



St. Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Church

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Confessions: Monday-Saturday 30 minutes before the Mass or at call.

Baptism, Marriages & Visits: please call.

27 December 2020: The Holy Family [B]

Mass Intentions/Service Times

Saturday	26 Dec	06.30pm:	Patrick Tuohy RIP (Anniversary)	
Sunday	27 Dec	10.30am:	People of the parish	
Monday	28 Dec	10.00am:	Special Intention	Holy Innocents
Tuesday	29 Dec	10.00am:	Holy Souls	St Thomas of Canterbury
Wednesday	30 Dec	10.00am:	Holy Souls	Christmas Octave – 6 th day
			Mass followed by Exposition-Adoration-Holy Rosary-Benediction	
Thursday	31 Dec	10.00am:	Gordon Heald (wellbeing)	Christmas Octave – 7 th day
Friday	01 Jan	10.30am:	Dinno Family	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Saturday	02 Jan	06.30pm:	The deceased members of the O'Sullivan family	The first Mass of Sunday
Sunday	03 Jan	10.30am:	People of the Parish	2 nd Sunday after Christmas (B)

Christmas Collection for the Priest

Archbishop John recognizes with the various COVID restrictions parishioners may not be able to attend Mass on Christmas Day but may come during the Octave period and want to give something to their priest in the traditional way.

This year, all of the collections (including electronic giving and standing orders) which are taken on each of the days within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, and up to and including 6th January 2021, will constitute the annual personal Christmas offering of the faithful for their priest.

Thank you

Thank you for all your wishes, cards and for your generous Christmas gifts.

I wish you all a very pleasant 2021, hoping it is less challenging than 2020.

Fr Luke

Crib Offering 2020

This year, as last, the Crib Offering will be for the Catholic Children's Society.

Since March they have provided emergency food and essentials, as well as mental health services, for over 5,500 children and their parents/carers. These families faced desperate situations due to the pandemic.

One family were caring for their very sick child when the father lost his job. With no recourse to public funds they faced a bleak and uncertain future, but CCS provided support for several weeks giving the father time to find another job.

There are many more families in need of support, and every penny donated will be given out via CCS's Southwark Crisis Fund to support local families in need. If you prefer to donate online please visit:

www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

FIRST READING – Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 104

R. **He, the Lord, is our God.
He remembers his covenant for ever.**

SECOND READING – Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – 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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.