

MASS PROPER & READINGS

SUNDAY 10.30AM

Introit

Rorate, cali (Is 45:8; Ps 19:1)

Drop down ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and bring forth a Saviour.

(Ps) The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork.

GLORY. Drop down...

Collect

RAISE up, we beseech thee, O Lord, and come among us, and with great might succour us: that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sorely hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, for ever and ever.

First reading

Micah 5:2-5

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who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
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one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of
the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.
And he shall be their peace.

Psalm

Sung by the Choir

Second reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

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“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body have you prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said,
“Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,
as it is written of me in the roll of the book.”

When he said above,
“You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the Law),
then he added,

‘Behold, I have come to do your will.’ He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Acclamation before the Gospel

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let it be to me according to your word.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

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Prayer over the Offerings

WE beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to look upon these our oblations: that they may be profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness, and for the attainment of everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Preface

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great glory to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; ever more praising thee, and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy ☩.

Communion

Ecce virgo (Is 7:14)

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

Postcommunion

OLORD, who hast here vouchsafed unto us to be partakers of thy bounties: grant, we beseech thee; that we may so continue to draw near unto this mystery, that we may set forward the work of our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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In 1724 the Embassy of the Kingdom of Portugal acquired two houses on Golden Square and constructed a chapel behind the houses. This chapel could be accessed from Warwick Street. In 1747 the Bavarian Minister acquired the lease on the houses in Golden Square. Henceforth until the early 20th century the chapel was known as the Bavarian Chapel. In 1790 the houses and the chapel were sold to the London District of the Catholic Church and the chapel was then rebuilt in substantially the form that the church retains today. This year, 2024, marks the start of our tercentenary year, and we give thanks to God for three hundred years of faithful Catholic witness. Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the Christmas story itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise, and is with his people.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

First reading

Micah 5:2-5

The Messiah is, as today's First Reading says, the “ruler . . . whose origin is from . . . ancient times.” He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king. God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever. Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

Today's Epistle tells us that Jesus is both the Son of David and the only “begotten” Son of God, come “in the flesh”. He is also our “high priest,” after the fashion of the mysterious Melchizedek, “priest of God Most High,” who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history. He is the one who says, “Behold, I come to do your will.” In the garden of Gethsemane he says “Yet not my will, but thine be done.” In doing His Heavenly Father's will, he takes flesh for the salvation of the world.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-44

Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel.

SUNDAY MASS

6.00pm (Saturday Vigil), 10.30am (Solemn), 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS

12.45pm Tue-Fri

HOLYDAYS OF OBLIGATION

As advertised.

CONFESSIONS

Sat 5.15-5.45pm

A very warm welcome to Mass today, especially if you are new or visiting. This sheet contains information about the week's Masses, along with this week's readings and hymns. You are warmly invited to stay for coffee, tea and wine, which is served after the 10.30am Solemn Mass in the Bishop Challoner Hall downstairs.

NEWS & EVENTS

Christmas Lunch

Thank you to Peter for organising this. We look forward to seeing you in the Hall after Mass this morning!

Thursday 19th December: Order of Malta Advent Recollection

This will begin at 6.30pm with a spiritual conference given by Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, followed by Holy Mass at 7pm. Attendance at these events is not restricted to members of the order; everyone is welcome!

Wednesday 1st January 2024

Please note that there will be no evening Sung Mass that day. It will resume on Wednesday 8th January.

Christmas Masses:

As usual, we will begin our Christmas with a Solemn Mass at 6.30pm on Christmas Eve. Mass with Carols at 10.30am Christmas Morning

Masses on 26th (St Stephen, First Martyr) and 27th (St John the Evangelist)

Both these Masses will be at 11am

Saturday 28th—Holy Innocents

Mass at 12noon (Latin)

Organ Fund

Please remember our Organ Fund, as the need to restore the organ remains urgent. You make a donation using the following bank details: Sort code: 40-05-20; Account number: 21848364 Please use the name **‘Warwick Street Organ Fund’**.

Flowers

As Christmas approaches contributions towards the cost of flowers would be gratefully received. It's not too late!!

Sunday 22 nd December	Advent Four	10.30am (Solemn) 5.00pm	People of the Parish People of the Parish
Monday 23 rd December	Late Advent feria	No Mass	
Tuesday 24 th December	Late Advent Mass Nativity of the Lord	12.45pm SOLEMN MASS 6.30pm	Abraham L. Ruizo (birthday) People of the Parish
Wednesday 25 th December	NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	10.30am Mass with Carols	
Thursday 26 th December	ST STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR	11am (Please note)	
Friday 27 th December	ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	11am (Please note)	
Saturday 28 th December	HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS	12noon (Latin) 6pm	Antonio Silva (ntention)

Please pray for:

THE SICK

Assumption Fernandez,
Charlie O'Donnell,
Norma Skeggs, Paul,
Jackie, Katherine Lewis,
Fr David Barnes

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

MASS PROPERS & READINGS SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY 5PM

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Collect

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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Responsorial Psalm (5pm Mass) Ps 80: 1-2; 14-15; 17-18

Restore us, O God, let your face shine,
that we may be saved.

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Prayer over the Offerings

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power
the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Is 7: 14

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery
of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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