

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Year B

Sunday 27 December 2020

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| **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **2. The First Nowell**  **(in Carols Book)**  **(see the words on another page)**  **GREETINGS**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **GLORY**  **COLLECT**  O God, who were pleased to give us  the shining example of the Holy Family,  graciously grant that we may imitate them  in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity,  and so, in the joy of your house,  delight one day in eternal rewards.  Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**    **FI FIRST READING** Gn 15:1-6,21:1-3  *Your heir shall be your own flesh and blood*  The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, ‘Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.’  ‘My Lord,’ Abram replied ‘what do you intend to give me? I go childless...’ Then Abram said, ‘See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.’ And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, ‘He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.’ Then taking him outside he said, ‘Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants’ he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.  The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.** | **RESP PSALM**  Ps 127(128):1-5  **R.** *Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*  O blessed are those who fear the Lord  and walk in his ways!  By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  You will be happy and prosper. R.  Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  in the heart of your house;  your children like shoots of the olive,  around your table. R.  Indeed thus shall be blessed  the man who fears the Lord.  May the Lord bless you from Zion  all the days of your life! R.  **SECOND READING**  Col 3:12-21  *Family life in the Lord*  You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.  Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.  Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Heb 1:1-2  Alleluia, alleluia!  In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  now he speaks to us through his Son.  Alleluia! | **GOSPEL** 2:22-40  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke  Glory to you, O Lord.  *My eyes have seen your salvation*  When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.  Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel’s comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:  ‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,  just as you promised;  because my eyes have seen the salvation  which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  a light to enlighten the pagans  and the glory of your people Israel.’  As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’  There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day |

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| With fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.  When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  **HOMILY**  **PROFESSION OF FAITH**  **Apostle’s Creed**  I believe in God,  the Father almighty,  Creator of heaven and earth,  and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  born of the Virgin Mary,  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  was crucified, died and was buried;  he descended into hell;  on the third day he rose again from the  dead;  He ascended into heaven,  and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  I believe in the Holy Spirit,  the holy catholic Church,  the communion of saints,  the forgiveness of sins,  the resurrection of the body,  and life everlasting. Amen.  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received  the bread we offer you:…  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  for through your goodness we have received  the wine we offer you:  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**,  that my sacrifice and yours  may be acceptable to God, The almighty Father.  **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,**  **for our good** **and the good of all his Holy Church.** | **PREP GIFTS HYMNS**  **1****5. O Little Town of Bethlehem,**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**  We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation,  humbly asking that,  through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph,  you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.  Through Christ our Lord.  **Amen.**  **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  Lift up your hearts.  We lift them up to the Lord.  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  It is right and just.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  Hosanna in the highest.  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  Hosanna in the highest.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**    At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  Our Father, who art in heaven,  hallowed be thy name;  thy kingdom come,  thy will be done  on earth as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread,  and forgive us our trespasses,  as we forgive those who trespass against us;  and lead us not into temptation,  but deliver us from evil.  Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. | For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.  **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  look not on our sins,  but on the faith of your Church,  and graciously grant her peace and unity  in accordance with your will.  Who live and reign for ever and ever.  Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  grant us peace  **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  **COMMUNION HYMN**  **6. Silent Night**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,  most merciful Father,  to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,  so that, after the trials of this world,  we may share their company for ever.  Through Christ our Lord.  Amen.  **FINAL SONG**  **4. Joy to The World**  **(see the words on the third page)** |