

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LEADING TO CHRISTMAS DAY**

Reading Cycle C

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Psalter Week 4

Sunday 22ND DECEMBER 2024

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MASSES AND SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

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SAT	21 ST DEC	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Domenico Malacrino R.I.P
SUN	22 ND DEC		10.00am	Margaret Gould R.I.P Stanley Brown R.I.P Domenico Malacrino R.I.P
MON		NO MASS		
TUES	24 TH DEC	CAROL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS	6.30pm	Fr Jack Fahy R.I.P
WED	25 TH DEC	THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST	10.00am	People of the Parish
THURS	26 TH DEC	THE FEAST OF ST STEPHEN	10.00am	Ben Foday R.I.P
FRI	27 TH DEC	THE FEAST OF ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	10.00am	Mary McAleavey R.I.P
SAT	28 TH DEC	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY	6.30pm	Deceased members of the Desmond Family
SUN	29 TH DEC		10.00am	Phyll, Abbe, and Alex Cohen R.I.P Beh Foday R.I.P

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK, ANNIVERSARIES AND THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY DIED:

We pray for those in our families or in our Parish Community who may be sick, housebound, worried or in need. We ask that the love of the Lord be with them during the coming week. To all our parishioners who are indisposed we ask that they may receive every grace and blessing.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sascha Hippolyte, Malcolm Osbourne, Martin Jones and Jim Boyce. May they rest in peace

We also pray for Roy Prew, Brynley Hudd, Carol Micallef, Lawrence Jones, Thomas Spear, Domenico Malacrino, Hubert Stanley Brown, Betty Muscat, Francis Jenkins, Maureen Desmond Page, Patrick Middleton, Vivian Taylor, Fr Jack Fahy, Richard Mulhall, Mary McAleavey, Teresa Ramos, William Woodman, Charles Donaldson, Julia Bossano, Hugh Hendry Mackie, John Smith, Sheila Harding, Mary Carroll, Ivy Davies, Margaret Stevens, Fr Denis Tourney, Fr John Meredith, FR Martin Delaney, Fr John O'Regan, Fr Michael Martin and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CANDLES You can buy a 7 day candle (£5.00) which will be left at the Sacred Heart or Our Lady's Altar for the duration of a week. **This week's candles will be lit for Elizabeth, Fred and baby Fred, Dorothy and Ernie Johnson, Gillian Quinn, Irene, Fred and Kevin Calford, the Well Being of the Lukawekyj Family and the Well Being of Winnie Rein**

PARISH CHRISTMAS EVENT: A big, big thank you to all who made last Sunday's Christmas Parish Event so successful: the organisers, the bakers and chefs, (who made such wonderful food), the servers, the wash-er-uppers, the furniture movers, the creators and decorators, the music arrangers, the bucket carriers, Fr Malachy and Fr Christmas, well done to you all. What a great way for us all to get together and thank you to all who came and so generously gave prizes, bought raffle tickets and made donations. Thanks too must be given to the Pavilion staff who were so accommodating. Our first Christmas Celebration can be counted as a triumph! Onwards towards the Summer one!!!. If you want to see photos of the Christmas Event look on Facebook or on the Parish Website.

ORGAN RECITAL : St Joseph's New Zealand Road Gabalfa, Monday 23rd Dec 5.30pm in aid of St Joseph's SVP. Music by J. S.Bach

LIFE CHARITY : has a National Helpline that answers the calls of women, men and families facing unexpected pregnancy. In cases where abortion is a risk, having someone qualified and non-judgmental to talk to can make all the difference.

Find out more on their website or donate to their appeal for counselling sessions this Christmas: appeal.lifecharity.org.uk/

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S 'THE MASS' videos well worth watching. Links are on the Parish Website.

ON LINE DONATIONS TO THE PARISH: Thank you to all who donate to the Parish via the on-line link. There seems to have been a problem with the monthly donations. If you donate this way you may need to re-do the action. Hopefully it has been resolved.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: Candidates please meet after Mass by the Our Lady Altar so you can have your attendance sheet signed. If you have any queries please e-mail Chris German Cge7618946@aol.com or through the Parish Website

MASS INTENTION DIARY FOR 2025 IS OPEN Please use the Mass Intention envelopes at the back of the Church for the names and your donation and indicate if the person is deceased. Put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

OLD SPECTACLES/ GLASSES: **THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are collecting any old prescription spectacles/glasses (no cases) to be sent overseas to Third World Countries. There is a box at the back of the Church to put your old items in. Also the Knights are going to be meeting on the fourth Sunday of every month. Please see Patrick McCarthy for more information. This is an all male organisation and they are looking for new members. The next meeting will be in January.

MASS INTENTIONS At the back of the Church there are envelopes for you to put your donation and the details of when you would like a Mass and for whom. Please indicate if the person is deceased. Please put your envelope in the Offertory Bag or the Brown Box at the back of the Church.

NEW TO THE PARISH? If you have been coming to St Patricks for some weeks and would like to be listed as a new Parishioner please complete the proforma at the back of the Church and give it to one of the priests.

SAFEGUARDING: Helplines and Information on the Parish Website Homepage. A First Aid Box is kept in the Sacristy.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? Please let the Hospital know that you are a Catholic and would like a visit from the Chaplain. If you are a relative and would like the Catholic Hospital Chaplain to make a visit please leave the name of the person you want them to see and the Ward details if possible. When you ring the Chaplaincy 02921 843230 please leave your contact details so that they can contact you.

HOUSEBOUND COMMUNIONS: If you know of a parishioner wishing to receive Holy Communion please contact Frs Valentine

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: DEC 14th/15th £ 586.36

WEEKLY MESSAGE

“ The night was cold, and everything was still as I stood in the deserted street. I listened. I could hear the murmuring of voices behind closed doors and the occasional sounds of people getting ready for a night of quiet slumber. A few lamps flickered as doors were opened and then closed again. The silence was restored.

Suddenly there came the sound of footsteps and muffled voices from behind me so I squeezed into a doorway. The voices sounded excited and the footsteps were light and quick as they passed me by. These were men of the fields. Why had they deserted their nightly vigil? Intrigued I followed at a safe distance and I saw them enter a dwelling, a place for animals, not a place for resting.

I approached the doorway and saw that the rough door was barely closed. The lamp inside gave a poor light but enough for me to see a group of people huddled together. Now they spoke in whispers. What secret could they be sharing? What were they looking at?

I pushed the door open, just a little so that I could see more. A gentle voice spoke, “Come in, come in. Welcome” I did not wait for a second invitation and stepped eagerly across the dust strewn floor. What wondrous sight would I see? And there, a child, a newborn, nestling amongst the fragrant straw. The voice spoke again, “Come closer, see my Son” I looked at the one speaking, she was young, very young and she looked tired but radiant. I gazed upon the Child and something wondrous came over me. An overwhelming sense of peace, of joy of happiness pervaded the whole space and I was enveloped in a blanket of love. I had never experienced such a wonderful feeling and I wanted to keep hold of it. It held me tight, and I felt safe and secure.

Later, as I was leaving the place where the Child lay, another voice spoke, this time a deeper voice.

“ Share what you have experienced tonight and listen for His voice, for it will surely come to you”. He closed the door softly behind me and I walked with the men of the fields back through the silent streets. My heart was bursting with joy and peace and I knew that my life had changed forever.”

**May the joy of the Christ Child be with you this Christmas and
may you too be filled with peace and love in the days to come.**

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
And worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
And open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
And good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing, which Christ brings
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children
And Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts
Forgiving and forgiven for Jesus sake.
Amen.

— Robert Louis Stevenson

