



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

COLLECT

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah.
'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.' 3:14-18a

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!
The LORD has taken away the judgements against you; he has cleared away your enemies.
The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
'Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.
The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.
I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival, so that you will no longer suffer reproach.'
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 12:2-3. 4b-d. 5-6 R.6

Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Behold, God is my salvation!
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD is my strength and my praise,
and he has been my salvation.
With joy you will draw water from the springs of salvation. **R.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the peoples his deeds; proclaim that his name is exalted. **R.**

Sing to the LORD for he has wrought wonders; let this be known through all the earth.
Shout aloud and sing praise, you who dwell in Sion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
'The Lord is at hand.' 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters:
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone.
The Lord is at hand;
do not be anxious about anything,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia.
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord. 3:10-18
'And we, what shall we do?'

At that time:
The crowds asked John,
'What, then, shall we do?'
And he answered them,
'Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.'
Tax collectors also came to be baptised and said to him,
'Teacher, what shall we do?'
And he said to them,
'Collect no more than you are authorized to do.'
Soldiers also asked him, 'And we, what shall we do?'
And he said to them,
'Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.'

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ,
John answered them all, saying,
'I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'
So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 14 th	4.00 pm	Ann, Pat & Denis Sullivan	15th December 2024: 3rd Sunday of Advent FEASTS : Saturday St Peter of Canisius Sunday 4 th Sunday of Advent Adoration & Confession: Tuesday & Thursday 9.30 am – 10.20 am Altar Lamp – Anne Garvey RIP (Anniversary) Our Lady's Lamp – Baird Family SECOND COLLECTION this weekend: Church Maintenance
Sun 15 th	10.30 am	Anne Garvey (Anniversary)	
Mon 16 th	9.30 am	People of the Parish	
Tues 17 th	10.30 am	Anne Joyce RIP	
	6.00 pm	St Bernadette's Carol Service	
Wed 18 th	9.30 am	James O'Toole RIP (with St Bernadette's School)	
Thurs 19 th	10.00 am	Sharon Jane, John Snr & John Jnr Enright RIP (in Holy Family School)	
Fri 20 th	10.30 am	Lorna Smyth RIP	
Sat 21 st	4.00 pm	Mary, Aidan & Chris Dillon RIP	
Sun 22 nd	10.30 am	Kathleen Yallop (Anniversary)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £447.22			
SECOND COLLECTION: £167.63 (Poor Parishes Fund)			

RECENTLY DEAD: Margaret Elizabeth Burke RIP. Requiem Mass Tuesday 7th January 2025, 10.15 am.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fergus O'Malley, Thomas Gill, Elsie Feeney, Elsie Toner, Kitty Kelly, Anne Garvey, Bridget Shanley, Fergus Doyle, Sally Shuttleworth, Bridie Casserley, Denis Latimer, James Doherty, Kathryn Munce, Ellen Effernan, Timothy Byng, John Maguire, Catherine Augustine, John McGrath, Patricia Devlin, Patrick Meehan, Christina Carvana, Hugh Mullaney, Kathleen Walker, Bertha Winkley, Hannah & Cyril Gallagher, Margaret Gunning, Anne McCormack, Peter Silke, Tom McNicholas, Maria Godsall, Patrick Byrne, Clara Clapham, John White, Andrew Kearney, Kathleen Finn, Patrick Lynch.

SICK LIST: Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Fr Tony Rohan, Tommy Flynn, Maureen Carton, Tony McLoughlin.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2024: For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

CHURCH CLEANING: On Tuesday the 24th of December from 11.00 am – 1.00 pm, we will be having a parish general cleaning in preparation for our Christmas celebrations. All are welcome to help. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: We will start our Children's Liturgy this Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Advent.

ANNUAL BAZAAR: A big 'Thank You' to everyone who supported our Bazaar – setting up and tidying up afterwards, manning the door, looking after the stalls, Irish Coffee makers, raffle ticket sellers, St Bernadette's staff and pupils, Holy Family staff for serving the refreshments and everyone who helped in any way. A special 'thank you' to those who donated bottles, gifts and cash. A total of £1,014.17 was raised. Thank you all for coming out on such a bad day – weather-wise.

REQUEST FOR POINSETTIAS: We're now happy to receive poinsettias to brighten up our Church for Christmas. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING CAROL CONCERT in Holy Family Church on Monday 23rd December at 6.00 pm. Tickets available in the porch.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Barbara Conneely. She can be contacted at sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk, or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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