

**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.**

Cf. Is 30:19,30

**THE 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.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11:1-10

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**

Ps 71:1-2.7-8.12-13.17. R.cf.v7

**R) In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.**

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)**

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)**

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)**

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**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 15:4-9

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!** Lk 3:4.6

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1-12

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Bar 5:5;4:36

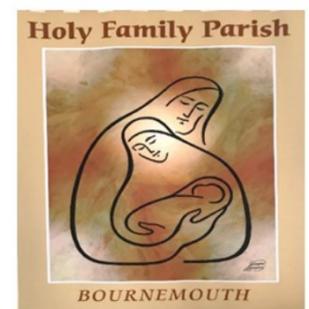
**Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.**

**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.

**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 2nd advent candle symbolises Love or Faith, it is called the Bethlehem Candle or the Prophets Candle as it reminds us of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem to prepare for the birth of Jesus.

It also represents the prophets who gave the message of preparing for Jesus coming and the Love that God was going to pour out for us in being one with us.

Today we hear about John the Baptist and his message to repent, to prepare... to get ready and have faith.

It is a message to us to prepare, prepare our hearts and allow Christ in.

*Light the Advent candle two.....*



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## Dear Parishioners,

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

This Sunday is also called Bible Sunday. This Sunday calls for an openness to the Word of God. St. Paul writing to the Romans says that the scripture was written for our instruction that we might derive hope from it.

On Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass will be here in CTK as usual at 9.30 am.

Congratulations to our Eucharistic Ministers who were commissioned on last Sunday in both churches of our parish. May God bless them to continue generously their Eucharistic services in the parish.

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of December is to pray that volunteer organizations and those who work in them may work as "artisans of Mercy", that means not just working for people but with people being close to them and listening to their needs.

**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 and Inn to Mary and Joseph in Ensbury Park area. This week let Joseph and Mary find a warm and generous abode in the families in Kinson area.

### THEME: "Turn away from your sins.....because the Kingdom of Heaven is near" (Mt. 3:2)

Years ago, a man was shocked to read his own obituary in the morning paper. His death was mistakenly reported. But what shocked him most was how the obituary described him : as someone who devoted his life to making weapons of war . That morning he resolved to turn his energies in a new direction: working for world peace and human betterment. That man was Alfred Nobel, founder of the Nobel Peace Prize.

Warning of St. John the Baptist to us today to turn away from our sins, and Nobel's decision to turn his energies in a new direction challenge me to inventory and reassess my own goals in life.

(Jesus said) "Will a person gain anything if he wins the whole world, but is himself lost or defeated"?

*Fr. Chacks*

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

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - DECEMBER 8TH

The misconception by a lot of people is that Jesus is the immaculate conception when indeed, it is Mary.

God kept Mary, free from sin from the very moment of her conception, keeping her pure.

When Gabriel visited her at the Annunciation, he said 'Hail Mary, full of Grace' this meant that in her heart, there was room for nothing else other than the Grace given to her by God.

Why did God do this? To prepare a worthy mother to His son, Jesus..

*O Mary, you were conceived without sin. Pray for me today as I seek all that is good, holy, and beautiful.*

## ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

The Posada is on it's journey. If you would like be an innkeeper this Advent and offer a home to Joseph and Mary for a night, please sign the sheet at the entrance to the church.



Christmas Eve  
6.30pm Carols by candlelight and  
Vigil Mass at 7pm@ CTK  
Christmas Day  
10am @ StB



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 3	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Second Sunday of Advent    MIGRANTS DAY <i>St Francis Xavier</i>
Sun 4	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	The Masses of the Second Sunday of Advent  <i>CHACKO'S CAFE</i>
Mon 5	StB	6pm	Exposition followed by Mass
Tues 6	CtK	9am	Exposition followed by Mass <i>St Nicholas</i>
Wed 7			<b>NO MASS</b> <i>St Ambrose</i>
Thur 8	CtK	9.30 am	Weekday Mass <i>Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Fri 9	CtK	9.30am	Mass followed by exposition & Divine Chaplet <i>St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>
Sat 10	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of Third Sunday of Advent <i>Our Lady of Loreto</i>
Sun 11	CtK StB	9.30am 11am	The Masses of the Third Sunday of Advent

**CAFOD**  
World Gifts catalogue are available. Please take one and give something different for Christmas this year that will make a difference



**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)

**\*\* WE NEED THE FOLLOWING THIS WEEKEND \*\***

**CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**    340g of tinned ham and 250g box chocolate  
PLEASE leave donations at the back of the church by Sunday

The Christmas Hamper Appeal is in partnership with Bournemouth Foodbank and other local agencies. Each year 200 hampers are delivered to families in crisis over the Christmas period. The families will receive the hampers to include fresh and frozen food, Christmas goodies and a message of hope from the Bible.

*The Holy Family Parish aspires to be a beacon of hope, reaching out to the needs of our time*  
(Holy Family Mission Statement)

**SPUC national Prayer Campaign: 10 million prayers for the 10 million lives lost.**  
27th October marked the 55th anniversary of the Abortion Act 1967. Since then 10 million lives have been lost to abortion. SPUC aim to have 10 million prayers said or pledged between 27th October 2022 and 27th April 2023, one for each life lost. Pledge postcards are at the back of each church or you can pledge your prayers by filling in the online form at: [www.spuc.org.uk/national-prayer-campaign](http://www.spuc.org.uk/national-prayer-campaign)



Society for the **Protection** of Unborn Children

**PARISH PASTORAL CARE TEAM**    next meeting Tues 6th Dec at 10.15am after mass at CtK

**Bank details**  
**ACCOUNT NAME:**  
PRCDTR KINSON RC PARISH  
**SORT CODE:** 51-81-20    **ACCOUNT :** 72768401

**COLLECTIONS NOVEMBER**  
Loose    £688.68    Gift Aid    £99