

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.**

Phil 4:4-5

**THE COLLECT**

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

35:1-6. 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy.

The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God.

Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return.

They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Ps 145:6-10. R.c.f.ls 35:4

**R) Come, Lord, and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R)**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R)**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St James

5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

**The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 11:2-11

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May the sacrifice of our worship, Lord, we pray, be offered to you unceasingly, to complete what was begun in sacred mystery and powerfully accomplish for us your saving work. Through Christ our Lord.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Cf. Is 35:4

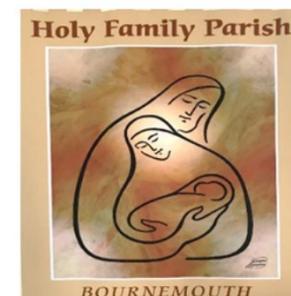
**Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord, that this divine sustenance may cleanse us of our faults and prepare us for the coming feasts. Through Christ our Lord

**THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH**

incorporating the churches of Christ the King, Kinson & St Bernadette's, Ensbury Park



**THE ADVENT WREATH and lighting the candles**

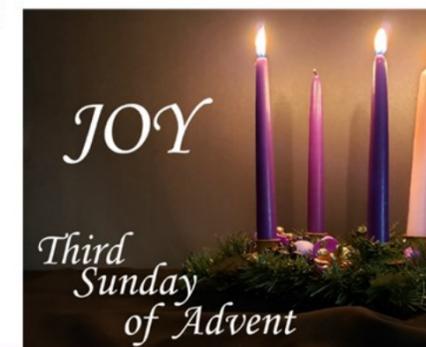
The 3rd Advent candle is Pink! It is called the shepherds candle.

It reminds us of the Joy to the world in the birth of Christ. The joy that came to the shepherds in the night whilst they were sat watching their sheep as the Angel came and told them the good news!

'Do not be afraid—for I come to bring good news!' Luke 2:10

It is pink (Rose) to represent this joyous occasion of Jesus coming to the world and save us from our sins.

It is on the 3rd Sunday to show us that we are half way to our Saviours Day so keep going in our preparations to open our hearts to the new born King...



*Light the Advent candle three.....*

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## Dear Parishioners,

Today is the Third Sunday of Advent in the Liturgical Year A.

This Sunday is also called **Gaudete Sunday**. The term Gaudete means Rejoice. It come from the entrance antiphon "Rejoice in the Lord always". The theme of the day expresses the Joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration. Today we light the third candle which symbolizes the joy that Christmas brings to everyone.

December 8<sup>th</sup> feast of the Immaculate Conception was a very special day in the church. Pope Francis encourages us to consider this day to remember the grace of Baptism we all received and celebrate it ! He added, it takes pain to choose good and to preserve it in life as Mary said "Yes" and lived it.

**POSADA:** The word "Posada" means "Inn or Lodging". Traditionally Posadas are a celebration of the Christmas story. They take place during advent in parishes in commemoration of the search of Joseph and Mary for a place where Jesus could be born. In preparation for Christmas in our parish, let us receive the "Statue of Posada" and make use of the time for a small family gathering, prayer together and to read the Christmas stories to children. Thanks to those families who made their homes an Inn to Mary and Joseph in Ensburly Park area. Thanks to the families who welcomed Mary and Joseph in Kinson area. This week may Mary and Joseph find a warm and generous welcome in our families back in Ensburly Park area.

**THEME: "Joyful in Hope"** The Bible readings of today tells us again about a bright future, seemingly "a utopia". "Joyful in Hope "is a Christian theme of life. Christian hope opposes despair, which often results in suicide. It opposes escaping from reality through the use of drugs, abuse of alcohol, or excessive addiction to pleasures of modern life. Christian Hope knows how to handle depression. You get on your knees, knowing that "over the world of stars, a loving Father must reside" (Beethoven). What would you tell a friend who knows that he is a terminal cancer patient? A man without faith or hope would say "Face it, we all have to, sooner or later". What would you say? A Christian knows about, "More to come, stay tuned in".

*Fr. Chacko*

Together , we are church... Together, we are community ...  
Together, we are Christ

### ADVENT

The Posada continues to journey through the Parish—check Facebook for photos..  
If you would like be an innkeeper and offer a home to Joseph and Mary for a night during Advent, please sign the sheet at the entrance to the church.



### MASSES for the NATIVITY of the LORD

**Christmas Eve**  
6.30pm Carols by candlelight  
followed by  
Vigil Mass at 7pm  
@ CtK

**Christmas Day**  
10am @ StB

*If anyone would like to be involved with the mass on Christmas Day especially children, please contact Michelle Carroll*



### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Joscelyne Cotrel  
Frances Smith  
Les Netherton  
Frances and Tony Herbert  
Helen ( Nick Torok's sister)



Julia Blackburn  
Sheila Shelley  
Kevin Moore  
Les Netherton

### POPE's INTENTIONS for December 2022

For volunteer,  
not for profit organisations

We pray that volunteer non profit organisations committed to human Development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international co-operation

<https://thepopevideo.org/>

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 10	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Third Sunday of Advent <span style="float: right;">Our Lady of Loreto</span>
Sun 11	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	The Masses of the Third Sunday of Advent <i>Mass Int: Fern Harrison RIP</i> <b>GAUDETE SUNDAY</b>
Mon 12	StB	6pm	Exposition followed by Mass <span style="float: right;">Our Lady of Guadalupe</span>
Tues 13			NO MASS <span style="float: right;">St Lucy</span>
Wed 14			NO MASS <span style="float: right;">St John of the Cross</span>
Thur 15	CtK	9.30 am	Weekday Mass
Fri 16	CtK	9.30am	Weekday Mass followed by exposition & Divine Chaplet
Sat 17	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Fourth Sunday of Advent
Sun 18	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	The Masses of the Fourth Sunday of Advent <span style="float: right;">EXPECTANT MOTHERS</span>



PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE to be drawn on Sunday 18th December

£2 a strip or 3 for £5

(for online payments—please message Maria via FB for details)

available after all weekend masses—see Carmel or Michelle

### FAITH DISCUSSION GROUP

Advent is the ideal time for our group to meet again after such a long break,  
So there will be a meeting on  
Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Room at St Bernadette's Church at 7.00 pm.

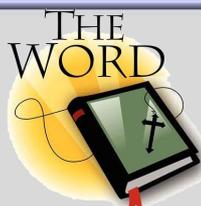
We would love to welcome some new faces, so do come along:



We shall look at the Scripture readings for the following  
Sunday, share our thoughts on the message they give us,  
and their impact on our lives today –

maybe with the help of a coffee and a mince pie!

For more information, contact Jenny Gunstone.



INSTITUTION of LECTOR for our Deacon in training Glenn Carroll

On Sunday 18th December during the 9.30am mass, Fr Chacko will present to Glenn the ministry of Lector as part of his formation towards the permanent diaconate. As a bearer of God's word, Glenn will assist in the responsibility in the service of the faith. In proclaiming God's word to others, he will accept it in obedience to the Holy Spirit. We continue to pray for Glenn in this, his third year of the 4 year formation.



God of peace and Justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and laying down of weapons, we pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your spirit of comfort would be near to them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

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