

Readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11

Console my people, console them, says your God. Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes. A voice cries, Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken. Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, Here is your God. Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes. **The Word of the Lord.**

Ps: 84:9-14 [R]: *Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.*

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace. **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

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' **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

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

Sunday, 7 December 2014

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Timetable for the Week

<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Saturday 6th December 2014 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Alister McPhillips RIP
Sunday 7th December 2014 <i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Anne Welch RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Phil & Rose Kiernan RIP
Monday, 8th <i>Immaculate Conception</i>	9.00 am 11.00 am Polish 3.00 pm Reception	Mary & Bernard Dooley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Anne Metcalfe [Dalton] RIP
Tuesday, 9th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 2.00 pm Requiem	Patrick & Isabella Reilly RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Anne Metcalfe [Dalton] RIP
Wednesday, 10th <i>Advent Feria</i>	12.00 noon	Welfare of Mary Heighton
Thursday, 11th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm	Rosemary Hornsby RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Holy Hour
Friday 12th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Albert Riley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 13th December 2014 <i>St Lucy</i>	No 9.30 am Mass 10.30 am in English 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	- People of the Parish Deceased Reynolds Family Hilda & Tom Riley RIP
Sunday 14th December 2014 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	James Neary RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Matthew Keyes Intentions
Confessions	<i>Saturday 11.00 am to 12 noon; 4.30 pm to 5.00 pm</i>	
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	<i>Wednesday 11.00 am to 12 noon Thursday - 7.00 to 8.00 pm Saturday 4.30 to 5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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This Week

Advent Treasure Map

This weekend we are selling squares on our Advent Treasure Map. There will be a range of prizes each week throughout Advent including Christmas Cakes, bottles of wine, boxes of chocolates and other festive treats. Squares cost £1 each. We hope to raise enough money to fund our annual Christmas carol concert refreshments and pay for the beautiful hand-decorated candle-holders used at the annual Memorial Mass. Please take part if you are able.

Pilgrimage Reunion

This Sunday (7th) after the 6.30 pm evening Mass.

RCIA

Continues this week and next, Wednesdays 10th and 17th December.

Confessional Swap

On Saturday 13th December when the priests from Holy Souls will be hearing confessions at St Bernadette's and Fr Peter Wade will be hearing confessions here to give people an opportunity to have a different confessor in preparation for Christmas.

Carol Singing

Saturday 13th December, 2.30pm, at Foundry Square in town. The Salvation Army band will be leading members of local Churches in the singing of Christmas carols. An opportunity to remind people as to the true meaning of Christmas and to invite them to attend Church as part of their Christmas celebrations. All welcome to join in with the carols.

Second Collection

For Church Flowers on Sunday, 14th December 2014

Advent Activity

Saturday 20 December - 3.00pm

Our Parish Carol service followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

November Masses for Holy Souls

Thanks to everyone who submitted their Holy Souls list during November and also donations for Lindsey Lodge which amounted to £284.70. Next year I propose that all Masses in November (with the exception of funeral Masses and the weekly 'People of the Parish' Mass) will be offered for the Holy Souls. People may still wish to remember loved ones on particular days but the idea is that anyone can come to Mass on any day in November and be sure that their loved ones are being included in thought and prayer on that day.

Baptism of Children

The next preparation programme will take place early in the New Year.

Presents for the Forge

The Forge are again providing lunch on Christmas Day for those who are homeless or in need. For the last few years our Church has provided a small gift for those who attend. Can we do the same again this year? Please bring items such as toiletries, scarves, hats and gloves to the sacristy and we will

arrange a time when people can help to pack and wrap.

10th Scunthorpe Beavers and Cubs

are looking for 6 to 8 year olds to join Beavers for fun, learning and activities. Meeting on a Wednesday at St Augustine Webster school from 5.45 pm until 6.45 pm. Please contact Erin Marsh on 07794 067756.

Cubs are for 8 to 10 year olds and runs on a Wednesday from 7.00 pm until 8.30 pm at the school. Please contact Trina Holloway on 07927 664282.

Readers Rota

Adrian Murrell will soon be preparing the new readers rota for January to June 2015. If anyone would like to be added to the rota please leave your contact details with one of the clergy.

Hymn Books

We are considering the purchase of new hymn books. Those involved in music ministry have had the opportunity to consider some possibilities. If anyone is aware of any hymn books they think worthy of consideration please let Fr Eddy know.

Second Collection

for the Sick and Retired Priests Appeal: amounted to £459.09. Many thanks for your generosity.

Prayer of Blessing for a Christmas Tree

Holy Lord,
we come with joy to celebrate the birth of your Son,
who rescued us from the darkness of sin
by making the cross a tree of life and light.
May this tree, lit up in splendour,
remind us of the life-giving cross of Christ,
that we may always rejoice
in the new life that shines in our hearts.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.