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4th Sunday of Advent / Vigil of the Nativity



At the crib with Our Lady

Taken from the Advent Recollection last Saturday by Canon Poucin, who quoted many doctors and fathers of the church. Full text available at <u>https://icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/sites/2/2023/12/2023-12-16-At-</u> <u>the-Crib-with-Our-Lady.pdf</u>

Let us humbly ask Our Lady to make us enter into her dispositions. She will hear our prayer; we shall have the immense joy of seeing Christ born anew within our hearts by the communication of a more abundant grace, and we shall be enabled, like the Virgin, although in the lesser measure, to understand the truth of these words of St. John: "The Word was God... The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, the glory that is his as the only son of the Father, full of grace and truth... (Jn., I, 14.) 24^{th} December until 31^{st} December 2023

A Christmas message from your Canons

To our dear Congregation, Faithful, Friends and all newcomers,

May the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding, fill you and your families at this blessed time. We are very grateful for all your support throughout the year, in prayers, donations and all you do to look after our church for the glory of Almighty God.

If you are new to this church and would like to receive the sacraments or desire spiritual support, please contact one of your Canons.

If you haven't been to a Latin Mass before and plan to come to any of our Christmas ceremonies, please ask for help from either one of the Canons, or one of the parishioners in the narthex who will happily guide you.

We hope our crib helps your Christmas meditation of the poor birthplace of our adorable Saviour, King and God, Who deserves the Solemn liturgies we try to give Him, accompanied by Gregorian Chant as a lullaby for our Infant King.

May Almighty God bless you all and help you prepare your souls for their eternal destiny.

Canon Montjean and Canon Poucin

Announcements

Daily Mass translations on our website: www.icksp.org.uk/newbrighton/liturgical-calendar-2023

Choir Practices: on Monday at 7.30pm (after Compline)

Gregorian Chant Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Canon Poucin: canon.v.poucin@icksp.org.uk. Next Practice: Monday 8th January.

Polyphonic Choir Rehearsals: Every 2 weeks. Please contact Clare Tucker: <u>tuckerobertson@gmail.com</u> or 639 1999 / 0771 4710275. Next Practice: Monday 15th Jan.

★ Catechism Class from scratch: Watch this space for the next one. For anyone wishing to learn more about the Catholic Faith or considering reception into the church/baptism. If you cannot make this for whatever reason, please contact Canon Montjean for individual tuition.

First Holy Communion preparation for children: Please contact one of the Canons.

Fatima Day for families: Next one in February.

Brown Scapular enrolment: Please contact one of the Canons if you would like to know more about Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the privileges, she promises to those who are enrolled in her Brown Scapular.

★ Piety Shop: Mass Booklets available: £5 each. Mass cards, rosary beads, books, gifts, all at very reasonable prices. All profits go to Ss. Peter & Paul. Also support Wirral Foodbank and Ss PPP 200 Club at the piety shop.

★ Last Sunday Collection: £592.55 - Donations: £110 - Votive boxes: £170.43 - Bank transfers: £310 - Shop: £186.74 - Thank you very much for your continued generosity!

H If you wish to donate via bank transfer, please use the following:

Sort Code: 40-45-14 - Account number: 01805061 - For the credit of ICKSP / SSPPP

Forthcoming events

Sunday 24th December: Vigil of Christmas. Sunday morning masses as usual.

5.30pm: First Vespers of the Nativity. 8pm: Sung Matins (Gregorian Chant). 10.30pm: Christmas Carols. 11pm: Christmas Midnight Mass (*This Mass doesn't fulfill your Sunday obligation, but only your Christmas obligation*).

Monday 25th December: Christmas day. Masses as on Sundays. 5.30pm: Second Vespers of the Nativity, followed by Rosary & Benediction. Compline.

Week after Christmas: Lighter daily schedule. Watch newsletter page 3 for more information.

For Life Matters and helplines see <u>https://lifecharity.org.uk</u>; for prolife helpline <u>https://www.goodcounselnet.co.uk</u> and for abortion recovery see <u>https://www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk</u>

Christmas Toy Appeal: Thank you everyone who has donated. There has been an overwhelming response with hundreds of toys from 20 local Toy Donation Stations. They were delivered to local children in need last week.

Prayers for the sick: Anne, Patricia, Joan, Vera, Lesley, Chris, Andrew, Madeleine, Sarah, John, Kathleen, Olivia, Lynne, Angela, Helen, Stuart, Catherine, Jacqueline, Lindsey, Edward.

Ordo	Mass	Mass intentions				
		Canon Montjean	Canon Poucin	Fr Miller	Devotions	Confessions
Write name (livi box or give to a Plymouth diocese	ng or deceased) or Canon. Due to a g e, friend of the Inst	intention. Enclose dor great numbers, we have	Offering envelope (narthex). nation. Place envelope in collection e given some of them to a priest of wn, as usual, in the newsletter. The nent is: 22nd March.		Confessions can also be arranged privately by texting a Canon (see front page)	
Sun 24 th Dec Vigil of the Nativity of OLJC Violet Nativity of Our Lord White	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass 11pm Midnight Mass of Christmas	Catherine Nelson	1. Geoff & Christine Russell 2. Sarah McGeown RIP	Carol Wilkinson	5.30pm First Vespers o Nativity 8pm Matins 10:30pm Christmas Carols	<mark>f</mark> 9.30am- 10.15am
Mon 25 th Dec Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ White	8.30am Low Mass at Dawn 10.30am Sung Mass of the Day	 Murphy children & families Liisa Tanner RIP SSPPP Canons 	1. Marie-Elisabeth Poucin de Wouilt RIP 2. Holy Souls 3. Holy Souls	Rio Archer- Howell	5.30pm Vespers 6pm Benediction 7.10pm Compline	5.45pm- 6.10pm
Tues 26 th Dec St Stephen Red	6.30pm Low Mass	Msgr Wach	Msgr Wach	Grace Houghton	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline	5.30pm- 6.10pm
Wed 27 th Dec St John the Evangelist White	6.30pm Low Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. Noreen Dowens RIP	Mark Highfield	Mary Kinsella (RIP)	5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline	5.30pm- 6.10pm
Thurs 28st Dec Holy Innocents <i>Red</i>	6.30pm Low Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. Terry Robertson	Catherine Street	Jane Scott	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline	5.30pm- 6.10pm
Fri 29 nd Dec St Thomas Becket Red	6.30pm Sung Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. Anita Rawthorne RIP	Tony Cusack RIP	Jane Scott	5.15pm Vespers 5.30pm Holy Hour 7.10pm Compline	5.30pm- 6.10pm
Sat 30 th Dec 6 th Day Christmas Oct. White	10am Low Mass & devotions to St Philomena	1. Peace in Wukari 2 Anita Rawthorne RIP	Anne Archer	Jane Scott	8.30am Holy Hour 6.30pm Vespers & Compline	8.30am- 9.40am
Sun 31 st Dec Sunday within the Christmas Octave White	8.30am Low Mass 10.30am Sung Mass	1. Peace in Wukari 2. Jackie Kemp-Ellis RIP	Special intention MA	Susan Moore RIP	5 .30pm Vespers & Adoration 9pm Adoration until 11:45pm Benediction	9.30am- 10.15am
"My Jesus, give me the grace to be very faithful to the examination of conscience. Every day, I will come before You and look at You and see what I should be. And I will look at myself and see what I am not. Please, give me the light to know my faults and the courage to overcome them." St Francis de Sales (https://salesianliterature.wixsite.com)						

PROPERS of the MASS 4th Sunday of Advent / Vigil of the Nativity

INTROIT

This day you shall know that the Lord will come, and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. Ps. 23. 1. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof: the world and all they that dwell therein. V. Glory be to the Father.

COLLECT

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly expectation of our redemption, grant that we who now joyfully receive Thine only-begotten Son as our Redeemer, may also without fear behold Him coming as our Judge, the same our Lord Jesus Christ Thy Son: Who with Thee.

EPISTLE

Romans 1. 1-6

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle, separated unto the Gospel of God, which He had promised before by His prophets in the holy Scriptures concerning His Son, who was made to Him of the seed of David according to the flesh: who was predestinated the Son of God in power according to the spirit of sanctification by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead: by whom we have received grace, and apostleship for obedience to the faith in all nations for His name, among whom are you also the called of Jesus Christ our Lord.

GRADUAL

This day you shall know that the Lord will come and save us: and in the morning you shall see His glory. V. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep, Thou that sittest upon the Cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasses.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. V. Tomorrow shall the iniquity of the earth be abolished: and the Saviour of the world shall reign over us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1. 18-21

Then Mary the Mother of Jesus was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a just man and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things behold the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.

OFFERTORY

Lift up your gates, O ye princes: and: be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

SECRET

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that even as we anticipate the adorable birthday of Thy Son, so too may we joy fully receive His eternal gifts: Who with Thee.

COMMUNION

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed: and all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.

POSTCOMMUNION

Grant, we beseech Thee, O Lord, that the celebration of the birth of Thine only- begotten Son may give us fresh life; whose heavenly mystery is our food and drink. Through the same our Lord.

Christmastide

From the new Marian Missal p. 71.

Although today is the 4th Sunday of Advent, the vigil of the Nativity is more important and supersedes this in the liturgy.

During the season of Advent, we longed for the coming of Christ. In Christmastide, we experience the joy of His coming into the world. The church is full of the Mystery of the Incarnation of Christ. Jesus as God, begotten of the substance of the Father, before all the ages and born of the substance of His Mother in the world, is given to us. "And His Name shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel."

In the birth of Jesus, we learn to know God as His Father.

By the union of our souls, with Jesus, born to human life, we are born to the divine life. "As many, as received him to them, he gave power to become sons of God." (St John).

During Christmastide, the liturgy shows us the Messiah as the Son of God, clothed with humanity, glorified by the humble, surprised, Shepherds, and adored, but the Magi from the East. Let us fall down before the child, and bless God, for the birth of Jesus, is the beginning of our Redemption through grace to the supernatural life.