



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year B

Entrance antiphon: **Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth Saviour.**

First Reading "The kingdom of David will always stand secure before the Lord." 2 Samuel 7:1-16

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
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord. (3)

Second Reading "The mystery, which was kept secret for endless ages, is now made clear." Rom . 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
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said to be done to me. Alleluia!

Gospel "Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son." 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ.



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Sunday Cycle B - Weekdays -Advent Season
Week beginning of 24th to 31st December 2023 Psalter 4

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: We pray that people living with disabilities may be the centre of attention in society and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation.



DECEMBER	TIME	INTENTIONS	FEASTS	LECTORS	E O MINISTERS	STEWARDS
SAT 23rd	4.00 pm @Hethe	Wellbeing of Helen McDermott	4th Sunday of Advent	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	People of the Parish		B & K McFall	Sr Rose	B & K McFall
SUN 24th	9.00 am	Intentions of Jackie Flynn		S McCarthy/L Cleeve	C St John/F Ostrowski	volunteers
	11.00 am	Intentions of Jiminez Family		R Evans/J Hurst	J & M Franta	Kokore Family
	2.00 pm	Clare Whitehead (Birthday)		Sr Sani/Sr Rose	A Mutton	F Ostrowski
	6.00 pm	Bill & Kitty Hornby, Angela Nelson & Hilda McNichol (RIP)	Christmas Eve	C Moyse/H Henwood	Sr Rose/M Brown	F Ostrowski Volunteer
	7.30 pm@ Hethe	Carols followed by Mass @				
	8.00 pm@ Hethe	People of the Parish		R Deane/B Kelly		Deane/ Wilde
	11.30 pm	Carols followed by Mass @				
	Midnight	Fiona Mary Beasley (RIP)	Solemnity of the	T Love/H King	A Mutton/J Marshall	Kokore family
MON 25th	9.00 am	People of the Parish & Joan Bridle (RIP)	Nativity of the Lord	C St John	L & D Jimirez	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Ints of Ann Swanson		Volunteers	Frankie/Volunteer	Volunteers
TUE 26th	12 Noon	John, Neil & Eddie Ward & Joseph Joyce (RIP)	St Stephen's Day	M Daniel	J Kokore	
WED 27th	9.00 am	Intentions of Maricel Franta	Feast of St John, A, E	L Cleeve	Sr Rose	
THU 28th	7.00 pm	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of the Holy Innocents, M	H King		
FRI 29th	12 noon	Service of the Word with Holy Communion	Feast of St Thomas Becket, B, M	E King		
SAT 30th	4.00 pm @Hethe	People of the Parish	Octave of Christmas	R Deane/V Burns		R Deane
Vigil Mass	6.00 pm	Ints of Helena Nowak		T Nugent/ P Cousins	S & M Doherty	S & M Doherty
SUN 31st	9.00 am	Mieczyslaw Checko (RIP)	Feast of the Holy Family	M Daniel/L Cleeve	L & R Weaver	L & C Cleeve
	11.00 am	Neil Schrieber (RIP)		J Franta/ A Kearsley	J Kokore/Sr Rose	Franta Family
MON 1st January	12 noon	Gertrude & Cyril Hurst (RIP)	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God	M Daniel	J Kokore	



This week we pray for...
SANCTUARY LIGHT: Felipe Teng (RIP)
OUR LADY'S LIGHT: Helena Nowak



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