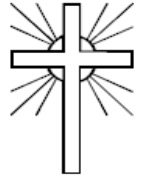




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THIRD & FOURTH SUNDAYS OF ADVENT, & CHRISTMAS 2018

Sundays 16th & 23rd December 2018

December 17 marks the beginning of the "O" Antiphons, an ancient part of our liturgy, dating back to the fourth century, one for each day until Christmas Eve. These antiphons address Christ with seven magnificent Messianic titles, based on the Old Testament prophecies and types of Christ. The Church recalls the variety of the ills of man before the coming of the Redeemer.



O Sapientia or O Wisdom (December 17)

O Wisdom (Sirach 24:3),

You came forth from the mouth of the Most High (Sirach 24:3), and reaching from beginning to end You ordered all things mightily and sweetly (Wisdom 8:1).

* Come, and teach us the way of prudence (Isaiah 40:14).

O Adonai or O Lord and Ruler (December 18)

O Adonai (Exod 3:14)

and Ruler of the house of Israel (Matt 2:6; Micah 5:1; 2 Sam 5:2), You appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush (Exod 3:2) and on Mount Sinai gave him Your Law (Exod 20).

* Come, and with an outstretched arm redeem us (Jeremiah 32:21).



O Radix Jesse or O Root of Jesse (December 19)

O Root of Jesse, (Isaiah 11:1)

You stand for the ensign of mankind (Isaiah 11:10); before You kings shall keep silence and to You all nations shall have recourse (Isaiah 52:15).

* Come, save us, and do not delay (Habakkuk 2:3).

O Clavis David or O Key of David (December 20)

O Key of David, (Isaiah 22:22; Revelation 3:7)

and Sceptre of the house of Israel (Numbers 24:17): You open and no man closes; you close and no man opens (Isaiah 22:22). * Come, and deliver him from the chains of prison who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107:10).



O Oriens or O Rising Dawn or Morning Star (December 21)

O Rising Dawn, (Jer 23:5; Zechariah 3:8; 6:12),

Radiance of the Light eternal (Habakkuk 3:4; Wisdom 7:26; Hebrews 1:3) and Sun of Justice (Malachi 3:20): * Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death (Ps 107:10; Lk 1:78).

O Rex Gentium or O King of the Nations (December 22)

O King of the Gentiles (Jeremiah 10:7; Haggai 2:7), and the Desired of all, You are the Cornerstone that binds two into one (Isaiah 28:16; Matthew 21:42; Ephesians 2:20).

* Come, and save man whom You fashioned out of clay (Genesis 2:7).



O Emmanuel (December 23)

O Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14; 8:8; Luke 1:31-33),

our King and Lawgiver (Genesis 49:10; cf. Ezekiel 21:32), the Expected of the nations and their Saviour (Isa 33:22): * Come, and save us, O Lord our God.

Christmas Mass Times:

6pm Christmas Eve (SMC) &

11am Christmas Day (AS) – Spread the word! (FG)

Today we celebrate 'Gaudete' Sunday, which means 'Rejoice'.

Michael Slugocki RIP Please remember in your Masses and Prayers Michael Slugocki of Pikes Lane who died last week. Our Prayerful condolences to his son John and all of the family.

May he rest in peace, Amen.

Gertrude Morgan RIP Please remember in your Masses and Prayers Gertrude Morgan who died this week. Her funeral will be next Wednesday, 19th December, at 1pm at St Mary Crowned.

May she rest in peace, Amen.

Fr Tom Breslin RIP We remember in our prayers Fr Tom Breslin, a Derby Priest, who latterly worked in Coalville, and previously in Market Rasen.

His funeral arrangements are as follows: Vigil Mass with Reception of the body – St Wilfred's, Coalville, Monday 7th January 2019 at 6pm; Requiem Mass - St Wilfred's, Coalville, Tuesday 8th January at 11.30am.

The family have requested a private burial, which will take place at Nottingham Road Cemetery, Derby, where Fr Tom will be buried with his wife, Carmel.

Please note that there are **Confessions** on Saturday mornings at SMC, 10.15am – 10.45am, and AS 5.15pm – 5.45pm. Why not come to confession to prepare for Christmas? (FG)

During Advent there will be two Deanery

Reconciliation Services. They will both be in Buxton tomorrow (Monday 17th December), at 10am & 7pm. There will be a few Priests hearing Confessions at each event. (FG)



Bare Necessities Food Bank –

Helping High Peak families in crisis. Donation boxes will be at the back of our churches until the end of January. The simplest way to support the foodbank is by adding one or two items to your regular shopping basket. Donations of tins, jars, cereals, UHT milk, tea and coffee are all very welcome. Thank you!

An Evening with Father Greg:

There will be evening with Fr Greg on Saturday 12th January at 7.30pm in St Mary's Hall. Please come along to show your appreciation to Fr Greg for all he has done for us here in Glossop, and to wish him well in his future in Derby.

CLOTHES AND KNITTING COLLECTION

Thank you for your very generous donations of warm clothing, crocheted baby blankets and knitted squares. The clothes have been gratefully received at Cornerstone and will certainly help the growing numbers of homeless people in Manchester. The clothes and knitting collection boxes will be in our churches until the end of December.

Parish Rotas: Weekend of 22nd / 23rd December

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Barbara Wilde; 11am Ann & Len; St Mary's, Jack & Chris;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm Sue O'C; 11am Katie; St Mary's, Margaret & Rita;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Maddy & Peter B; 11am Jane & Peter G; St Mary's, Aidan, Doreen & Rita;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm, P Donald, 11am Val T; St Mary's, Margaret, Liz & David B;

Bidding Prayers: Maddy (following week – Chris)

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Parish Rotas: Weekend of 29th / 30th December

Sacristans: All Saints, 6pm Cynthia W; 11am Chris M; St Mary's, Jack & Liz;

Welcomers: All Saints, 6pm TBA; 11am TBA; St Mary's, Jean & Christine P;

Ministers: All Saints, 6pm Eileen & Joan; Ann & Peter G; St Mary's, John, Barbara & Steve;

Readers: All Saints, 6pm, Cath McM, 11am John T; St Mary's, Chris, David H & Jan;

Bidding Prayers: Chris (following week – Jim)

Bidding Prayers for Christmas Masses: Wynn

During Advent and Christmastide, we pray for these intentions:

Openness to the Word of God,
Migrants and Refugees,
Expectant Mothers and
Survivors of sexual abuse. (FG)

Christmas Roses: Our churches will again be decorated with roses in memory of our loved ones, please put the names of your loved ones with a donation of £2 per rose in the basket at the back of your church. Thank you.

St Mary's 100+ Club: November winners: 1st Prize £17, Anne Morgan; 2nd Prize, £10.20, Kath Cooper; 3rd Prize, £6.80, Sarah Rudd.

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Confessions: St Mary's – Saturday 10.05 – 10.45am All Saints - Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm
Parish Mass Book: Sunday: **Gloria p.9; Readings, p. 88; Creed p.11; Preface p. 65; Eucharistic. Prayer, p. 28**

		All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	15 th December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Maureen McMylor – Birthday Blessing</i>	
Sunday	16 th December <i>Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday Eucharistic Prayer: No 3 (Violet)</i>	11.00 am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 6.00 pm Vespers	9.30 am Mass <i>Sheila Goodwin – 1st Anniversary - RIP</i>
Monday	17 th December <i>Advent Feria (Violet)</i>	10.00 am Mass <i>In Thanksgiving – K Cullen</i>	
Tuesday	18 th December		No Service Today
Wednesday	19 th December <i>Advent Feria (Violet)</i>	10.00 am Mass <i>Deceased Members of the Saxon Family</i>	
Thursday	20 th December <i>Advent Feria (Violet)</i>		9.15 am Mass at St Mary's School <i>Doreen Leech – Christmas Blessing</i>
Friday	21 st December <i>St Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor (Violet)</i>	10.00 am Mass <i>Robert & Ellen Smith RIP</i>	
Saturday	22 nd December <i>Advent Feria (Violet)</i>	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Ursula Stokes RIP - Christmas Memories</i>	10.00 am Exposition/Confessions 10.45 am Benediction 11.00 am Mass <i>Paul & Maria Burns – Christmas Blessing</i>
Sunday	23 rd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent Eucharistic Prayer: No 4 (Violet)</i>	11.00 am Mass <i>Timothy Greenhalgh RIP</i> 6.00 pm Vespers	9.30 am Mass <i>Kitty & Bill Mellor RIP - Christmas Memories</i>

Thoughts on today's Gospel Reading, Luke 3:10-18

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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 Christmas: **Gloria p.9; Readings, p. 94/102; Creed p.11; Preface p. 66; Eucharistic. Prayer, p. 31**

			All Saints	St Mary's
Saturday	22 nd	December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Ursula Stokes RIP - Christmas Memories</i>	
Sunday	23 rd	December	11.00 am Mass <i>Timothy Greenhalgh RIP</i> 6.00 pm Vespers	9.30 am Mass <i>Kitty & Bill Mellor RIP - Christmas Memories</i>
Monday	24 th	December		5.30 pm Carols 6.00 pm Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord <i>People of the Parish</i>
Tuesday	25 th	December	11.00 am Mass <i>Anthony & Howard Mellor, and Kevin Fallon RIP</i>	
Wednesday	26 th	December	10.00 am Mass <i>Cynthia Warburton - Christmas Blessing</i>	
Thursday	27 th	December		10.00 am Mass <i>Sylvia & David Divall - Christmas Blessing</i>
Friday	28 th	December	10.00 am Mass <i>Ernest Hall RIP</i>	
Saturday	29 th	December	6.00 pm Vigil Mass <i>Private Intention – Barbara Wyche</i>	No Confessions Today 10.30 am Exposition 11.00 am <i>Service of Word & Holy Communion</i>
Sunday	30 th	December	11.00 am Mass <i>People of the Parish</i> 6.00 pm Vespers	9.30 am Mass <i>Margaret Clarke - Christmas Blessing</i>

Thoughts on today's Gospel Reading, John 1:1-18

Four Masses are celebrated for the feast of Christmas, and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this Gospel is not an Infancy Narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins at the beginning, as it were, and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words, "In the beginning . . .," echo the opening verse of the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. However, John's Gospel highlights that this was the divine intention from the very beginning, from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out is John's use of the expression, "Word of God (*logos*)."
 This borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. In Jewish thought, this phrase describes God taking action—for example, in the Creation story and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek thought, the *logos* was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the trinitarian faith of Christians, the word *Logos* came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity. Here, the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel are introduced. These themes are presented as dualities: light/darkness, truth/falsehood, life/death, and belief/unbelief. We also hear a unique aspect of John's Gospel—the motif of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify about Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will themselves testify to his identity with God as God's Incarnate Word.

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