

### **First Reading**

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

The Lord honours the father in 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 when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is 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!**

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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 Colossians 3:12-21**

#### **A Reading from the 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, 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 husband, 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 pleases 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**

**Thank you for your gifts and wishes. I will celebrate the Holy Mass for your intentions!**

**Merry Christmas and a Happy new year!**

**Fr. James, St Teresa's Darton**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Luke 2:41-52**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit.**

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January 9.00 am - 12.00pm**

**Parishioners from St Teresa', Blessed Sacrament and St Mary Magdalene are invited to spend some time in Adoration on the first day of the year. Please try and join in this precious time of Adoration, to pray for the year ahead, for our Parishes, our families and the work of the Synod.**

### **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.**

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS MARY & JOSEPH C			
Saturday	6.00 pm	Mr & Mrs Mooney RIP	St. MM
Sunday	9.30 am	Ann & Stan Wilson	St Ter
Sunday	11.30 am	Julia Taylor	Bl Sac
Saturday	Reader	Nora Hoult	St M M
Sunday	Reader	Chris Deighton & Chris Horbury	St Ter
Sunday	Reader	Margaret H	Bl Sac

**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	EILEEN MISZEWSKI RIP	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	PAUL DARLEY RIP	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	FRANCIS PECOWSKI & FAMILIES INTENTIONS	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	MICHAEL BRENNAN	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	ANN WORTH & TONY DEIGHTON	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	Envelopes £	Loose Money £	
St MM	Envelopes £119.00	Loose Money £62.80	Raffle £28.00
Bl Sac	Envelopes £153.00	Loose Money £60.39	Raffle £26.00

St Teresa's - 125 Club Membership - is due for renewal 1<sup>st</sup> January - at the latest 15<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks to all who continue with this welcome addition to our finances.

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*Dear brothers and sisters,  
thank you for  
your gifts and wishes.  
May the Peace  
and blessings of the Lord  
be with you always!*

*Merry Christmas and a joyous new year!*

*Fr Peter*





