

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Cf. Is 45:8

**Drop down the dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

THE COLLECT

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
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 7:10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David:
are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men
without trying the patience of my God, too?
The Lord himself, therefore,
will give you a sign.
It is this: the maiden is with child
and will soon give birth to a son
whom she will call Emmanuel,
a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Ps 23:1-6. R. Cf.vv7.10

**R) Let the Lord enter!
He is the king of glory.**

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R)**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R)**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.
This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of

holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Mt 1:23
**The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

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

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the Holy Spirit, O Lord,
sanctify these gifts laid upon your altar,
just as he filled with his power the womb of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Is 7:14

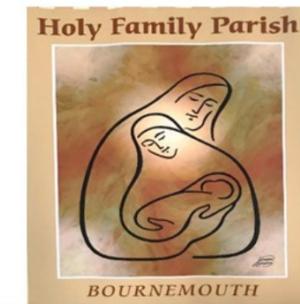
**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,
we pray, almighty God,
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,
so we may press forward all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

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



THE ADVENT WREATH

The 4th Advent candle symbolises Peace
With the Angel's Candle reminding us of the
Message of the Angels—
'peace on Earth, Good Will towards men'
Light the Advent candle four.....



THE CANDLE SONG— to be sung at CTK 9.30am

Like a Candle flame
flickering small in our darkness,
uncreated light shines through infant eyes.

*God is with us, Alleluia
Come to save us, Alleluia, alleluia*

Stars and Angels sing
yet the earth sleeps in shadows
Can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?

Yet His light shall shine
From our lives, spirit blazing
as we touch the flame
of His holy fire



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Dear Parishioners, Today is the Fourth Sunday of Advent in Liturgical Year A.

Glenn Carroll of our parish is presently undergoing his studies to the Permanent Diaconate in the Church. In this process he is being permitted by the Diocesan Administrator to receive the minor orders of Lector and Acolyte. And today Glenn is to be conferred the ministry of Lector, and he will receive the ministry of Acolyte later. We pray for him today and accompany him in his spiritual journey. We do welcome Dn. Nick Johnson from Poole, who is also the Vice director of the Permanent Diaconate in our Diocese.

Ministry of Lector is a ministry of Reading the Word of God or Ministering the Word of God to the faithful. Lector is a person who reads the word of God in the absence of a Deacon or a Priest. He is a person serious about his own faith and he should also believe that Sacred Scripture is the Word of God and has deep respect in the presence of God in that Word.

POSADA: Thanks to those families who made their homes an Inn to Mary and Joseph in Ensbury Park area. This week may Mary and Joseph find a warm and generous welcome in our families back in Kinson area.

Walking together update on the Synodal Process

Last month the fruits of the discernment from across the world was published, and it was interesting to see the varying different experiences similar and varying views and concerns across the continents. At this stage it is a working document for the continental stage and will be discussed at length at the Bishop's Conference.

Within the Church due to take place in January. This will then form the basis for the Bishop's meeting in October 2023 /24. The document can be found on Working Document for the Continental Stage (synod.va)

www.synod.va/en/highlights/working-document-for-the-continental-stage.html

As the new synodal coordinator for the Diocese, Fr. Paul Keys invites us to send our feedback on the document to synodfeedback@prcdtr.org.uk

More information about the "Next steps" for diocese in the synodal process can be found in the Diocesan Walking Together Newsletter, available at the back of the church.

Reflection: Joseph was shocked when he learned that Mary was pregnant. But an angel told him in a dream **"Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived"** A retreat master told some fathers "Joseph is a perfect model for you". One father challenged him saying "Joseph's situation was totally different from my situation. He was a saint, his wife was sinless, and my child isn't the Son of God." The retreat master responded "Was your wife pregnant before your marriage and you didn't know by whom? Did your son leave home for three days and you did not know where he was?"

The retreat master's point makes me ask: What situation in my life, right now invites me to be more trusting?

It is easier for parents to have children than for children to have parents.

(Pope John XXIII)

Fr. Chacko

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

POSADA

Mary and Joseph are still travelling around
Check facebook page
If you would like to be an Innkeeper and offer a home to Joseph & Mary for a night during this last week of 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 is able to help with welcoming or ushering at the masses, please contact Michelle Carroll, Sr Michele or Jo Martin



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/>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Joscelyne Cotrel
Frances Smith
Les Netherton
Frances and Tony Herbert



Julia Blackburn
Sheila Shelley
Kevin Moor
Anna Browne

DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
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 EXPECTANT MOTHERS
Mon 19	StB	6pm	Exposition followed by Mass
Tues 20	CtK	9.30am	Weekday Mass <i>Mass Int: Margaret Greene RIP</i>
Wed 21			NO MASS St Peter Canisius
Thur 22	CtK	9.30 am	Weekday Mass
Fri 23	CtK	9.30am	Weekday Mass followed by exposition & Divine Chaplet St John Kanty
Sat 24	CtK	6.30pm	Carols followed by Vigil Mass of THE NATIVITY of the LORD
Sun 25	StB	10am	THE NATIVITY of the LORD



**PARISH
CHRISTMAS
RAFFLE**
to be drawn
this Sunday
£2 a strip or
3 for £5
LAST CHANCE!!!

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who so generously gave tins of ham and boxes of chocolates to help with the Christmas Hamper Appeal. We reached our target, thanks to you all, and a lot of people will get the bonus of a lovely hamper this Christmas. It was wonderful to see how open hearted you were and it felt good to do this with all the churches in Bournemouth, regardless of their denomination.




**GUILD of
St Stephen**

Boxing day mass to welcome 3 new servers into the Guild of St Stephen. 2 from StB's, 1 from CTK. It is also a chance for current servers to renew their promises. Mass will take place at CTK on Boxing day at 10am.

All are welcome.

**INSTITUTION of
LECTOR**
for our
Deacon in
training
Glenn Carroll



This Sunday during the 9.30am mass, Fr Chacko will present to Glenn the ministry of Lector as part of his formation towards the permanent diaconate.

Synodal Journey – A conversation about safeguarding online event

Many of you will have been involved in the synodal process, and we know from the feedback locally & nationally that many significant questions and issues were raised around safeguarding. Being aware that many of you may have questions around how safe my church is. We have therefore decided to host an online event which will be led by Robert Brown, the Senior Safeguarding Professional employed by the Diocese. The event will take place on Monday 9th January between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. If you wish to attend then please sign up via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/synodal-journey-a-conversation-about-safeguarding-tickets-471079791337> so that we can send the Zoom meeting details to you. This will also provide you the opportunity to highlight any questions you would like to be answered at the meeting.

Bank details below
ACCOUNT NAME:
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PARISH
SORT CODE: 51-81-20
ACCOUNT : 72768401
Please giftaid –
*Contact Christine Elie
Details on front page*

**Cashless giving has arrived in the
Holy Family parish!**

From this Sunday there will be the opportunity to make donations by card at CtK. This can also be done by using a link on the parish Facebook page and by using your smartphone to scan the QR code displayed around the churches and in the newsletter. Shortly you will also be able to make donations via the parish website!

