

Readings for 4th Sunday of Advent

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent. Nathan said to the king, Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you. But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David, Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever. **The Word of the Lord.**

Ps: 88:2-5.27.29

[R]: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her. **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, 21st December 2014

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

Timetable for the Week

Day	Time	Intention
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
Monday, 22nd <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am	Nora Moylett RIP
Tuesday, 23rd <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am 9.30 am Polish	John & Mary Moylett RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Wednesday, 24th <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.00 am	Deceased Reynolds Family
Vigil of Christmas	7.30 pm 10.00 pm Midnight Polish	People of the Parish People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Thursday, 25th The Nativity of The Lord	10.00 am 4.30 pm Polish	People of the Parish Polish Priest's Intentions
Friday 26th <i>St Stephen</i>	9.30 am 11.00 am Polish	Michael Doyle RIP Polish Priest's Intentions
Saturday 27th December 2014 <i>St John</i>	No 9.30 am Mass 10.30 am Polish 5.30pm Roxby 5.30 pm	- Polish Priest's Intentions Patrick Cooney & dec'd relatives RIP Marie Kitchen RIP
Sunday 28th December 2014 <i>The Holy Family</i>	9.30 am 4.30 pm Polish 6.30 pm	Dennis Bowman RIP Polish Priest's Intentions Mary & Pat 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 - None this week Thursday - None this week Saturday - None this week</i>	

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This Week

Mr Philip Ibbotson RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr Ibbotson, the first head teacher of St Augustine Webster, who died on Sunday 14th December. May he rest in peace.

Catholic Papers

Please note that many of the papers are 'double editions' this week and are priced accordingly: Universe £2.60, Catholic Times £2.60, Catholic Herald £3.00.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

There will be an additional opportunity for Confession on Monday 22nd December at 7.00 pm.

Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration

No adoration next week. Adoration will resume on Saturday 3rd, Wednesday 7th, and Thursday 8th January 2015 at the usual times.

Carols before Mass

We will sing carols before the 7.30 pm and 10.00 pm Masses on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Card and Letter

If you received a Christmas letter and card through the post this week then it means that you are on our current parish data base. If you did not receive one then please pick up a card from the back of church and if you wish your name to be added to the list then please either hand in your details to one of the clergy after Mass or e-mail the parish office. If there is a mistake in your address then likewise please let us know. Extra cards are available for you to share details of our Christmas Masses with family, neighbours, and friends.

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.

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.

Thank You

Brenda Goulding would like to thank everyone who has brought her hand made greetings cards. £145 has been raised for the Sick and Retired Priests appeal. In 2015 money raised through

the sale of these cards will go to parish funds.

RCIA Group

Will resume on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

Stich and Chat:

Will resume on Wednesday 7th January 2015.

First Holy Communion

Programme

Could all children make sure they have completed and returned Sheets 1-4 before the end of the Christmas Holidays. Sheet 5 will be given out on the week-end of 10th/11th January 2015.

Baptism Preparation

The next Baptism preparation evening will be on Thursday 15th January at 7.00 pm. Any parents hoping to have children (aged under 5) baptised must attend this session.

Christmas and the 12 days of Christmas

Christmas time, celebrating the Nativity and first 'manifestation' of Christ to mankind lasts until the Epiphany (6th January). December 25th roughly coincides with the winter solstice when the sun begins to rise in its orbit and the long winter nights grow shorter. It was the season of ancient pagan festivals, since transformed by Christianity. Churches and families often have a small crib, depicting the Nativity scene to keep in mind the wonder of the Incarnation and the characters involved in it. The Christmas tree reminds us of the eternal life Jesus came to bring since in winter the evergreen fir becomes a sign of undying life.

The 12 days of Christmas (25th December to 6th January) are filled with many feasts, each with its own reward and character not to be lost: The Feast of St Stephen, the first martyr; St John the Evangelist; Feast of the Holy Family, to reflect on the family of Nazareth; Feast of the Holy Innocents, recalling all (including children) slaughtered throughout history. Even the passage of 31st December to 1st January (New Year) can be re-discovered also by celebrating the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, a time to reflect on the past year and place our lives in the hands of God our father in the coming year.