

First Reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

A Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst: you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on the day of festival.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm. Isaiah 12.2-6

Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
He became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
From the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deed known to the peoples,
Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
For he has done glorious deeds,
Make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading Philipians 4:4-7

A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philipians

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

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SYNOD - A TWO YEAR 'SYNODAL' PROCESS IS TAKING PLACE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**from October 2021 until the final Gathering of Bishops in October 2023. The overall
theme is:**

'For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission'.

**Over the next few weeks we will have the opportunity to contribute at parish level
Please pray for the work of the Synod - and for our parishes as they make their
responses**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia alleluia!

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring
good news to the poor.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' He answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to the, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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A LOVE EVER MORE OPEN

95. Love also impels us towards universal communion. No one can mature or find fulfilment by withdrawing from others. By its very nature, love calls for growth in openness and the ability to accept others as part of a continuing adventure that makes every periphery converge in a greater sense of mutual belonging. As Jesus told us: "You are all brothers" (*Mt* 23:8).

96. This need to transcend our own limitations also applies to different regions and countries. Indeed, "the ever-increasing number of interconnections and communications in today's world makes us powerfully aware of the unity and common destiny of the nations. In the dynamics of history, and in the diversity of ethnic groups, societies and cultures, we see the seeds of a vocation to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another".^[75]

POPE FRANCIS

Third Sunday of Advent Year C

<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Richard Archer RIP	St. MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Lee Sayles Speedy Recovery	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Anthony Morris RIP	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	10.00 am	Mary McQuaide	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	10.00 am	Eileen Miszewski RIP	St M M
<u>Friday</u>	10.00 am	People of the Parish	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Christine Ruddy	St M M
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Chris Deighton & Pat Horbury	St Ter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	KEVIN TAYLOR HEALING MASS	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	PRIVATE INTENTION	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	ABRAHAM LOGAN RIP	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	ANN WORTH	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRIS HORBURY & ANN WORTH	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	PAM K	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	£200.50	Loose Money	£10.00
St MM Envelopes	£155.00	Loose Money	£48.00
Bl Sac Envelopes	£145.00	Loose Money	£60.00
		Raffle	£36.00

St Mary Magdalene - THE ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE - will be held Wednesday 15th December 7.00 pm. Every welcome to join in the Carols and Readings as we recall the Christmas story.

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

Blessed Sacrament

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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

