

Readings for 4th Sunday of Advent (Year B)

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent. Nathan said to the king, Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you. But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David, Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Ps:: 88:2-5.27.29

[R]: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

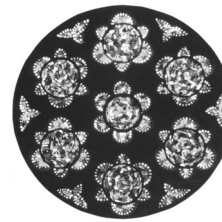
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



The Reminder

Sunday 18th December 2011

4th Sunday of Advent

Year B

Holy Souls' Presbytery

Frodingham Road

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Holy Souls' Catholic Church

Mass Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 17th December 2011 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Philomena Fowler-Sennett RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Hetty McCaul RIP People of the Parish
Sunday 18th December 2011 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 5.00 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Emerson & Maloney Families Polish Priest's Intentions E Sarmento & Borromeo Fam RIP
Monday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am	Welfare of Maureen Harris
Tuesday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	McIntyre Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday <i>Advent Feria</i>	12 noon	Tony Crilly RIP
Thursday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Neary Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Niland Family Intentions Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 24th December 2011 <i>Advent Feria</i>	No 9.30 am Mass 10.30 am No 5.30 pm 7.30 pm 10.00 pm Polish Midnight	- Brother Gabriel Intentions No Winterton Mass People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish
Sunday 25th December 2011 <i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i>	10.00 am 5.00 pm Polish	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Rosary	<i>20 minutes before Mass Monday to Friday</i> <i>Saturday after 10.30 am Mass</i>	
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am-12 noon (this week only)</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

Parish Clergy: Canon Edward Jarosz/Rev Deacon Bernard Croft

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Welcome

Welcome to any visitors this weekend. Please come and join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am Mass.

Second Collection

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for the Christmas Flowers.

Continuing the Conversation, Planning for the Future

It is now almost two weeks since the Centenary Mass and in another couple of weeks we will have celebrated Christmas. It will then be the time to resume the conversation that we began at our Parish Meeting back in October. I propose that we meet again on Monday 23rd January at 7 pm. We can review the Centenary Mass and Christmas and consider further plans for our Centenary year. We can also look more closely at the document from the Bishop, 'Living Stones'. On Wednesday 25th January there will be an open Deanery Meeting which we are hosting at Holy Souls. This will consider how, as a Deanery, we can respond to 'Living Stones' and how we can work more closely together. I would hope firstly that many parishioners will make an effort to be present on 23rd January, and secondly that from that meeting on the 23rd a group of parishioners can be nominated to represent the parish at

the Deanery Meeting on the 25th. I am giving these dates now so that people can enter them into their diaries in good time.

Sick and Housebound

Fr Eddy would like to visit sick and housebound parishioners during Advent. If you are aware of anyone who would particularly welcome such a visit please let him know in good time.

Home from University

If you know of parishioners who will be home from university over the Christmas vacation please let Fr Eddy have their name and address as he would like to invite them to an informal social gathering early in the new year.

Christmas Collection

Traditionally the collection taken at Christmas Eve/Day and Easter Sunday Masses forms a major part of a priest's annual allowance. The money is paid into the parish and the parish can claim gift aid if people use their numbered envelopes. If you do use envelopes please remember to use them next weekend.

Crib Offerings

This year our crib offerings will go to 'Faith in Families' and we will also send a donation to 'Missio' from our Mission Fund. If anyone has any suggestions for other children's charities we could support in future years please let Fr Eddy know.

Faith in Families

We have just received a certificate of thanks from 'Faith in Families' acknowledging the £985.00 raised by box holders from the parish. Faith in Families continues the work of the Catholic Children's Society as well as developing new ways of supporting children and families throughout the area of our Diocese. It is a charity deserving of our support and Fr Eddy hopes that parishioners will continue to support it.

Christmas Eve

There will be Mass in English at 10.30am on Christmas Eve morning followed by an hour of Confessions. There will not be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Eve afternoon.

New Photocopier

We have brought the photocopier we had on a trial basis earlier in the autumn. This means that we are able to produce large print reminders again. If

anyone needs to do any photocopying for any tasks they undertake on behalf of the parish please speak with Fr Eddy.

New Years Day

New Years Day 2012 falls on a Sunday and for that Sunday only the morning Mass will be changed to 10 am. Saturday evening and Sunday evening Masses will be at the usual times.

New Website

We have a new parish website www.holysoulsscunthorpe.co.uk It is still in its early stages but has full details of the Christmas Masses on the home page and there is also a download section from where you can download the weekly reminder. Fr Eddy would be pleased to receive comments and especially any offers of help to develop the site further.

The Forge Project

A local Charity helping vulnerable people in our town. Can we help provide them with any of the following items: Bags of sugar, canned meat, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, black bin bags. Any unwanted sleeping bags, jumpers, jeans; they will put them to good use? Also, how about wrapping up a small gift (chocolate, socks, toiletries) that can be given to someone on Christmas Day. We will have a box at the back of Church for your donations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Next week there will be opportunities for Confession as follows:

Tuesday 20th December ~ 7 pm

Deanery Penitential Service at St Bernadette's.

All Deanery priests will be present.

Wednesday 21st December ~ 7 to 8 pm

Fr Eddy and Fr Wlodek will be hearing Confessions at Holy Souls

Saturday 24th December:

Normal Saturday morning Confessions (11 am to 12 noon);
no Confessions in the afternoon