

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD AND ALL SOULS



15TH - 22ND DECEMBER 2019

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)
(GAUDETE SUNDAY)

Sun 15th 9.30am FAMILY MASS (Hazel Hall & Susan Loughron)
11.15am SOLEMN MASS (Hilda, Cyril & Edward Lee)
(David Atkinson)
12.45pm Holy Baptism (Myron Nkonjela)

9.30am Mass

Entrance

Rejoice in the Lord, always, and again I say, Rejoice
Rejoice, Rejoice and again I say Rejoice

Offertory

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Be still and know that I am God

Communion

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Come Lord, Emmanuel

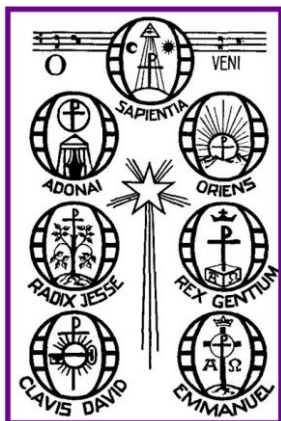
Recessional

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Awake, awake, fling off the night

11.15am Solemn Mass Please see special music sheets

FROM FATHER PAUL



Listen out carefully over the next week or so for seven cries in our liturgies (in the Gospel acclamations and before and after Mary's Magnificat at Evening Prayer) for Jesus to come into our hearts and lives again this Christmas. For at least 1300 years in the last week of Advent the Church has invoked Christ under seven titles in the beautiful prayers known as the *O Antiphons*. Each one of them is in the oracles of the Old Testament prophet Isaiah, and each one of them is preparing us to invite the Christ child more completely this year. One of the titles has remained firmly in our minds, thanks to the Advent hymn: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. The other titles are *O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, and O King of the Nations* (in Latin: *O Sapientia, O Adonai, O Radix Jesse, O Clavis David, O Oriens, O Rex Gentium*). Why not reflect on each of them in turn (from Dec 16-Dec 23) to prepare for Christ's coming to you this Christmas?

Advent wreath prayer III

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true: to you be praise and glory for ever. Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth as a burning and shining light. May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming kingdom, Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. **All: Blessed be God for ever.**



THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Christmas Eve, Tues 24th 4.30pm Children's Mass (Vigil Mass)
9pm 'Midnight Mass' (Mass during the Night)
Christmas Day, Wed 25th 9.30am Family Mass (Mass of the Dawn)
11.15am Solemn Mass (Mass during the Day)

Mon 16 th	Advent Feria	12.00noon Mass (P. J. McKenna)
Tues 17 th	Advent Feria <i>O Sapientia</i>	9.15am Mass with school (Mary & Thomas O'Shea) 7.30pm Reception of Body of Josephine Burke
Wed 18 th	Advent Feria <i>O Adonai</i>	10.00am Funeral Mass (Josephine Burke) 6.30pm School Carol Concert
Thurs 19 th	Advent Feria <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	7.00pm Mass (Mary Cooper Murphy)
Fri 20 th	Advent Feria <i>O Clavis David</i>	7.00am Mass (Greg O'Neill)
Sat 21 st	Advent Feria <i>O Oriens</i>	10.00am Mass (Marie & Jim Lawton) 10.30am Adoration & Confessions 5.30pm SpRed group Mass (Margaret & Geraldine Murphy)
Sun 22nd	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year A)	
	9.30am FAMILY MASS	(Seamus Croarken)
	11.15am SOLEMN MASS	(Carmel Jones) (Mrs Atcheson & Family)
	12.45pm Holy Baptism	(Patsy-Bella Nixon)

THANK YOU to everyone who organised and supported our parish Christmas party yesterday evening. It was a lovely prelude to our Christmas celebrations. Congratulations to our Prize Draw winners!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS COLLECTION TODAY a second collection will be taken up this morning to help decorate church with flowers during Christmastide. Please note that the second collection will be announced at the beginning of Mass, but not after Holy Communion, so that the prayerful atmosphere of Holy Communion is not disturbed.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA PLANTS As in previous years, parishioners are also invited to donate poinsettia plants in memory of a departed loved one. Please bring these to Mass next Sunday and leave in the transept near the piano.

SCHOOL CAROL CONCERT This Thursday we have the pleasure of welcoming our school for their carol concert at 6.30pm. Please do come along and support the children and teachers who have worked so hard. Why not invite friends and family who might otherwise not be in church this Christmas? Everyone loves a good carol!

CHURCH CLEANING We are blessed with a very beautiful church, but also a very large church! A very dedicated band of cleaners has worked tirelessly to keep the church clean over the years, for which we are immensely grateful. They do, however, need some help. If you are able to give some of your time to clean church please have a word with Fr Paul. The more people we have, perhaps on a rota, the lighter the load.

EVENING PRAYER On Sunday 12th January, the last day of Christmastide, there will be a service of Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6pm, at which the vicar of St. Mary Magdalen's, Rev Dwayne Enghe, will preach. This service will be part of our ecumenical keeping of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please put the date in your diaries and try to be here to welcome our preacher and other members of the congregation of St. Mary Magdalen's.

KEEPING SUNDAYS SPECIAL Contrary to the popular joke, priests don't just work on Sundays! If you have enquiries about Baptisms, Weddings or any 'office' matters, please try to contact Fr Paul by phone or email or at the presbytery during the week. It is good to keep Sunday mornings free for worship and for fellowship. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS REFRESHMENTS IN THE PRESBYTERY On Wednesday 1st January, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, you are warmly welcomed to the presbytery for coffee and mince pies after Mass at 12noon.

GIFT AID FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLE IN THE PORCH

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