

**DIARY FOR THE WEEK
CYCLE C**

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY 4TH WEEK OF ADVENT

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER 2024

NATIVITY OF THE LORD, JESUS

THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER 2024

ST. STEPHEN

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER 2024

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER 2024

HOLY INNOCENTS

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER 2024

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH
YEAR C**

SUNDAY MISSAL: 792

OR OLD: 717

DAILY MISSAL: 129

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Obligation:

Saturday	17h00
Sunday	07h30 ; 09h30 ; 17h00

Weekday Masses

Monday	08h30
Tuesday	06h15
Wednesday	School Mass at 08h00 17h30
Thursday	08h30
Friday	06h15 & 17h30
Saturday	08h00

Public Holidays 08h30

CONFESSION:

Thursday	After morning Mass
Saturday	After morning Mass

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & BENEDICTION

Will begin at 5pm every first Friday.

Every other Friday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5 followed by Mass at 5.30pm.

First Friday Mass will be celebrated at Little Eden every first Friday at 10am.

First Saturday Novena to Our Lady of Fatima is prayed after morning Mass.

**St Thérèse Worshipping
Community:**

Vision Statement:

**"To live and grow as worshipping
community in order to walk closer
with our Trinitarian God."**

Mission Statement:

**"To engage our worshipping community
by celebrating, renewing and sharing
our Catholic Faith through Liturgy,
Sacraments, education and serving our
brothers and sisters."**



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22 December 2024

**Fourth Sunday of
Advent Year C**

SUNDAY MISSAL: 787

OR OLD: 713

DAILY MISSAL: 90

Pastors:

Rev. Fr. Jonathan Petersen OMI

Rev. A.R Bishop (Deacon)

Rev. D Gregory (Deacon)

Rev. F. Graham (Deacon)

Rev. M. Hughes (Deacon)

Rev. Peter Rohrbeck (Deacon)

Entrance Antiphon (Cf. Is. 45:8)

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

First Reading: Micah 5:2-5a

Responsorial Psalm 80

**R: O God, bring us back; let your face shine
on us and we shall be saved.**

1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us;
enthroned on the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse up your might and come to save us.

R Communion Reflection:

** Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and give
me joy in seeking you more earnestly. Increase my
faith in all your promises, my hope in the joy of
heaven, and my love for You as my All.*

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2. God of hosts, turn again we implore;
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

3. May your hand be on the man at your
right hand,
the son of man you have confirmed as your
own.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your
name. **R**

Second reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel Acclamation: (Luke 1:38)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord: let it be to
me according to your word.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Communion Antiphon: (Is. 7:14)

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

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COMMUNITY

VARIOUS INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR:

Our Sick - Dear Lord, in your great compassion and love, we ask you to lay your healing hands on the sick and aged of our parish and all our loved ones.

The Unemployed - Dear Lord, we pray for those struggling to find employment, that through their hardship they will put their faith and trust in you.

Those who are grieving: – O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, while we struggle to comprehend life's hardships.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of December: For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

SACRAMENTS AND PREPARATION

COMMUNION TO THE SICK



If you have a family member in the parish who is housebound and in need of Holy Communion, please contact the parish office.

BAPTISM

Parents are required to attend a course of instruction before the baptism of their child.



Please contact the parish office to make an appointment. Please ensure that you book your baby's baptism date with the office. No baptism will be done without a booking.

MARRIAGE



Couples are required to attend a pre-marriage course of instruction or an Engaged Encounter weekend. Please Contact Fr. Jonathan three to six months before the event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE 2024

Mon. 23rd Dec

➤ 8.30am Mass

Tues. 24th Dec

NO MORNING MASS.

➤ Christmas Vigil 6.00pm.

➤ Carol's 11h00pm

➤ Midnight Mass. 00h00am.

Wed. 25th Dec.

➤ 7.30am MASS & 9.30am MASS

➤ No evening Mass.

Thurs 26th Dec. 8.30am Mass

➤ NO CONFESSIONS

Fri 27th Dec. 8.30am Mass

➤ no evening Mass

Sat 28th 8.00am Mass with confessions

5.00pm Mass

Sun 29th Dec. 7.30am MASS and 9.30am

MASS and 5.00pm Mass

Mon. 30th 8.30am Mass

Tue. 31st 8.30am Mass

Wed. 1st Jan. 8.30am Mass no evening Mass

Thurs. 2nd Jan. 8.30am Mass

➤ NO CONFESSIONS

Fri 3rd Jan. 8.30am Mass

➤ no evening Mass

➤ no benediction

Sat 4th Jan 8.00am Mass with confessions

➤ 5.00pm Mass

Sun 5th Jan. 7.30am MASS and 9.30am

MASS and 5.00pm Mass

Mon 6th Jan to Fri 10th Jan 8.30am Mass

➤ no evening Masses

➤ Office will function on an emergency needs only.

4th week of Advent: The Magnificat: Saviour God's Love

In 1970, the Beatles came out with their final album shortly after their break-up was announced. In this album they included a song, of which I'm sure some of you are familiar. The song is called, "Let it Be." In the song, Paul McCartney sings:

*When I find myself in times of trouble,
Mother Mary comes to me. Speaking words
of wisdom, "let it be." And in my hour of
darkness, she is standing right in front of
me, speaking words of wisdom, "let it be."
"Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be."
Whisper words of wisdom, "let it be."
there will be an answer, "let it be..."*

Besides speaking of having some mystical vision of Mary, McCartney misses the mark on another point as well. Mary doesn't just say, "Let it be." She says, "Let it be to me according to your Word." We don't benefit from the Virgin Mary by praying to her or by seeing her in dreams or visions. We benefit from the Virgin Mary by learning from her what it is to believe God's promise. Mary is shown favour by God. She found favour in God's eyes. She didn't put the favour in his eyes. She found it. It was already there for her. It is by grace that God chose Mary to bear the Son of God in her womb. She heard God's favour from his Word, spoken by his angel. And she believed it.

ART PIECE: MOTHER AND CHILD:

Ponder / contemplate the AFFECTION between Mother and Child

• Mary is enthroned in a golden throne. A declaration from the angel Gabriel as he exclaimed to her *HAIL FULL OF GRACE, REJOICE, HIGHLY FAVOURED*

• Her eyes are cast down. A symbol of HUMILITY.

• By casting her eyes down, Mary doesn't want to attract attention to herself.

• Her hand holds Jesus as he moves forward to embrace us.

• Jesus is three dimensionally portrayed in the painting, to highlight him; to make him the centre of the art piece. He should be born as a baby in our hearts and take the centre stage of our lives.

• His garments are rich in colour. The colours portray his Kingship.

• A baby yet filled with so much promise. So much hope.

• Can we, like Mary, behold him (holding him in her arm) and still honour him by allowing him to take centre stage in our lives, in our world.

• The little road symbolises the pilgrim people. The narrow road instead of the wide road.

• Jesus is the WAY.

"Rejoice, full of grace." May these words resonate deeply in our hearts.

"Rejoice, full of grace" calls us, a charismatic worshipping community, to embrace this time of grace as authentic pilgrims of hope and builders of communion. "Rejoice, full of grace!" is a call to celebrate Jesus Christ, our unwavering hope.

"Rejoice, full of grace!" This simple message calls us to renew our personal spirituality centred on the Christ - Child.

Mary's "yes" to God made her the first pilgrim of hope, walking a path of faith, trust, and love. Her journey was one of total oblation - offering herself fully to God's plan. As her children, we are invited to follow her example, especially in this Holy Year, by renewing our own oblation, our gift to God.

Mary's pregnancy represents our own liturgical experience in the season of Advent. The Lord has arrived in her womb, yet she awaits the fulfilment of his appearance. So, too, we live under the lordship of Christ, while we wait in hopeful expectation of his return.