

First Reading

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

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 praise 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
And Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
He has not taught them his decrees.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Blessed be God the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the 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 in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your 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.

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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!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel John1:1-18

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 every one 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 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 the 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 his 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 ever 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

Fratelli Tutti

Inadequate understandings of universal love

99. A love capable of transcending borders is the basis of what in every city and country can be called "social friendship". Genuine social friendship within a society makes true universal openness possible. This is a far cry from the false universalism of those who constantly travel abroad because they cannot tolerate or love their own people. Those who look down on their own people tend to create within society categories of first and second class, people of greater or lesser dignity, people enjoying greater or fewer rights. In this way, they deny that there is room for everybody.

100. I am certainly not proposing an authoritarian and abstract universalism, devised or planned by a small group and presented as an ideal for the sake of levelling, dominating and plundering. One model of globalization in fact "consciously aims at a one-dimensional uniformity and seeks to eliminate all differences and traditions in a superficial quest for unity... If a certain kind of globalization claims to make everyone uniform, to level everyone out, that globalization destroys the rich gifts and uniqueness of each person and each people".^[78] This false universalism ends up depriving the world of its various colours, its beauty and, ultimately, its humanity. For "the future is not monochrome; if we are courageous, we can contemplate it in all the variety and diversity of what each individual person has to offer. How much our human family needs to learn to live together in harmony and peace, without all of us having to be the same!"^[79]

Pope Francis

Second Sunday after Christmas Year C			
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Eileen Miszewski RIP	St. MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Paul Darley RIP	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Frances Pecowski & Families Intentions	Bl Sac
<u>Sunday</u>	3.00 pm	Polish Mass	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Michael Brennan	St M M
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Ann Worth & Tony Deighton	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader		Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	6.00 pm	Gary Haigh Reception into Church	St M M
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Gary Haigh Funeral Mass	St M M
		THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	
<u>Thursday</u>	9.00 am	Ann Spera & Families Intentions	Bl Sac

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	CECILY WILMOTT BROWN RIP	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	JOHN CUNLIFFE RIP	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	EILEEN MCNICHOLAS ANNIVERSARY	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	JOAN JONES	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	MARY ANN BAILEY & CHRIS KELLY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER		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 19.12.21	Envelopes £170.00	Loose Money £24.00	
St Ter 26.12.21	Envelopes £214.00	Loose Money £15.00	
St MM	Envelopes £71.09	Loose Money £129.00	Raffle £46.00
Bl Sac	Envelopes £	Loose Money £	Raffle £

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.

St Teresa's

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS AND WISHES.

MAY THE PEACE AND
BLESSING OF THE
LORD
BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TIDE

AND A JOYOUS NEW YEAR!

FR PETER

