

## **First Sunday of Advent**

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 : 9 o'clock

All STAND as the procession enters the church.

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
announces that the Lord is nigh;  
come then and hearken, for he brings  
glad tidings from the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every Christian breast,  
and furnished for so great a guest!  
Yea, let us each our heart prepare,  
for Christ to come and enter there.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,  
our refuge and our great reward;  
without thy grace our souls must fade,  
and wither like a flower decayed.

Stretch forth thy hand to heal our sore,  
and make us rise, to fall no more;  
once more upon thy people shine,  
and fill the world with love divine.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee  
whose advent sets thy people free,  
whom, with the Father, we adore,  
and Holy Ghost, for evermore.

*C Coffin (1676-1749), translated by J Chandler (1808-76)*

## Entrance Rites

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare  
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I  
have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have  
done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my  
fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary  
ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

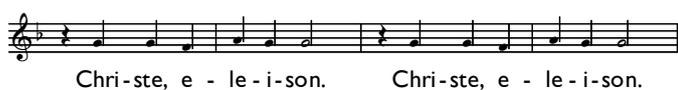
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everlasting life.

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*The common of the Mass is taken from the Mass of Saint Luke, Evangelist, composed by Teresa Brown*



*At the end of the Collect all respond:*

... who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

## Liturgy of the Word

*The first reading is taken from the first letter of Saint Paul to the  
Corinthians (1:3-9); The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our  
Lord.*

The word of the Lord.

Amen.

*The responsorial is taken from Psalm 85, verses 8, 9 and 10; the  
response is taken from Sirach 36:16:*

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you.

*All STAND for the Gospel, taken from Saint Mark (13:33-37); Stay  
awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Word of justice. Alleluia.

Come to dwell here. Maranatha.

Word of mercy. Alleluia.

Live among us. Maranatha.

Word of power. Alleluia.

Live within us. Maranatha.

Word of freedom. Alleluia.

Save your people. Maranatha.

*Bernadette Farrell*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end of the Gospel all respond:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*All SIT for the homily, preached by Father Simon.*

*All STAND as we profess our faith:*

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born  
of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our  
salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was  
incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was  
crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and  
rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He  
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He  
will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom  
will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one  
baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The response to the Prayer of the Faithful is:*

Lord, in your mercy.

hear our prayer.

*We pray to Our Lady:*

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among  
women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother  
of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*At the end of the Intercessions the wreaths are blessed and lighted.*

# Liturgy of the Eucharist

All SIT as the gifts are brought forward and the collection is taken.

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
"All hail," he said, "thou lowly maiden Mary,  
most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

"For know, a blessed Mother thou shalt be,  
all generations laud and honour thee,  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold;  
most highly favoured lady." Gloria!

Then gently Mary meekly bowed her head,  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify his holy name".  
most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

*Basque carol paraphrased by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

All STAND.

Pray brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

After the Prayer over the Offerings the Preface begins:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

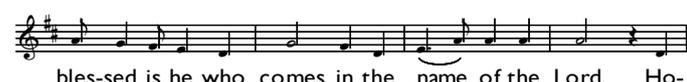
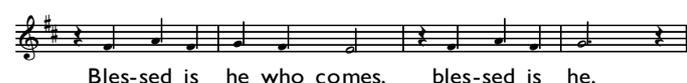
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

At the end of the Preface all sing:



All KNEEL for the Eucharistic Prayer, during which we acclaim:

The mystery of Faith:



At the end of the Prayer we affirm our belief:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever. Amen.

All STAND.

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

... and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

... Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

After offering the Sign of Peace we sing:



All KNEEL.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.



*During the distribution of Holy Communion we sing:*

Sweet sacrament divine,  
hid in thy earthly home,  
lo! round thy lowly shrine  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise,  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,  
sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

Sweet sacrament of peace,  
dear home of every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease,  
and sorrows all depart,  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery,  
sweet sacrament of peace, sweet sacrament of peace.

Sweet sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore,  
save us, for still the tempest raves;  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves,  
sweet sacrament of rest, sweet sacrament of rest.

Sweet sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away,  
sweet sacrament divine, sweet sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

*All STAND for the Prayer after Communion, at the end we respond:*  
... for ever and ever.  
Amen.

*After brief announcements have been made Father Simon gives the Blessing and Dismissal:*

The Lord be with you.  
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God!

*We conclude our Mass by singing together:*

Like a sea without a shore love divine is boundless.  
Time is now and evermore and his love surrounds us.

*Maranatha! Maranatha! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

So that we could all be free he appeared among us,  
blest are those who have not seen, yet believe his promise.

All our visions, all our dreams, are but ghostly shadows  
of the radiant clarity waiting at life's close.

Death where is your victory? Death where is your sting?  
Closer than the air we breathe is our risen King.

*Estelle White*

## Christmastime Liturgical Programme

*Do please make these times known widely, so that as many people can join with us for our Christmas celebrations:*

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

- 7pm – Deanery Reconciliation Service, with individual confession

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

- 6pm – Vigil Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

- 9am – Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 11am – Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 6pm – Vigil Mass of Christmas with the children's Nativity
- 11.30pm – Vigil of Readings, *leading into*

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December

- 12 midnight – Midnight Mass of Christmas
- 9am - Dawn Mass of Christmas
- 10.30am - Day Mass of Christmas

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December

- 10.30am - Mass of Saint Stephen, Patron of Altar Servers

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December

- 6pm – Vigil Mass of The Holy Family

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December

- 9am – Mass of The Holy Family
- 11am – Mass of The Holy Family

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January

- 12 noon – Mass of Mary, Mother of God

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January

- 6pm – Vigil Mass of The Epiphany

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January

- 9am – Mass of The Epiphany
- 11am – Mass of The Epiphany

