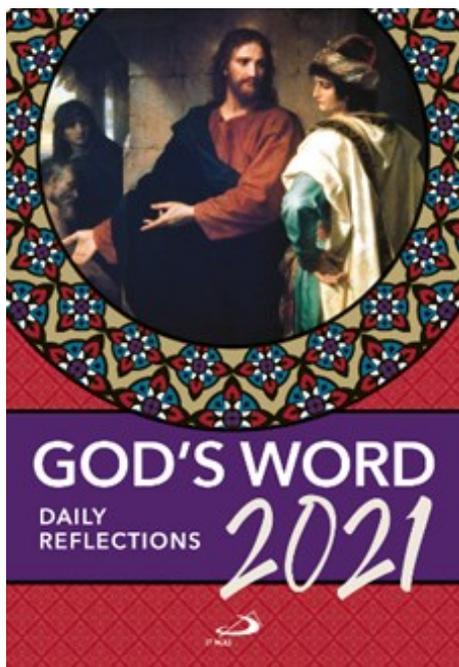


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# ORDER OF THE MASS

## Entrance Antiphon

**Lk 2: 16**

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

## 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: Lord have mercy.

C: *Lord have mercy*

P: Christ have mercy.

C: *Christ have mercy*

P: Lord have mercy

C: *Lord have mercy.*

## First reading

**Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3**

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.'

'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no

**Christmas Greetings:** There is still time to send an electronic Christmas card to all our parishioners. Just go to [www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk](http://www.stjosephsbroomhouse.org.uk) and fill in the form on the "Christmas Greetings" page. The card will be available for everyone to see.

**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/>

**Thank you** to everyone who has worked so hard this year to keep our parish running. This has been a year like no other and there have been many people working behind the scenes to ensure that we have been able to stay open for Masses safely. Thank you to all those who have donated their time so generously to volunteer with stewarding and cleaning.

Back in March, we could not have imagined that restrictions would still be in place 9 months later, or how different parish life would be. But there is light at the end of a very long tunnel.

Thank you especially to you, the parishioners, who have remained faithful and resolute throughout. Without you, the parish would not be here.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and safe new year. We look forward to seeing many more people returning to Mass in 2021.

## NOTICES

**Welcome to Level 4:** From 26th December, initially for a period of 3 weeks until 16th January, Scotland enters level 4 of Covid-19 restrictions. This means that **capacity in our churches is reduced to 20.**

To try and give everyone a fair chance at attending Sunday Mass, you will only be able to book **once every two weeks**, until such times as the restrictions are lifted and we are back to the 50 maximum. We now this will be difficult for some people but we thank you for your patience and co-operation.

**For booking enquiries, contact Ewan Walker on 07913 824 258 or [eaw287@gmail.com](mailto:eaw287@gmail.com).** It is more imperative than ever now that if you make a booking cannot honour it that you get in touch so the space can be allocated to someone else.

**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.

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descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

**The Word of the Lord**  
*Thanks be to God*

### Responsorial Psalm

### Psalm 127(128):1-5

**℟ O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **℟**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **℟**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life!

### Second reading

### Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins.

The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**The Word of the Lord**  
*Thanks be to God*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*At various times in the past  
and in various different ways,*

*God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;  
but in our own time, the last days,  
he has spoken to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!*

**Heb 1:1-2**

### **Gospel**

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been

**Luke 2:22-40**

## **Reflection**

The Holy Family of Nazareth is often considered as the perfect and ideal family. As in any of our families, this “ideal” and “perfect” family of Nazareth had to undergo many severe crises. The young Mary had to face an unplanned pregnancy. The just man Joseph had the dilemma of accepting a lady who could be doubted by society. Joseph and Mary failed to find a proper place even to have the birth of their child. At the middle of the night, they had to abandon their only place of refuge and fly to Egypt. At the age of twelve, Jesus gets lost and His words to them are not understood by the parents. Perhaps the troubles continued until the Calvary event.

In spite of all these struggles of life, how do we say that the Holy Family of Nazareth is an “ideal” and “perfect” family? They were able to move beyond a “house” and build a “home” because they had God as their Ultimate Refuge and they always sought and listened to what God wanted in their lives!

In a happy home we experience joy and peace. It is the duty of every family member to love, and love means to care. A home where members love and care for one another is a happy home. Do we love and care for our family members? The happiness of parents comes from decent, loving children, not professionals and champions. A happy home cannot survive on the ruins of personal relationships. The Holy family was poor in material things but very rich in love that builds up personal relationships.

The Holy Family of Nazareth challenges us to place unity and love as the prominent concerns, exhorts us to trust God in all situations and have God as the highest priority and invites us to understand and accept each other and love the other as they are.

Let us mould and build our families lovingly, inspired by the Holy Family of Nazareth.

*Happy Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth to all our Families!*

**Fr Shinto Joseph SSP**

### **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 you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

### **Communion Antiphon**

**Bar 3: 38**

*Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  
most merciful Father,  
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  
so that, after the trials of this world,  
we may share their company for ever.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
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.*

revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.’

As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.

### **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.

*℟* : *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.