

Readings for 3rd Sunday of Advent

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2.10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations. **The Word of the Lord.**

Ps: Luke 1:46-50.53-54

[R]: My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you. **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

John 1:6-8.19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you - unknown to you - the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising. **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

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

Sunday, 14 December 2014

Third Sunday of Advent - Year B

Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday, 15th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am	Albert Riley RIP
Tuesday, 16th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Albert Riley RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday, 17th <i>Advent Feria</i>	12.00 noon	Marie & Peter Kitchen RIP
Thursday, 18th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm	Sadie & John Galloway RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Holy Hour
Friday 19th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	Tony & Roger Harrison RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 20th December 2014 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	Intentions of Anne Guilfoyle Polish Priest's Intentions People of the Parish Deceased Hynes & Sykes Families
Sunday 21st December 2014 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Brosnan & Neary Families RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Salvatore & Grazia Vitello 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 - 11.00 am to 12 noon</i> <i>Thursday - 7.00 to 8.00 pm</i> <i>Saturday - 4.30 to 5.15 pm concluding with Benediction</i>	

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

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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.

Second Collection

Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend for Church flowers.

RCIA

Continues this Wednesday, 17th December.

Parish Carol Service

Saturday 20th December at 3.00 pm. A selection of carols and readings in Church followed by seasonal refreshments (including mince pies and mulled wine) in the hall. All are welcome and do invite friends and neighbours too.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be additional opportunities for Confession on Saturday 20th and Monday 22nd December at 7.00 pm.

Macmillan Coffee Evening

Michael McInerney thanks all those who helped, donated or supported the event. A magnificent £400 was raised for the local Macmillan nurses.

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 con-

tact 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.

Sick and Retired Priests Appeal

We have recently been informed by the appeal office that to date £17,656.42 has been raised or pledged by parishioners from Holy Souls. This amount has been raised by 6 collections, 4 fundraising events, 13 standing orders, and 17 cheque donations. Thank you to everyone who has contributed for your generosity. If anyone would like any further information about how to support the appeal please make contact with Paul Hemingway.

Prayer of Blessing for a Christmas Crib

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love;
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
Justice, mercy, and love.

Lord

bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

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