

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Advent – Year C

First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

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 The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.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 a day of festival. **The Word of the Lord.**

Ps: 12:2-6

[R]: Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

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. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:10-18

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 them, '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.**

The Mystery of Faith:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.



The Reminder

Holy Souls' Presbytery, Frodingham Road,
Scunthorpe, DN15 7TA

Sunday, 16th December 2012

Third Sunday of Advent - Year C



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

Mass Timetable for the Week

| Day | Time | Intention |
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| Saturday 15th December 2012 <i>Advent Feria</i> | 9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm | Padraig Noone RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish McIntyre Family RIP |
| Sunday 16th December 2012 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i> | 9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm | Peter Le Van Phuc RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Harry Travers RIP |
| Monday, 17th <i>Advent Feria</i> | 9.00 am | Francis Eije RIP |
| Tuesday, 18th <i>Advent Feria</i> | 9.00 am 9.30 am Polish | Peter Tran Van Sau Polish Priest's Intentions |
| Wednesday, 19th <i>Advent Feria</i> | 12.00 noon | Intentions of The Sisters of St Louis |
| Thursday, 20th <i>Advent Feria</i> | No 9.00 am Mass 9.30 am Polish | - Polish Priest's Intentions |
| Friday, 21st <i>Advent Feria</i> | 9.00 am 9.30 am Polish | Peter Kelly RIP Polish Priest's Intentions |
| Saturday 22nd December 2012 <i>Advent Feria</i> | 9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm | Holy Souls Polish Priest's Intentions Fr Ken O'Riordan RIP People of the Parish |
| Sunday 23rd December 2012 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i> | 9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm | George Smith RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Monica Watson RIP |
| Rosary | <i>20 minutes before Mass Monday to Saturday</i> | |
| Confessions | <i>Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm</i> | |
| Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament | <i>Wednesday 12.30-1.30 pm concluding Benediction Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i> | |

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Scunthorpe General Hospital – For the ministration of a Catholic priest contact Fr Eddy Jarosz on (01724) 842197

Please come and join us in the Parish Hall for tea and coffee after the 9.30 am Mass.

This Week

Please pray for

- * the repose of the soul of Fr Trevor Clarke, a retired priest of our Diocese, who died on 12th December and whose funeral takes place in Matlock this week. May he rest in peace

Sunday, 16th

- * **First Holy Communion Worksheets.** Please bring your completed worksheets to the sacristy after Mass and Fr Eddy or Deacon Bernard will exchange them for the next one in the series. If you need to speak to Fr Eddy about any other matters please also see him in the sacristy after Mass.
- * **Advent raffle.** Christmas themed raffle tickets will be on sale after the Sunday morning and Sunday evening Masses and the winner will be drawn on Sunday evening.

Tuesday, 18th

- * **Sacrament of Reconciliation.** There will be extra opportunities to celebrate this Sacrament in the build up to Christmas with a Deanery Reconciliation service at 7.00 pm at St Bernadette's

Thursday, 20th

- * **Carols by Candlelight** - St Bernadette's Church at 7.00 pm. Readings and carols organised by the staff and students of St Bede's School to celebrate the festive season.

Friday, 21st

- * **Sacrament of Reconciliation.** There will be an additional time of confessions (with at least two priests available) at Holy Souls from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

Saturday, 22nd

- * **Family Carol service** at 3.00 pm. This will be followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Parish Hall. Please invite your family, friends and neighbours. All welcome.

Christmas Masses

| | English | Polish | Lithuanian |
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| Christmas Eve | 7.30 pm | 12 midnight | - |
| Christmas Eve | 10.00 pm | - | - |
| Christmas Day | 10.00 am | 4.30 pm | 8.00 am |

November Mass List

Donations amounted to £267 which has been sent to The Lindsey Lodge Hospice.

Poor Parishes

The second collection taken last week amounted to £378.94. Many thanks for your generosity.

Rumage (George)

George Smith had collected a large number of religious articles, mementos etc. If you would like to take anything away please have a look in the hall. A basket is available for donations if you wish to leave one.

Diocesan Year Book

The 2013 Year Book is now available and is priced at £3. Of particular in-

terest to our parishioners will be articles on the Centenary Mass last year, the sale of Christmas tree decorations from Bethlehem and Bene Merenti award to Bill Heatley.

Visits to sick and housebound

Fr Eddy and Deacon Bernard will try to visit sick and housebound parishioners before Christmas. If you know of someone who would particularly like to see Fr Eddy for Confession or Sacrament of the Sick, please let him know.

Living Stones

If you missed this last weekend, please see the parish website to download a copy along with the Bishop's Pastoral Letter. Alternatively if you do not have internet access please see Fr Eddy for a copy.

Canon's Ramblings

Last weekend in his pastoral letter the Bishop spoke about the importance of preparation rather than planning. We might be making lots of plans for Christmas, but unless we also prepare ourselves well, then there is every possibility that we will lose sight of that which is most important. One way in which we can prepare ourselves to observe Christmas in a fitting manner is by taking the time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). In this weekend's gospel reading John the Baptist invites us to examine our conscience especially in regard to our responsibilities to the poor and vulnerable. I am sure that if we do this well then we will find more than enough material to bring to the sacrament for God's forgiveness. Details of the times and venues of Confession during this week are given elsewhere in the reminder.