

Readings for Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6.10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

Ps: 145:7-10

[R]: *Come, Lord and save us.*

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **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 good news to the poor. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.' **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.*



The Reminder

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

Sunday, 15th December 2013

Third Sunday of Advent - Year A

Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am	Intentions Bill & Ruby Heatley
Tuesday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Matthew Grimley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am	Mick Conlan RIP
Thursday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Intentions Seamus Moylett Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Michael Hynes RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 21st December 2013 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions Rose Slobodian RIP Con O'Callaghan RIP
Sunday 22nd December 2013 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm 8.00 pm Reception	Michael Hynes RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Jean Sharp RIP Con O'Callaghan RIP
Rosary	20 minutes before Mass Monday to Saturday	
Confessions	Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Wednesday: will resume 8th January 2014 Holy Hour - Thursday 7.00-8.00 pm Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction	

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This Week

Christmas Flowers

Saturday 14th/Sunday 15th

The retiring collection this 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.

Deanery Penitential Service at St Bernadette's Church.

Tuesday 17th December - 7.30 pm.

All the Deanery priests will be there so there will be a wide choice of confessors available.

Sacrament of the Sick

Wednesday 18th December - 2.00 pm.

A service of the Sacrament of the Sick and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament followed by seasonal refreshments in the Hall. If you would like to come but need a lift please let one of the priests know.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday 18th December - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.

An extra opportunity for Confession at Holy Souls. After this the last opportunity will be the regular Saturday slots next weekend. There will be no confessions on Christmas Eve.

Gift Wrapping

Saturday 21st December - 1.00 pm.

Come and help sort and wrap our Christmas gifts for The Forge. Helpers of all ages most welcome.

Parish Family Carol Service

Saturday 21st December - 3.00 pm.

A selection of carols and readings to help us to prepare for the celebration of Christmas followed by seasonal refreshments, including mince pies and mulled wine, in the Hall. All welcome. Invite your friends and neighbours too.

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

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 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!

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.

"Thank You"

The recent *Macmillan Christmas Charity Coffee Evening* raised £412. Many thanks to everyone who helped, donated and supported this event in any way.

Thank you letters have also been received from CAFOD and Lindsey Lodge for our recent donations.

Pope Francis

Below is an extract from Pope Francis' 'The Joy of The Gospel'. "I want to remind priests that the confessional must not be a torture chamber but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy which spurs us on to do our best. A small step, in the midst of great human limitations, can be more pleasing to God than a life which appears outwardly in order but moves through the day without confronting great difficulties. Everyone needs to be touched by the comfort and attraction of God's saving love, which is mysteriously at work in each person, above and beyond their faults and failings."

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

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