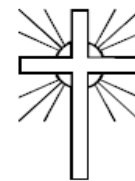


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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS 2021

Sunday 3rd January 2021

Fr Martin writes,

"I send my heartfelt thanks to everyone who so kindly donated generously to the Christmas Offering, and to all those whose generosity was also expressed in Christmas cards and gifts.

May God reward you for your generosity to me by blessing you and yours with bountiful gifts, and keep you safe in the year ahead."

Coronavirus restrictions update:

High Peak is now in Coronavirus Tier 4.

Attending a place of worship for private prayer or for communal worship is one of the specific purposes for which you are permitted to leave your home, but you cannot interact with anyone outside your household or support bubble.

Source: HM Government

Government Guidelines – What is a support bubble?

A support bubble is a support network which links two households. Not everyone is eligible to form a support bubble, and if a household is already in a support bubble with another household, they cannot add another household to their support bubble.

If you want to change the household that you bubble with, you must have a ten day quarantine, during which you see nobody from your old bubble, and only then you can start to mix with people from your new bubble. Some households are also part of a childcare bubble.

For more detailed guidance, including who is eligible to be part of a bubble, please see:

<https://tinyurl.com/bubblerrules>

A New Year Prayer of Hope after a Hard Year

'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart' (Jeremiah 29:11-13).

This year has been hard and historic in so many ways, and yet we still have to press on. As you do that remember that in spite of everything God's plan for your life is still in effect. If you will walk in obedience before him, he will accomplish everything that he desires to accomplish in your life. It doesn't matter what is happening around you. ...contd

Prayer

Lord, after this hard year help me not to forget your plan for my life. There is hope in your plan, but Father, let it come with me calling upon your name and seeking after you with all my heart.

Help me not to look around but look up and remember that my hope is not in what's around me, but my hope is in you.

In your name I pray, Amen.

Thoughts from today's Gospel Reading, John 1 : 1-18

The Gospel according to John was written early in the second century by his followers, based upon his teaching and preaching.

Throughout the Gospel we are reminded constantly how Jesus' contemporaries failed to understand who he truly was - his family, disciples, Jewish authorities - and in John 20:31 we read the purpose of the Gospel

*"that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of God."*

The prologue, today's reading, is the most wonderful hymn and tribute to that truth - the Word, from the beginning with God, origin of light and life (we are at the beginning Creation now, the first day when the divine word ("dabar") is spoken and light is created), has taken flesh and lived our human life.

We are surprised that John the Baptist is so prominent in this hymn of praise for the Son and Word of God, but must recall that John the Evangelist was a follower of the Baptist (John 1:35-39) and that Jesus and John the apostle were cousins - Salome, wife of Zebedee, being Mary's sister.

We share John's wonder that the Word of God became a member of a human family - and that John knew him as his cousin before becoming a disciple.

Peace Sunday 17th January 2021 –

Pax Christi invites you to mark Peace Sunday, amplifying the World Peace Day message given by Pope Francis. We invite individuals, parishes, schools and other communities to take part in sharing the gospel message of peace. In these challenging times a creative approach will be especially important and Pax Christi is here to support everyone with a wide range of resources and ideas.

You can find all our Peace Sunday information, ideas and resources on this bumper webpage:

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-Sunday-2021/>

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The Week Ahead (ASC = All Saints Church, SMC = St Mary's Church, SMH = St Mary's Hall)	
Saturday 2nd 6.00pm,	SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors ASC Christmas Mass (Vigil) - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 3rd 10.30am	Second Sunday of Christmas SMH Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Monday 4th 10.00am,	Christmas Feria ASC Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Tuesday 5th	Christmas Feria ASC Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Wednesday 6th 10.00am,	Epiphany of the Lord ASC Christmas Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Thursday 7th 6.00pm,	St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest ASC Holy Mass
Friday 8th 10.00am,	Friday after Epiphany ASC Holy Mass
Saturday 9th 10.00-10.30am, 6.00pm,	Saturday after Epiphany (Vigil of the Baptism of the Lord) ASC Confessions , <i>Please come dressed for the weather as you may need to wait outside</i> ASC Holy Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Sunday 10th 10.30am	The Baptism of the Lord SMH Holy Mass - visit www.massbooking.uk or phone 07427 556088 to book a place
Mass Intentions for the nine days beginning Saturday 2nd January, Fr Martin will offer Holy Mass in the period ahead, God willing:	
For the people of the parishes (both Saturdays, and Wednesday); for deceased members of the Wilde and Cooper families, RIP (KC); for Barbara Burns (Christmas blessing) (CW); for John & Maureen Elliott, RIP (LD); for Bruce & Marianne (Christmas blessing) (OB); for Patrick Shanahan RIP; and for Alison and Betty Barnes (Christmas blessing) (OB).	
Live streaming services for This Weekend:	
For Bishop Patrick , go to: https://www.youtube.com/bishoppatrickmckinney/community	
For Nottingham Cathedral at 10 am, go to: https://www.churchservices.tv/nottinghamcathedral	
This Sunday's Mass Readings are: Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12; Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20; Eph 1: 3-6, 15-18; Jn 1: 1-18	
GLOSSOP ROSARY. We are continuing the Rosary on Monday 21st December with the Joyful Mysteries, and Monday 28th December with the Mysteries of Light.	
The Feast of the Epiphany Reading Reflections: Isaiah 60:1-6, is chosen as today's first reading, partly because it mentions non-Jews bringing gifts in homage to the God of Israel. Here the Prophet Isaiah, consoling the people in exile, speaks of the restoration of the New Jerusalem from which the glory of Yahweh becomes visible even to the pagan nations. Thus, the prophet in this passage celebrates the Divine Light emanating from Jerusalem and foresees all the nations acknowledging that Light, enjoying that Light and walking by that Light. As a sign of gratitude for the priceless lessons of Faith offered by Jerusalem, the nations will bring wealth by land and sea, especially gold for the Temple and frankincense for the sacrifice.	
In the second reading, St. Paul affirms the mystery of God's plan of salvation in Christ. Paul explains that this plan includes both Jews and Gentiles. Jesus implemented this Divine plan by extending membership in his Church, making it available to all peoples. Thus, the Jews and the Gentiles have become " <i>coheirs, members of the same Body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.</i> " Hence, there are no second-class members of Jesus' Body, the Church. Paul claims that he was commissioned by Christ to make this mystery known to the world.	
Today's Gospel teaches us how Christ enriches those who bring Him their hearts. Since the Magi came with joy in their hearts to visit the Christ Child, God allowed them to see wondrous things. At the same time, today's Gospel hints at different reactions to the news of Jesus' birth, foreshadowing his passion and death, as well as the risen Jesus' mandate to make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19).	