

HYMNS for Sunday — 23/12/2018 (Play list 6) 

Entrance: Holy Virgin by God's decree 180
 Offertory:
 Communion: My God loves me 275
 Our Lady's Anthem: Alma Redemptoris Mater 28
 Recessional: O come, O come Emmanuel 290

As is traditional the collection taken at both the Christmas Masses will be for Fr. Neil.



May the radiant light of God's blessing shine down on you and your loved ones this Christmas and remain with you always.

Tuesday: The Nativity of Our Lord is a Holyday of Obligation.

The PPC members would like to wish all parishioners a Holy and Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2019.
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 The PPC AGM will be held after Mass on Sunday 13th January, all welcome to attend.

Carol Service:
 I wish to say a huge thank you to Mrs Tonge, the pupils of St Norbert's School and all who took part in the Carol Service this week. It was a joyful occasion and hopefully can become an annual event. *Fr. Neil*

Parish Finances:- 16/12/18
 Thank you for your offerings.
 Weekly Envelopes : £ 165.00
 Standing Orders : £ 140.77
 Loose Plate : £ 42.00
 Quota Envelopes : £
 Quota Loose Plate : £
 " Standing Orders : £ 8.31
 Bulletins : £ 5.25
 Miscellaneous (including Hall Rents):£
Total : £ 361.33
Second Collection : £ 128.50 (Poor & Needy Parishes)

Thank you to Luddington United Churches for their donation of £14.00 from their Carol Service.

Scunthorpe Parishes Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome -
 Booking forms are now available at the back of church. There will be a meeting for pilgrims on 14th January 2019 at 7pm in the Parish centre. Completed booking forms and deposits of £200 per passenger are due by 1st February 2019 please.

FOODBANK DONATIONS:
Thank you for all the generous donations.
 Next collection will be March 2019

Pope Francis' Tweet of the Week: Advent is a time for us to prepare for the coming of Jesus, Prince of Peace. It's a time to make peace with ourselves and our neighbours

Articles for inclusion in the Newsletter by **Wednesday midday** please. Either ring Jane on 01724 711434 or email: jane.sarsfield@talk21.com

ROTAS:-

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 23/12: Krystyna Taylor
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 30/12: Sheila & David Eade
 Co-ordinator: Maureen - 01724710610

TEA & COFFEE
 23/12: M. Massie & H. Fowler
 30/12: Kate Ogle & Margaret Bassindale
 Co-ordinator: Kate - 01724711572

CHILDREN'S LITURGY
 Lynne Crewe & Margaret Daniels

CHURCH CLEANING (2 Wkly)
 24/12—Kate Ogle & Alicia Keen
 07/01—Krystyna Taylor & Karen Penston
 Co-ordinator: Pauline - 01724489517

Church Hall, Liturgy Room
 Margaret Daniels & Leah Shipley

CHURCH HALL:
Bookings: Bill Flanagan-01427874557
Keys: Ray & Margaret Bassindale

Hospital:
 If you wish to receive a visit from a priest while in hospital, or know someone who wishes to receive a visit, you must explicitly request this. The clergy do not have access to patient lists produced by the hospital

If you are housebound, unable to attend Mass, and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact Father Neil on 01724 842197 to arrange a visit.

Please remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick or housebound, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER No: 4 - 2018/2019 (Sunday Year: C, Weekday: Year 1)

MASS TIMETABLE 

Date	Day	Time	Liturgical Celebration	Mass Intention
23rd Dec	Sunday	11.15am	4th. Sunday of Advent (C)	Jeff Kirkham, RIP Barbara Kirkham
24th Dec	Monday	4.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord	People of the Parish
25th Dec	Tuesday	11.15am	The Nativity of Our Lord	People of the Parish
26th Dec	Wed'day		St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr	(Mass at Holy Souls: 10.00am)
27th Dec	Thur'day		St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	(Mass at Holy Souls: 9.00am)
28th Dec	Friday	No Mass	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	(Mass at Holy Souls: 9.00am)
29th Dec	Sat'day		St. Thomas of Canterbury	
30th Dec	Sunday	11.15am	The Holy Family (C)	Matthias & Doris Kempen, RIP Stephanie

Sacrament of Reconciliation: On Request

The month of December is dedicated to The Immaculate Conception
 The 2019 Diocesan Year Book available at the back of church. Price £3.50
Masses week after Christmas: Fr. Daniel Palmer, will be in Scunthorpe visiting family for Christmas and has kindly offered to celebrate Masses at Holy Souls. This allows me (back permitting) to go and spend a few days at home in Leicester. If you require a priest in an emergency from 26th-28th December, please contact Mgr Tom at St Bernadette's.

DIARY OF EVENTS - AT A GLANCE: 2018:

23rd Dec - Day of Special Prayer for Expectant Mothers
 24th Dec - Vigil Mass of the Nativity of Our Lord 4.30pm
 25th Dec - Mass of The Nativity of the Lord 11.15am.
 26th Dec - St. Stephen (A renewal of commitment by altar servers)
2019:
 1st Jan - Mary, The Holy Mother of God (Solemnity)
 6th Jan - Epiphany of the Lord (Solemnity)



Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

First Reading:

Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:

God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:5-10

Here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: *You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'* Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel Reading:

Luke 1:39-45

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
And his name will be called Emmanuel.



At his General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis reflected on the upcoming feast of Christmas, which is filled with "the surprises of Jesus." Pope Francis' catechesis on Christmas was focused on the idea of "surprises." While the world insists on exchanging presents, the Holy Father asked, "what gifts and surprises would God want?"

Looking back at the first Christmas, the Pope said it was "full of surprises," for Mary, for Joseph. From the Angel's announcement of Mary's pregnancy, to the Flight into Egypt, that first Christmas "brought unexpected changes" to their lives.

"But it was in the middle of the night of Christmas," Pope Francis said, "that the biggest surprise of all arrived: The Most High is a little baby." Christmas, he said, means celebrating the "unprecedented things of God," or rather, "the unprecedented God."

The Pope said that "doing Christmas" means "welcoming on earth the surprises of heaven." It means helping the needy, as Jesus came down to help us in our neediness; trusting in God, as Mary did, even if we don't understand his plans; rising up, as Joseph did, to accomplish God's will, even if it means changing our own plans.

If, on the other hand, we prefer the usual, mundane celebrations, we risk doing Christmas wrong. "If Christmas remains [only] a beautiful traditional feast," where the focus is on ourselves rather than Jesus, "it will be a lost opportunity," the Pope said. "Please, don't make Christmas worldly!"

And so, he explained, it will really be Christmas "if, like Joseph, we make room for silence; if, like Mary, we say 'Here I am' to God; if, like Jesus, we are close to those who are alone; if, like the shepherds, we go out of our enclosures to be with Jesus."

"Dear brothers and sisters," Pope Francis said in conclusion, "have a good Christmas, rich in the surprises of Jesus!"



There is no better way of preparing for Christmas, which is now so close, than by keeping Mary company, getting to know her and deepening our love and trust in her. Mary imparts a great joy to our souls, because when we turn to her she leads us to Christ.

Peoples Ponderings:

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Blessed and Holy Christmas and New Year, and also to express my heartfelt thanks for all the hard work that is done in the Parish throughout the year; without your hard work and dedication the Parish wouldn't be able to function.

It has been a frustrating few months with my back problems and I am due to have a scan early in the New Year to hopefully get to the source of the problem. I'm very grateful for all your good wishes and prayers these last few months and I apologise that I have not been able to go visiting etc as I would have liked to. I hope that 2019 will be better and it has been a pleasure to have Canon Geoffrey here to help over Christmas. The Christmas celebrations are also a chance to welcome those who are visiting this area for Christmas, those who have not been for a while and those who are maybe attending for the first time. Unlike the inns in Bethlehem there is room and you are most welcome. We pray that your encounter with Christ this Christmas will encourage you to join us more regularly for Mass in 2019. *Fr. Neil*



Reflection: The Christian community from its earliest days to the present has recognized that the coming of Jesus and his pastoral mission of peace initiated the realization of Micah's messianic promises. Until those promises are completely fulfilled at Jesus' second coming, it devolves upon believers to bear their share of responsibility for peace and justice in the world.

Prayer: Father God, when we consider your servant Mary, what we see is a humility and obedience that is so often lacking in our own lives. As we hear your word again, and consider the one through whose body you entered this world, remind us of the meaning of humility and grant us a confidence of faith that knows your promises to us are always fulfilled. Amen

