

Readings for Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above. No, Ahaz answered I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means God-is-with-us. *The Word of the Lord.*

Ps: 23:1-6

[R]: *Let the Lord enter! He is the King of Glory.*

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'. Alleluia!*

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home. *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, 22nd December 2013

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday <i>Advent Feria</i>	10.30 am Requiem	Con O'Callaghan RIP
Tuesday <i>Christmas Eve</i>	9.00 am	In Thanksgiving (DP)
	7.30 pm Vigil 10.00 pm Vigil 12 midnight Polish	People of the Parish People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday <i>The Nativity of Our Lord</i>	10.00 am 4.30 pm Polish	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Thursday <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30 am 11.00 am Polish	Michael Doyle RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday <i>St John</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Patrick Cooney & Relatives RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 28th December 2013 <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30 pm Winterton 5.30 pm	Peter Tran Van Phuc RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Dennis Bowman RIP
Sunday 29th December 2013 <i>The Holy Family</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Pat Vickers RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Pat & Mary Mahoney RIP
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday: will resume 8th January 2014 Holy Hour - will resume 2nd January 2014 Saturday 4.30-5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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This Week

Sister Joan O'Riordan RIP

We have received news of the death of Sister Joan who was deputy head of St Augustine Webster School between 1975 and 1987. May she rest in peace.

Times of Christmas Services in the Scunthorpe and area

There are quite a number of handouts at the back of Church which include the times of Christmas Masses at Holy Souls. Please take away with you and pass on to your family, friends, and neighbours.

Christmas Crib Offerings

This year will go to 'Mission Together' the Catholic Church's official overseas mission charity for children. It supports both the spiritual and physical wellbeing and carries out educational, medical and welfare projects overseas.

Fr Neil Peoples

Many people will remember that Fr Neil, who was ordained this summer, did one of his student placements here at Holy Souls. Fr Neil sends his Christmas greetings to us all and also his ordination prayer card which you can collect from the back of the church.

St Stephen's Day Mass

All Altar servers and their families are invited to celebrate the Feast of St Stephen on 26th December (Boxing Day) with Mass at 9.30 am. A number of servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and one server will receive a medal to recognise 10 years of service.

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.

Christmas Cards

If you are leaving someone a Christmas card at the back of church please let them know that it is there. Last year many uncollected cards found their way into the recycling bin after the New Year.

Diocesan Yearbook

Looking for a last minute Christmas present? Why not give a copy of the new 2014 Diocesan Yearbook

which is now available at the back of Church priced £3 a copy. Please put money in the CTS slot.

First Holy Communion

Worksheets

All children should have completed sheets 1, 2, 3, and 4. If anyone needs to catch up please see Fr Eddy or Fr Benedict after Mass. Sheet 5 will be distributed on the weekend of 5th/6th January.

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.

Newspapers

Double issue for Christmas and the New Year, 22nd and 29th December 2013:

The Universe £2.60

The Catholic Times £2.60.



**Fr Eddy, Fr Benedict
and Deacon Bernard
wish all
parishioners a Happy
and Peaceful
Christmas**

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