

Readings for Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10
A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobras hole; into the vipers lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious. **The Word of the Lord.**

Ps: 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17

[R]: *In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.*

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-9
Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12
In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Mystery of Faith: *When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*



Holy Souls' Catholic Church

The Reminder

Holy Souls' Presbytery, Frodingham Road, Scunthorpe, DN15 7TA
Sunday, 8th December 2013
Second Sunday of Advent - Year A

Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
Saturday 7th December 2013 <i>St Ambrose</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Patrick & Isabella Reilly RIP
Sunday 8th December 2013 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	James Neary RIP Polish Priest's Intentions George Smith RIP
Monday <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9.00 am 10.00 am Polish	Pat Vickers RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Tuesday <i>Lincolnshire Martyrs</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Jack Egan RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday <i>Advent Feria</i>	12.00 noon	Rosemary Hornsby RIP
Thursday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Deceased Niland Family RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday <i>St Lucy</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 7.00 pm Luddington	Michael Hynes RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Intentions Luddington people
Saturday 14th December 2013 <i>St John of The Cross</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Fr John Feeley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Ida Newton RIP
Sunday 15th December 2013 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Butler Family Living and Dec'd Polish Priest's Intentions Intentions Bill & Ruby Heatley
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 with Benediction Holy Hour - Thursday 7.00-8.00 pm Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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This Week

Open Deanery Meeting

Wednesday, 11th December at 7.30 pm - Parish Hall.

To discuss the latest proposals of You are Living Stones.

Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir Christmas Cracker Carol Concert

Thursday 12th December at 7.00 pm.

Tickets available from David Lisle on (01724) 843064, priced £5.00 for adults; children free. Proceeds to Parish funds.

St Bede's School present An evening of Carols and Readings

Thursday, 12th December at 7.00 pm.

in St Bernadette's Church.

Luddington Mass

Friday, 13th December at 7.00 pm.

Due to the recent bad weather the "First Friday" Mass at Luddington has been re-arranged for this Friday.

Carol Singing in Scunthorpe Town Centre

Saturday, 14th December at 2.30 pm.

People from a number of local Churches are gathering together to sing carols by the entrance to the Westgate store at The Foundry shopping centre at 2.30 pm. We will be led by the Salvation Army Band. We will not be collecting for charity, but on this occasion distributing leaflets giving details of Christmas services in local Churches. Please come and join in.

Christmas Flowers

Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th

The retiring collection next weekend will go towards flowers for the Church at Christmas.

SPANNED Christmas party

Sunday 15th December - 3.00 pm

St Bernadette's Parish Centre from 3.00 to 5.50 pm. All welcome.

There will be a shared table

You are Living Stones

The proposals which the Autumn Update of You are Living Stones are available for download from www.nottingham-dioocese.org.uk or from Fr Eddy. Please think and pray about them. Each Deanery has been asked to organise an Open Deanery Meeting to discuss the proposals further and our meeting is on Wednesday, 11th December at 7.30 pm in the Holy Souls' Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Catholic News

Please pick up a free copy of the Diocesan Newspaper as you leave Church today.

Christmas Presents for the Forge

The Forge will be serving Christmas lunch for up to 80 persons and last year we provided a Christmas present for all their guests. We would like to do the same this year. We are looking for items such as scarves, gloves, toiletries, etc. The vast majority of the Forge users are men, but there are some women users too. Please bring items to the sacristy. We will have a packing

and wrapping session on Saturday 21st December prior to our carol service.

Readers Rota

We are always on the look out for new names to add to our readers rota. If you can help, please contact Fr Eddy.

Advent "Treasure" Map

Please buy a "square" or two (£1 each) on the Advent Treasure Map at the back of Church. Christmas Hamper to be won!

Events for Advent

Tuesday 17th - 7.30 pm

Deanery Penitential Service at St Bernadette's Church.

Wednesday 18th - 2.00 pm

Sacrament of the Sick and Benediction followed by seasonal refreshments. All welcome and we plan to arrange transport for housebound parishioners.

Saturday 21st - 3.00 pm

Parish family carol service

Sick and Housebound

The priests will try and visit all the sick and housebound of our Parish in preparation for Christmas. If anyone would particularly like a visit, please let us know.

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

Scunthorpe General Hospital – For the ministrations of a Catholic priest contact Fr Eddy Jarosz or Fr Benedict Abuo on (01724) 842197

Christmas Masses

	<u>English</u>	<u>Polish</u>
Christmas Eve	7.30 pm 10.00 pm	- Midnight
Christmas Day	10.00 am	4.30 pm