

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.**

COLLECT

Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder those
who set out in haste to meet your Son,
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom
gain us admittance to his company.
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 Baruch.
'God will show your splendour.'
Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O
Jerusalem,
and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness from God;
put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting.
For God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For your name will for ever be called by God:
'Peace of righteousness and glory of godliness'.
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height
and look towards the east
and see your children gathered from west and east,
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.
For they went forth from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.
For God has ordered that every high mountain
and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.
The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.
For God will lead Israel with joy
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 126(125)

**What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.**

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion,
we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. **R.**

Then they said among the nations,
'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!'
What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad. **R.**

Bring back our exiles, O LORD,
as streams in the Negeb.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
bearing seed for the sowing;
they come back, they come back with a song,
bearing their sheaves. **R.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.
'Be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.' 1:3-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,
always in every prayer of mine for you all,
making my prayer with joy,
because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.
And I am sure of this,
that he who began a good work in you
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

For God is my witness,
how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.
And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more,
with knowledge and all discernment,
so that you may approve what is excellent,
and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,
filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ,
to the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

**Alleluia, alleluia.
Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.
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.
'All flesh shall see the salvation of God.' 3:1-6
In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,
Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea,
and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee,
and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis,
and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,
during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas,
the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

And he went into all the region around the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,
'The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."''
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings,
and, since we have no merits to plead our cause,
come, we pray, to our rescue
with the protection of your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

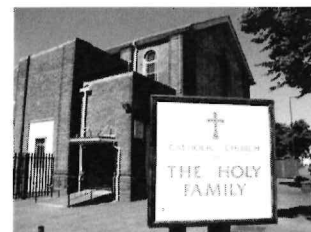
**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment,
we humbly beseech you, O Lord,
that, through our partaking in this mystery,
you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth
and hold firm to the things of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Sat 7 th	4.00 pm	Brid Gilligan (Anniversary)	8th December 2024: 2nd Sunday of Advent
Sun 8 th	10.30 am	Mr & Mrs Croke (1 st Anniversary)	
Mon 9 th	9.00	People of the Parish	
Tues 10 th	9.30 am 1.15 pm	Tommy Quinn (Recovery) Carol Service (Holy Trinity School)	
Wed 11 th	10.30 am	Joe O'Brien (Anniversary)	
Thurs 12 th	10.30 am	Mary O'Connor RIP	
Fri 13 th	10.30 am	John Hurst RIP	
Sat 14 th	4.00 pm	Ann, Pat & Denis O'Sullivan	
Sun 15 th	10.30 am	Anne Garvey (Anniversary)	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £480.64 SECOND COLLECTION: £167.90 (Church Maintenance) SECOND COLLECTION this weekend: Poor Parishes Fund			

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

ANNIVERSARIES: Christine Connolly, Patrick Scullion, Annie Foley, William Walsh, Kevin Kerrigan, Patrick Kinnally, Theresa Scott, Andrew Piggott, Philip Babb, Thomas Murray, James Connolly, Patrick Barkey, Bridget Claffey, Mark Cummings, Joe O'Brien, Peter Donoghue, Michael McHugh, Yvonne Bradley, Timothy Foyle, Pearl Logue, Thomas McGlean, Mary Johns, Mary Byrne, William McClean, Agnes Johnson, Peter Sandy, Kathleen Horgan, Margaret Houston, Michael Cuff, Janet Hewitt, Clare Kotwi, Joseph Gallagher, Rosaleen McCaffrey, Margaret Greavis, David Feeley, Andrew Shanahan, Marie Kerr, Nancy Wilson, Margaret Barry, Sandra Edwards, Paul Cleary.

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.

WALK WITH ME AND 'THE JUBILEE' booklets are available at the back of the Church. Any Donations are greatly appreciated.

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

ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL invites parishioners for afternoon tea on Wednesday 11th December at 1.15 pm. Friends and residents of Aran Court Care Home were also invited. Y2 classes will be sharing their dress rehearsal for their Christmas show and would be proud to have you in the audience. Transport can be arranged if this is a problem.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE: Tuesday 10th at 1.15 pm in church. All parishioners are invited.

FUNDRAISING CAROL CONCERT here in Holy Family Church on Monday 23rd December at 6.00 pm. Further details later.

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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