

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

*The Lord said to me: You are my Son.  
It is I who have begotten you this day.*

Or

*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born  
in the world.  
Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

**COLLECT**

O God, who have made this most sacred night  
radiant with the splendour of the true light,  
grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his  
light on earth,  
may also delight in his gladness in heaven.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.  
For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.  
For all the footgear of battle,  
every cloak rolled in blood,  
is burnt  
and consumed by fire.  
For there is a child born for us,  
a son given to us  
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;  
and this is the name they give him:  
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,  
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.  
Wide is his dominion  
in a peace that has no end,  
for the throne of David  
and for his royal power,  
which he establishes and makes secure  
in justice and integrity.  
From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** Psalm 95

**RESPONSE:** *Today a saviour has been born to us;  
he is Christ the Lord.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**
4. With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible  
for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is  
to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly  
ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious  
lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for  
the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our  
great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in  
order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so  
that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except  
to do good.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I bring you news of great joy:*

*today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.*

*Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL** Luke 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world  
to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius  
was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be  
registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee  
and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem,  
since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered  
together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While  
they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she  
gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling  
clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for  
them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds  
who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks  
during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the  
glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the  
angel said, "Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy,  
a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David  
a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a  
sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and  
lying in a manger." And suddenly with the angel there was a great  
throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour".

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the oblation of this day's feast  
be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray,  
that through this most holy exchange  
we may be found in the likeness of Christ,  
in whom our nature is united to you.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

*The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God,  
that we, who are gladdened by participation  
in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity,  
may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union  
with him.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

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**Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals:** Awaiting new appointment.

Please contact either Fr Paul, Fr Luke or one of the other Ipswich priests if you or a family member are going in to hospital.

Please consider setting up a standing order in favour of the parish instead of a weekly cash offering. If you can Gift Aid your donation, please complete a form which you can find in the church porch.

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## Christmas –25<sup>th</sup> December 2022: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A.

**Sunday Hymns:** Entrance: No. 414 Once in Royal David's City

Recession: No. 202 Hark the Herald Angels Sing.

### Services During the Coming Week

Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	Mass of Christmas Midnight 10:00 pm	Holy Mass offered for the people of the parish, Eucharistic Minister W Lobo
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8:00 am 10:00 am	Mass of Christmas Dawn offered for the Vieira Family, Eucharistic Minister C Moore Mass of Christmas Day offered for Heather Poll RIP, Eucharistic Minister M Geisel <i>Note there will not be tea and coffee after 10:00 Mass today</i>
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	St Stephen, the First Martyr <b>No Mass Today</b>	
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	St John, Apostle and Evangelist 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for Gabriele Nicosia
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Innocents 12:00 noon	Holy Mass offered for Martha Ndow Grace RIP
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	St Thomas Becket 10:00 am	Holy Mass
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 10:00 am	Holy Mass offered for the Vieira Family, followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	5:30pm Confessions 6:00 pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Vigil Mass offered for the people of the parish

**Advent Wreath:** On Christmas Eve at Midnight Mass, the white centre candle is lit. This candle is called the *Christ Candle* and represents the light of Christ that has come into the world. The colour white represents purity - Christ is the sinless, spotless, pure Saviour. Those who receive Christ as Saviour are washed of their sins and made whiter than snow:

*"Come now, let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."*

**Christmas Offering:** The collection from all three Christmas Masses will form the traditional personal gift from the parish community to our priest, Fr Paul. For those using the Gift Aid envelopes, there is a special one in your box for this purpose. If you pay by standing order or bank transfer, please use "Christmas Gift" as your payment reference. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

**Friday Abstinence:** Please note that Friday Abstinence is dispensed during the Christmas Octave.

**Post Rack:** Please remember to check the post rack in the church porch before you go and take any cards addressed to you. Any cards not collected will be removed and disposed of after 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Candlelight Mass:** From 4 to 6 pm on 7<sup>th</sup> January, there will be a special Mass for young people celebrated by our new Bishop, Peter Collins. The Candlelight Mass will be held at the White House, 21 Uppgate, Poringland, NR14 7SH and will be followed by hotdogs, fireworks and refreshments. There will be a collection of gifts for the *Welcome Rucksack Project* which helps children who are refugees - suitable gifts include small games, stickers, children's shampoo and body wash - which should be brought unwrapped. The event is organised by the Diocesan Youth Service and you can find further information on its web site.

**Parish 150 Club:** The December draw of the 150 Club was made last Sunday. A list of prize winners can be found in the church porch and on the parish web site.

**Recent Collections:** The final total collected for Missio, which includes the red boxes and the World Mission Sunday second collection, was £678.30. The second collection taken recently for the Dependent Priests' Fund amounted to £152.30 and last Sunday's collection for Christmas flowers amounted to £139.10. Thank you for your generosity.

**Deacon Clive Brooks RIP:** Deacon Clive Brooks, who ministered at St Mary Magdalen for many years during the tenure of Fr Russell Frost as parish priest, passed away Wednesday evening after a long battle with cancer. Clive also worked tirelessly as the Catholic Chaplain to the Ipswich hospital for many years prior to his retirement. He has now been reunited with his beloved wife Mary who passed away in 2011. Please remember Clive in your prayers, and remember also his family and friends who mourn his loss. Funeral arrangements will be announced as soon as they are known.

**Our Own Dear Departed:** Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Gordon Potter, Edward Marchant, Joseph Dodds, Claudio Fella, Winifred Fisher, George Sharp, Bridget Sheerin, Margaret Limpenny, John Woodward, Martha Ndow-Grace, Margaret Potter, Rachael Abbott, Patrick Cooper, Casilda Janssen and Edith Brame whose anniversaries occur about this time. A complete list of parish anniversaries can be found on the web site.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**Fr Luke and Fr Paul wish each and every one of you a very happy and holy Christmas!**