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| **First Reading Micah 5:1-4**  **A Reading from the Prophet Micah**  The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord, is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from them then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.  **The Word of the Lord**  **Thanks be to God**  **Responsorial Psalm. 92:2-3,15-16,18-19**  **God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.**  O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  shine forth from your cherubim throne.  O Lord, rouse up your might,  O Lord, come to our help.  God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  look down from heaven and see.  Visit this vine and protect it,  the vine your right hand has planted.    May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  the man you have given your strength.  And we shall never forsake you again:  give us life that we may call upon your name.  **Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10**  **A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians**  This is what Christ said, on coming into this world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, ‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’ Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifice, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all Jesus Christ.  **The Word of the Lord**  **Thanks be to God**  ***SYNOD - A TWO YEAR ‘SYNODAL’ PROCESS***  ***IS TAKING PLACE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH***  ***What do we need to do to transform our parish community? After the Christmas holidays we have a few weeks left to submit our responses to the Diocese.***  ***Make sure your voice is heard by joining in one of the discussion groups in January.*** | **Gospel Acclamation**  **Alleluia alleluia!**  **I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.**  **Alleluia!**  **Gospel Luke 1:39-45**  A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  **Glory to you, O Lord.**  The Lord be with you  **And with your spirit.**  Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted, Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  **FRATELLI TUTTI**  *Open societies that integrate everyone*  97. Some peripheries are close to us, in city centres or within our families. Hence there is an aspect of universal openness in love that is existential rather than geographical. It has to do with our daily efforts to expand our circle of friends, to reach those who, even though they are close to me, I do not naturally consider a part of my circle of interests. Every brother or sister in need, when abandoned or ignored by the society in which I live, becomes an existential foreigner, even though born in the same country. They may be citizens with full rights, yet they are treated like foreigners in their own country. Racism is a virus that quickly mutates and, instead of disappearing, goes into hiding, and lurks in waiting.  98. I would like to mention some of those “hidden exiles” who are treated as foreign bodies in society.[[76]](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html" \l "_ftn76" \o ") Many persons with disabilities “feel that they exist without belonging and without participating”. Much still prevents them from being fully enfranchised. Our concern should be not only to care for them but to ensure their “active participation in the civil and ecclesial community. That is a demanding and even tiring process, yet one that will gradually contribute to the formation of consciences capable of acknowledging each individual as a unique and unrepeatable person”. I think, too, of “the elderly who, also due to their disability, are sometimes considered a burden”. Yet each of them is able to offer “a unique contribution to the common good through their remarkable life stories”. Let me repeat: we need to have “the courage to give a voice to those who are discriminated against due to their disability, because sadly, in some countries even today, people find it hard to acknowledge them as persons of equal dignity”.[[77]](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20201003_enciclica-fratelli-tutti.html" \l "_ftn77" \o ")  POPE FRANCIS |

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| **Fourth Sunday of Advent Year C**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Saturday** | **6.00 pm** | **Kevin Taylor RIP St. MM** |  | | **Sunday** | **9.30 am** | **Private Intention St Ter** |  | | **Sunday** | **11.30 am** | **Abraham Logan RIP Bl Sac** | **<** | | **Saturday** | **Reader** | **Ann Worth St M M** |  | | **Sunday** | **Reader** | **Tony Deighton & Mary Ann Bailey St Ter** |  | | **Sunday** | **Reader** | **Pam K Bl Sac** |  | |  |  |  |  | |  |  | **CHRISTMAS MASSES** |  | | **Friday** | **5.30 pm** | **People of the Parish St MM** |  | | **Friday** | **7.30 pm** | **Cath McNicholas Bl Sac** |  | | **Saturday** | **9.00 am** | **Julia Taylor St Ter** |  | |  |  |  |  |   **The First Sunday after Christmas – The holy family**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | SATURDAY | 6.00 pm | Mr & Mrs Mooney RIP ST MM | | Sunday | 9.30 am | Ann & Stan Wilson St Ter | | Sunday | 11.30 am | Josef Lozinsk RIP Bl Sac | | Saturday | Reader | Nora Hoult St MM | | Sunday | Reader | Chris Deighton & Chris Horbury St Ter | | Sunday | Reader | Margaret H Bl SAC |   **ANNOUNCEMENTS**   1. **The Diocese strongly recommends the use of face masks except if you are exempt.** 2. **We encourage the use of hand sanitizers while entering and leaving the church.** 3. **While taking your seat please give space, unless a family group.** 4. **We encourage parishioners NOT to kneel until further notice.** 5. **Offertory plates are still provided at the entrance and exit doors.** 6. **For Holy Communion, come to the front one seat at a time maintaining a good distance.** 7. **We recommend regular Covid testing. Thank you for your support in these challenging times.**   **OFFERTORY DONATIONS**  **Thank you to all our parishioners for your generous offertory donations.**  **St Ter Envelopes £133.20 Loose Money £21.50**  **St MM Envelopes £95.00 Loose Money £51.00 Christmas Table £31.00**  **Bl Sac Envelopes £198.00 Loose Money £41.00 Raffle £31.00**    **Blessed Sacrament – Please help prepare the Church for the Nativity – cleaning – flowers and all that needs to be done. Many hands make like work!**  **Please join us on Wednesday 22nd December at 9.30am**  St **Teresa’s – 125 Club Membership** – is due for renewal 1st January – at the latest 15th January. Many thanks to all who continue with this welcome addition to our finances. | Welcome to the parishes of  **St Teresa’s**      **St Teresa’s**  **Blessed Sacrament**  **St Mary Magdalene’s**  Prospect St. Cudworth S72 8JS  **Priest: Fr. Peter Iwuoha CM**    The Presbytery, Prospect Street, Cudworth S72 8JS  **Email:** stteresadarton@gmail.com  [www.barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese.com](http://www.barnsleynorth.hallam-diocese.com)  **Tele:** 01226 710320  Christmas Mass Times  Friday 24th December  Vigil Mass St Mary Magdalene - 5.30pm  Vigil Mass Blessed Sacrament - 7.30 pm  Saturday 25th December  Christmas Day - St Teresa’s - 9.00 am |
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