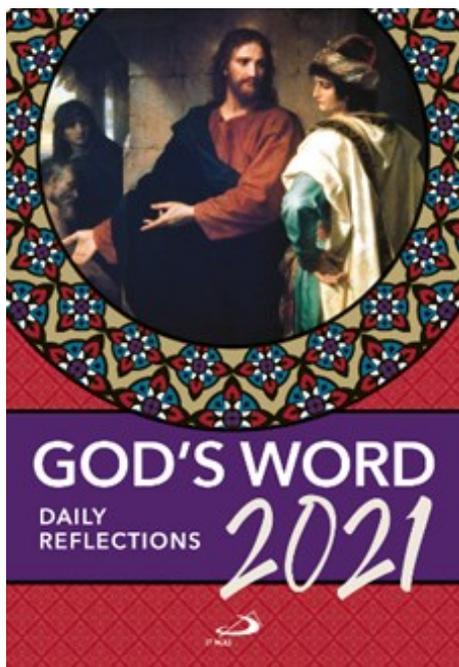


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# ORDER OF THE MASS

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 45: 8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

## 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, after and during each Mass this weekend**, 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.

**Christmas Greetings:** Our usual Christmas card distribution point in the foyer is unavailable this year but we know how much a Christmas card or a kind word means to our parishioners. So, you can send an electronic greeting using our website. Just go to [www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk), click on "Christmas Greetings" and fill in the form. The "card" will be available for everyone to see.

**The final Pound Club draw of the year** will take place today (Sunday) after the 11am Mass with a bumper prize of £100. Thank you to everyone who has supported the Pound Club, especially during this challenging year. We will have an appeal for new members to join in the New Year. *You've got to be in it to win it!*

**Holy Innocents Mass:** Feast of the Holy Innocents Pro-Life Mass takes place at 12 noon on Monday 28 December at St Columba's, Upper Gray Street, Edinburgh, EH9 1SN. Archbishop Cushley will be the celebrant. To book a space: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/30753214066>

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** This takes place from 18 -25 January. Resources are available at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2021/>

**Marriage Matters Reflection:** ([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))

*Listening is a way of loving*

David, Paul and Mary listened to God, changed their plans and way of life. Before marrying we listened intently and consequently felt loved and cherished. Today, with the pressures of everyday living, our listening can be impaired. We need constantly to overcome the temptation to just 'hear' what's said, and work on listening with our hearts, eyes and full attention.

## 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                      Account number: 00126361**

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Last Sunday's collection: **£462.65**

**Christmas 2020:** A reminder that Christmas Masses will be at the following times:

**Christmas Eve:** 5:00pm, 6:30pm (these Masses are now fully booked), 8:00pm **Christmas Day:** 10:00am.

To book a place at one of our Christmas services, follow the normal booking instructions above. Please note that only a few places remain. The Mass at 6.30pm will also be broadcast live 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

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'

**The Word of the Lord**

*Thanks be to God*

**Responsorial Psalm****Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29****(R) I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
 through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
 Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
 that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R)**

I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
 I have sworn to David my servant:  
 I will establish your dynasty for ever  
 and set up your throne through all ages. **(R)**

He will say to me: ‘ You are my father,  
 my God, the rock who saves me.’  
 I will keep my love for him always;  
 for him my covenant shall endure. **(R)**

**Second reading****Romans 16:25-27**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Word of the Lord***Thanks be to God***Gospel Acclamation****Lk 1:38**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 I am the handmaid of the Lord:  
 let what you have said be done to me.  
 Alleluia!

**Reflection**

On this fourth Sunday of Advent St Luke presents us with the Annunciation of the Good News to Mother Mary and the “yes” to God’s invitation in her life.

The “fiat” Mary professed teaches us many things.

Supreme example of obedience: God chose a simple girl, Mary to be the Mother of the Saviour. When Angel Gabriel was sent to seek Her consent, Mary, after the initial moments of fear, bowed Herself in obedience: “Behold, I am the Handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to Me, according to Your Word” (Lk 1:38). This obedience to God’s Will would turn out to be Her fortress and strength in moments of uncertainty, loneliness and agony.

Faithful at all times: In Mother Mary, we have a person, who remained faithful at all times even when there were dark clouds of unwarranted humiliation looming over her. This act of being “faithful forever” was a result of the constant choices that She made to listen and obey to God’s Will always.

Surrendered to be moulded and shaped by God: When Mary was entrusted with the greatness of the task, She gave Herself readily to the power of God. She didn’t hold back anything. She was complete in Her surrender. It is when we offer ourselves wholly and be ready to be moulded and shaped by the Lord, that He can perform wonders through us.

Like Mary God has also chosen all of us for a special mission. What has been our response to God's choice of us? Today, we are standing right at the front door of Christmas and before we enter, Mary has been presented to us to be our model.

Let us follow her example of faith and holiness, humility and simplicity, obedience and surrender to the will of God and prepare ourselves for the coming of our Saviour into the world and into our lives.

May God bless us!

***Fr Shinto Joseph, SSP***

**Some Good News!** We are pleased to say that our new Parish Priest, Fr Baji Joseph SSP, is finally due to arrive in Broomhouse on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December. His arrival has been delayed due to the pandemic, but transport links have now been restored between the UK and India. As per government guidelines, Fr Baji will isolate for 10 days upon his arrival. We look forward to extending a traditional Broomhouse welcome when circumstances allow.

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**

**Is 7: 14**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

**Prayer after Communion**

P: Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*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.*

**Year of St Joseph** Pope Francis has proclaimed a year of St Joseph 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. The letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

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

**Gospel**

**Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

**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.*