

First reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

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

Responsorial Psalm

R: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R:**

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages. **R:**

'He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.' **R:**

Second reading

Romans 16:25-27

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord **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 Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her. 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

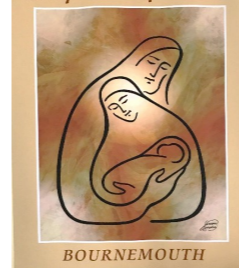
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

THE PARISH OF THE HOLY FAMILY, BOURNEMOUTH

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



Holy Family Parish



Glory to God in the highest!
My precious Lord, Jesus,
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the
celebration of Your birth.
Your love for us is unfathomable,
it is glorious, transforming, awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.

You chose to come and dwell among us,
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.
Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord,
to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.
Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.
Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth
and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.
I love You, dear Lord Jesus.
Help me to love You with all my heart.
Newborn Savior of the World,
I trust in You.

Mother Mary and St. Joseph, Pray for me and for all.
Amen.



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Together we are Church, together we are community, together we are Christ

This is my sixth in Holy Family Parish

Raise the Roof of Christ the King was our challenge since 2019. We have succeeded to some extent. Thanks to the cooperation and support of everyone concerned repairs on the flat roofs of Christ the King church is presently on-going. As we enter the new year this work will continue. The challenge for a new main roof remains to be remedied in the years to come. The heating in the church is still a headache, and we hope to get it remedied by January 2024.

I wish you all glad tidings for the new year and I'm sure you share with me hope and prayers for the new bishop in the person of Christopher Whitehead. We hope that he will visit us in the new year. We wait for the ordination of Glenn into permanent diaconate in 2024, with great excitement. I hope all these will be a shot in the arm for the parish in the coming year.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone who has shown their willingness and readiness to take up the challenge we face especially the alarming reduction of numbers of those attending the church. My sincere thanks to all my co-operators in the parish through their different ministries. May God bless them all abundantly. Christmas is the beginning of everything new, a new life for man offered by God, and

May this Spirit of Christmas be realized in its fullness in the New Year!
Keep me in your prayers, as I Do promise that you will be remembered before the Babe of Bethlehem.

Lovingly in the service of the Lord

Fr. Chacko Panathara C.M



DAY	CHURCH	TIME	CELEBRATION or FEAST DAY/ MEMORIAL
Sat 23	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>St John of Kanty</i>
Sun 24	CtK StB CtK	9.30am 11am 6.30pm	Masses of Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>11am Mass Int: Annie and John Fletcher RIP</i> Vigil Mass of the Nativity NO CAROLS BEFOREHAND CHRISTMAS EVE
Mon25	StB	10am	Mass of the Nativity
Tues26	CtK	9.30am	Mass <i>Feast of St Stephen</i>
Wed27			NO MASS
Thur28			NO MASS <i>The Holy Innocents</i>
Fri 29			NO MASS <i>St Thomas Becket</i>
Sat 30	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Holy Family—Our Parish Feast
Sun 31	CtK	10.15am	Parish Mass of the 'Holy Family' - Our Parish Feast Day
Mon 1	StB	6pm	Mass of Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 2024
Tues 2	CtK	9am	Adoration followed by Mass at 9.30am
Wed 3			NO MASS
Thur 4	CtK	9.30am	Adoration followed by Holy Mass at 9.30am
Fri 5	CtK StB	9.30am 7pm	Mass followed by the Divine Chaple HOLY HOUR— <i>adoration & prayer</i>
Sat 6	StB	6pm	Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sun 7	CtK	9.30am 11am	Masses of the Epiphany of the Lord



Thank you to those who brought their cribs in to be blessed



Please note that this newsletters covers 2 weeks of Mass information
Happy Christmas and a very Happy New Year of 2024



GIFT AID

A Gift Aid Declaration is the person's declaration that they wish for the church to reclaim tax on their gift and can be made for a single donation or for multiple donations. It's easy !!

The Parish needs funds and by gift aiding your contributions makes a huge difference.

Please complete a form for your Gift Aid Declaration at the back of church and return it to the office.

If you would like to pay by standing order/ direct debit, there are forms to set this up at the back of the church. Please consider your offering for our church, our parish...



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Noel Harris, Kevin Moore, Margaret Simpson, Sheila Shelley, Tony Bateman,
Les Netherton, Frances Smith, Anna Browne,
Jocelyne & Peter Cotrel, Frances & Tony Herbert, The Carter family



POPE's INTENTIONS for January 2024

For the gift of diversity in the church

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church

www.thepopevideo.org

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS FOR THE NEEDY

WELL DONE and THANK YOU

We needed to collect 50litres of UHT milk and you wonderful people gave a total of 132 litres , so well over double!! This meant more milk per hamper.

The organisers were amazed and delighted .

So again, a HUGE thank you

CHRISTMAS OFFERING THANK YOU TO FR CHACKO

This is an important opportunity for us all to express our gratitude to our parish Priest, Fr Chacko.

Love lies at the heart of Christmas—God's love for us—and a love that we share every time we attend Mass together.

A priest loves us and feeds us from the table of the Lord and by this offering, we can show our appreciation for their vocation.

Your kind offering at the Christmas Masses is a significant part of their income and is our gifts to them.

Thank you