at **9.30am.**

Morning Mass on New Year's Day and 2nd January will be at **9.30am.**

### First reading

**Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;  
to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

**The Word of the Lord**

*Thanks be to God.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Luke 1:46-50,53-54**

**( R ) My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **( R )**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him. **( R )**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **( R )**

## **Second reading**

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

### **The Word of the Lord**

*Thanks be to God*

## **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**

### **John 1:6-8,19-28**

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.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

## **Reflection**

The Third Sunday of Advent is called in Latin 'Gaudete Sunday' and in English 'Rejoice Sunday.' The theme of joy is reflected in the liturgy of the Word of the day. Especially, we see it in St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. "Rejoice always!" is the message to the persecuted followers of Christ in Thessalonica. The same message is proclaimed to the people of all times. It might sound strange to give such advice to people in the midst of suffering, depression and isolation, mainly due to the pandemic. Is it possible to find joy when we hear about tumbling markets, closures of business and loss of jobs? Where can we find joy in a world going through so many crises?

Why should we become 'people of joy'? In his 2005 Advent Reflection, Pope Benedict XVI wrote the following: "With the angel's greeting to Mary at the Annunciation – 'kaire' in Greek, which means 'be joyful' – the New Testament begins. We could say that the first word of the New Testament is 'be joyful,' 'be happy.' The true meaning of Christmas is this: God is near us, so near that He became a child."

It is the continued presence of Christ in us and among us that gladdens our hearts, even amidst our suffering and sadness. Joy was made complete by God becoming human. That is why St Paul asks us to "rejoice always" (1 Thess 5:16) and Isaiah shouts aloud, "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall exult in my God" (Is 61:10). Joy is never within our power without the presence of Christ in us. Only Christ can fill us with the fullness of joy.

Joy is the true gift of Christmas, not the expensive gifts that cost our time and money. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us.

Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.

May God bless us!  
**Fr Shinto Joseph, SSP**

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.

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.*

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they  
put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if  
you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?'  
John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among  
you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me;  
and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at  
Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was  
baptising.

### **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.*

### **MARRIAGE MATTERS REFLECTION**

[www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

*We have been anointed by God.*

A TV programme poses the question: 'Who do you think you are?'  
When John, baptising in the desert, was asked this question, to  
paraphrase he replied: "I am a voice, drawing attention to something  
greater than you can see or hear." Our marriages are like this! We are  
a 'sign' radiating God's love for all His people.

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.*

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**

**Cf. Is 35: 4**

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.*

*Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.*