

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 Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse,
a scion thrusts from his roots:
on him the spirit of the Lord rests,
a spirit of wisdom and insight,
a spirit of counsel and power,
a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord.
(The fear of the Lord is his breath.)
He does not judge by appearances,
he gives no verdict on hearsay,
but judges the wretched with integrity,
and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land.
His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless;
his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist,
faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb,
the panther lies down with the kid,
calf and lion cub feed together
with a little boy to lead them.
The cow and the bear make friends,
their young lie down together.
The lion eats straw like the ox.
The infant plays over the cobra's hole;
into the viper's lair
the young child puts his hand.
They do no hurt, no harm,
on all my holy mountain,
for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse
shall stand as a signal to the peoples.
It will be sought out by the nations
and its home will be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 71

RESPONSE: *In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.*

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R.**
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **R.**
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R.**
4. May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R.**

SECOND READING Romans 15:4-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant
to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture
gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And
may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be
tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so
that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other
in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ
became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God
could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it
was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as
scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the
pagans and sing your name.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight,
and all mankind shall see the salvation of God.*
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 3:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the
wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: "Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." This was the man the
prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather
belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.
Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district
made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the
river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number
of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them,
"Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is
coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit,
and do not presume to tell yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our
father,' because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham
from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the
trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut
down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance,
but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I
am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his
threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he
will burn in a fire that will never go out."

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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Catholic chaplain to the Ipswich hospitals: Awaiting new Episcopal 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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Second Sunday of Advent – 4th December 2022: Sunday Readings: Liturgical Year A

Services This Week

Sunday Hymns: Entrance: No. 418 On Jordan's Bank

Recession: No. 190 Guide Me O Thou Great Redeemer

Saturday 3 rd December	5:30 pm	Confessions	
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass	Reader R Cork
	8:00 am	Holy Mass	offered for the Vieira family, reader C Moore
Sunday 4 th December	10:00 am	Holy Mass	offered for the people of the parish. Reader J Iannelli, Eucharistic Minister R Shorten
			Tea and coffee will be available in the Garden Room after 10:00 Mass – please do come and join us
Monday 5 th December	Advent FERIA		
	10:00 am	Holy Mass	offered for Fr Martin Orme RIP (FV)
Tuesday 6 th December	Advent FERIA		
	12:00 noon	Holy Mass	offered for Paulina
Wednesday 7 th December	St Ambrose		
	No Mass Today		
Thursday 8 th December	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	10:00 am	Holy Mass	offered for Rachel Abbott RIP (FV)
Friday 9 th December	Advent FERIA		
	10:00 am	Holy Mass	offered for all Holy Souls (FV), followed by Exposition and a Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Please note changes to regular weekday Mass times above

Today's Gospel: In this week's Gospel Reading and next week's, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. In this week's Gospel, Matthew describes the work and preaching of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets of Israel, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. In fact, the description of John found in this reading is reminiscent of the description of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In this reading, John directs a particularly pointed call to repentance to the Pharisees and Sadducees, parties within the Jewish community of the first century.

John marks the conversion of those who seek him out with a baptism of repentance. Other groups in this period are thought to have practiced ritual washings for similar purposes, and John's baptism can be understood as an anticipation of Christian baptism. In this passage, John himself alludes to the difference between his baptism and the one yet to come: "I am baptising you with water, for repentance ... He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11).

In this reading, John makes very clear that his relationship to the Messiah yet to come is one of service and subservience: "... the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals" (Matthew 3:11). In the context of Matthew's Gospel, today's passage is followed by Jesus' baptism by John, an event that is attested to in all four of the Gospels and appears to have been the start of Jesus' public ministry.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as did John, the coming of the Lord.

Advent Wreath: Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we light the second purple candle on our Advent wreath. This candle typically represents love - some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolising Christ's manger:

"This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Advent Mass: On Saturday 17th December at 11:00 am, there will be a special Advent Mass at St Mark's church, Hawthorne Drive, with the opportunity for Confession with visiting priests from the St Edmund's Deanery. The Mass will be offered by Fr Luke, assisted by Fr Paul, and all St Mary Magdalen's parishioners will be warmly welcome and are encouraged to attend.

Dependent Priests Fund: The Dependent Priests Fund is a charity run by priests of the diocese, but independent of the diocese, to support priests in mainly medical, but also in general need. There will be a retiring collection for this cause next Sunday, 11th December – collectors please note. Please Gift Aid your donations if you can, but note that, as this is a charity independent of the diocese, it has a separate charity registration number and as such the special Gift Aid envelopes provided must be used and not the printed Diocesan ones.

Find Christmas Appeal 2022: Please remember to put any donated gift vouchers, along with the corresponding receipt, in an envelope marked FIND and drop it in the collection plate at Mass no later than next Sunday 11th December to allow for collection and distribution.

Ladies at Christmas: The ladies of the parish will be meeting Friday 16th December at 2:30 in the Garden Room for a Christmas themed afternoon tea and chat session. Men are invited to attend too! Add to the fun by wearing your Christmas jumper!

The Sick of the Parish: We ask your prayers for all our brothers and sisters who are unwell, afflicted or distressed. Comfort and relieve them according to their needs, and grant them the love and consolation of your Spirit:

John Anderson-Hurst, William Barnes, Peggy Barron, Jason Beaumont, Michael Clarke, Sheila Curry, Fabiana Di Mascio, Patrick Doran, Ron Green, Josephine Kalagira, Jo Kelly, Molly Mc Garry, Yvonne Metcalfe, Robert Mullan, Pauline Newton, Mary O'Reilly, Carol Sims and Pippa Williamson.

Our Own Dear Departed: Of your charity, pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed and especially for Mary McGinley, Pamela Dee, George Grimwood, Alice Keohane, Catrina Golecki, Johann Janssen, Gertrude Quinn, Ernest Allum, Casimir Carlton, Dermott O'Connell and Margaret Wright 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.