

**First Reading Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12**  
**A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus**

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; 'Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, "Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance.' From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people in the Lord's property, in his inheritance.'

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

**Responsorial Psalm Psalm 147, 12-15, 19-20.**  
**The Word was made flesh and lived among us.**

O praised the Lord Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,  
He has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,  
He feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
And swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,  
To Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
He has not taught them his decrees.

**Second Reading St Paul 1:3-6, 15-18**  
**A Reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praises the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

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

**Alleluia, Alleluia**  
**Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel John 1:1-18**  
**The Lord be with you.**

And with your spirit.

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

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. 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. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become the children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as a witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us received – yes, grace in return for grace, since though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**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. Amid all these scenarios, "the excluded are still waiting. To sustain a lifestyle which excludes others, or to sustain enthusiasm for that selfish ideal, a globalization of indifference has developed. Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of dealing compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people's pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 54)

We cannot be happy until these hands that sow death are transformed into instruments of justice and peace for the whole world.

## SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 3/1/2021

<u>Saturday</u>	6.00pm	Angela Hardy RIP	St. M M
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30am	People of the Parish	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30am	Angela Hardy	Bl Sac
		EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
<u>Tuesday</u>	5.00pm	People of the Parish	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00am	Patrick Stephen Rush RIP	St M M
<u>Friday</u>	10.00am	Dick McNicholas	Bl Sac

### **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

SATURDAY	6.00PM	FRANCIS HARVIE RIP
SUNDAY	9.30AM	PETER WORRAL
SUNDAY	11.30AM	PAT WORDSWORTH

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Face Masks - All those who are attending churches must wear a face covering unless they are exempt from doing so. This is for the good of all who gather in the church for Mass as it is an enclosed public space where there are people from differing households who they do not normally meet.**

**HOSPITAL - In the meantime, Priests will only go into the hospital in response to a request from the hospital switchboard or ward staff. Anyone in the hospital that requires a visit from a Priest should please go through the nurse or switchboard. This will be in an emergency only. There will be no Holy Communion rounds until further notice.**

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### **PLEASE AFTER MASS**

**WE ARE REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES TO MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCE – FROM COMING INTO CHURCH TO LEAVING THE CHURCH**

**CONFIRMATION- Have you been confirmed? Are you in Year 8 or above?**

Are you ready to receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation, to empower, guide and strengthen you. If you are ready to mark this milestone in your faiths journey, then please email Fr Peter with your name and date of birth to [stteresadarton@gmail.com](mailto:stteresadarton@gmail.com) by the 11<sup>th</sup> January. You will then receive an application form for completion to join the 2021 Confirmation Programme. If you are a parent, relative or a friend of a potential candidate, the please do pass on this information.

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**2020 WAS A CHALLENGING YEAR.**

**AS THIS NEW YEAR BEGINS, MAY CHRIST THE PRINCE OF PEACE, OUR LIGHT, RENEW OUR FAITH IN HIM AND BLESS US WITH PEACE, GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.**

**A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.**

**FR PETER AND FR JUDE**



