

First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14**A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus**

The Lord honours the father of his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease so showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord**Thanks be to God****Responsorial Psalm Psalm 127:1-5****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 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 St Paul 3:12-21**A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

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, all in 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 the feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord**Thanks be to God.****“Stretch forth your hand to the poor” cont.**

weapons that others, including those of children, use to sow death and poverty. Other hands are outstretched to deal doses of death in dark alleys in order to grow rich and live in luxury and excess, or to quietly pass a bribe for the sake of a quick and corrupt gain. Others still, parading a sham respectability, lay down laws which they themselves do not observe.

To be cont.**Alleluia, Alleluia**

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you.

Alleluia!**Gospel Luke 2:22-40****The Lord be with you.**

And with your spirit.

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**Glory to you O Lord**

When the day came 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 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 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 have promised; because my eyes have seen your 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 coming 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 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.****Message of His Holiness Pope Francis – FOURTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR - “Stretch forth your hand to the poor” (Sir 7:32)**

9. At the same time, the command: “Stretch forth your hand to the poor” challenges the attitude of those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and to remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicit. Indifference and cynicism are their daily food. What a difference from the generous hands we have described! If they stretch out their hands, it is to touch computer keys to transfer sums of money from one part of the world to another, ensuring the wealth of an elite few and the dire poverty of millions and the ruin of entire nations. Some hands are outstretched to accumulate money by the sale of

The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph 27/12/2020

<u>Saturday</u>	6.00pm	Tina Harvie RIP	St.MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30am	People of the Parish	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30am	Stephen Paul Taylor	Bl Sac
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Angela Hardy - Funeral Mass	St. M.M.
		<u>NEW YEAR - MARY MOTHER OF GOD</u>	
St Ter Thur	5.30 pm	Sue Sheridan	
SMM Fri	9.30 am	Angela Hardy RIP	
Bl Sac Fri	10.30 am	People of the Parish	

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY	6.00PM	ANGELA HARDY RIP
SUNDAY	9.30AM	PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
SUNDAY	11.30AM	ANGELA HARDY RIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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RENEW OUR FAITH IN HIM AND
BLESS US WITH JOY AND PEACE!**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL**

FR PETER AND FR JUDE

