

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS WEEK : BEGINNING SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2012

SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>O Emmanuel</i> Preacher: Fr Alexander McGregor Missa Beata Dei Genitrix - Lobo	StM StM StB StM StM StM	0845 Morning Prayer 0900 Mass 0930 SUNG MASS 1100 HIGH MASS 1800 EVENSONG & BENEDICTION 1900 Low Mass
MONDAY 24 DECEMBER <i>Feria of Advent</i> CHRISTMAS EVE Preacher: The Vicar Missa Sancti Nicolai- Haydn	StM StM StM StM StM StB StM StM StM	0800 Morning Prayer 0815 Low Mass 1200 Confessions 1700 Confessions 1730 Evening Prayer I 1830 SUNG VIGIL MASS 2000 Confessions 2230 CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2300 HIGH MASS OF MIDNIGHT
TUESDAY 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY Preacher : Fr Alexander McGregor Missa Rorate Caeli - Haydn	StM StM StM StM	0845 Morning Prayer 0900 Mass 0930 SUNG MASS 1100 HIGH MASS <i>No Evening Services</i>
WEDNESDAY 26 DECEMBER <i>St Stephen, First Martyr</i>		<i>No Mass at St Mary's. You may wish to attend St Stephen's, Gloucester Rd Patronal Mass at 11am. Preacher: Fr David Cherry.</i>
THURSDAY 27 DECEMBER <i>St John, Ap & Ev</i>	StM StM	1100 Morning Prayer 1130 Low Mass
FRIDAY 28 DECEMBER <i>Holy Innocents, Mm</i>	StM StM	1100 Morning Prayer 1130 Low Mass
SATURDAY 29 DECEMBER <i>St Thomas a Becket, B&M</i>	StM StM	1100 Morning Prayer 1130 Low Mass
SUNDAY 30 DECEMBER SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS Preacher: Fr Patrick Tuft	StM StM StB StM StM StM	0845 Morning Prayer 0900 Mass 0930 SUNG MASS 1100 HIGH MASS 1830 Evening Prayer (said) 1900 Low Mass
<i>The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) : after 12noon on Saturdays or by appointment</i>		
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So on the one hand John is placed in the category of the prophets, and yet at the same time he is raised above them, inasmuch, as the returning Elijah prepares the way for the coming God himself. So in these texts, the figure of Jesus and the coming of Jesus is tacitly identified with the coming of God himself. In Jesus it is the Lord who comes, in this way giving history its definitive direction.

Benedict XVI : Jesus of Nazareth, The Infancy Narratives, Bloomsbury, 2012

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday 23rd December 2012

Welcome to St Mary's, especially if you are visiting us for the first time.
Please join us for drinks in the Presbytery after High Mass.



- ❖ The Order of High Mass with the Ordinary texts is provided in the purple High Mass booklet.
- ❖ The Ordinary is sung to Missa Beata Dei Genitrix - Lobo
- ❖ The Propers (prayers, readings and verses) of today's mass are set out overleaf.
- ❖ The Hymns are found in the New English Hymnal.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Veni, Domine, visitare nos in pace, ut lætemur coram te corde perfecto.
"Come, O Lord, and visit us in peace, that we may joy before thee with a perfect heart."

THE NOTICES.

- ❖ Thank you to all who have polished our brassware and silver for the festival.
- ❖ Thank you to all who came Carol Singing on Tuesday last week. £377 was raised towards the West London Churches Homeless Concern [www.wlhc.org], which provides a Drop-In and Nightshelter at various churches. See the leaflet for more information about volunteering /how you can help with clothes and donations.
- ❖ Special Advent Collection for St Mary's, Cable Street in the East End. Please use the white Gift Aid envelope for your donation. The Vicar, Fr Peter McGeary, will be with us for the Epiphany Lunch and officiate at Evensong and Benediction.
- ❖ The Next Social Event is a Parish Lunch on Epiphany Sunday 6th January 2013 at 1.15pm. £18 a ticket (exc. drinks). Evensong and Benediction follows at 3pm.

THE INTERCESSIONS : *Of your charity please pray for*

The sick are prayed for at masses on weekdays. Please see the list on the lectern at the back of church.

The Sick: Lianne Hinxman, Jack Hinxman, Peter Featherstone, Pauline Walker, Roy Bishop, Denise Queen, Richard McQuitter, Joseph McQuitter, Carl Mueller, Alison Adam, Penny James, Katharine Leonard, Michael-Cory-Smith, Tim Gower, Elizabeth Hart, Fred Bowitch, Richard Roskell, | Marilyn Thomas, Penelope James, Angela McAuliffe, Jane Farmer, Marta Piran de Gandara, Cristina Halpern, | Angela Mathew, Nina Drummond, Joyslin Fergus, Charmian Clarke, Patricia Cox, Kathleen Marchese, Prudence Scrivener, Michael Mundy, Jeffrey Winslow, Catherine Heriot Maitland, John Underwood.

Recently Departed: Mary Appleby, Mark Haigh.

Anniversaries of Death: 23rd John Cotton; 24th Paul de Fortis, pr., Lola Allason; 25th Robert Proctor, Mary Queen; 26th Emma Keogh; 27th May Hawkins, Herbert Spring, Marmaduke Hussey, Mollie Jenkins, Frederick Elliott, 29th Pat Leamy.

John, who will be filled with the Holy Spirit from his mother's womb (cf. Lk 1.15) lives permanently, as it were, "in the tent of meeting": he is a priest not only at certain moments, but with his whole existence, and in this way he proclaims the new priesthood that will appear with Jesus. Let us hear Malachi: Behold I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes... (Mal 3.23f) John's mission is interpreted in terms of the figure of Elijah. He is not to be identified with Elijah, but he comes in the spirit and power of the great prophet. To this extent, he does indeed fulfil through his mission the expectation that Elijah would return to purify the people of God and put it back on its feet, thus preparing it for the arrival of the Lord himself.

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INTROIT *Rorate*

Isaiah 45, Psalm 19

Drop down ye heavens, from above and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let her bring forth salvation. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

COLLECT

Lord, raise up, we pray thee, thy power, and come among us: and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us: through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 40.1-9

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people,' saith your God. 'Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.' The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness: 'Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight and the rough places plain: And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.' The voice said: 'Cry!' And he said: 'What shall I cry?' 'All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the Lord bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.' O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah: 'Behold your God!'

GRADUAL *Prope est Dominus*

Psalm 145

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him: yea, all such as call upon him faithfully. My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name.

EPISTLE

Philippians 4.4-7

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say: Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in every thing, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALLELUIA *Veni domine*

Psalm 145

Come, O Lord, make no long tarrying: deliver thy people from their misdeeds.

GOSPEL

St John 1.19-28

At that time: The Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to John to ask him: 'Who art thou?' And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed: 'I am not the Christ.' And they asked him: 'What then? Art thou Elias?' And he saith: 'I am not.' 'Art thou that prophet?' And he answered: 'No.' Then said they unto him: 'Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself?' He said: 'I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the Lord," as said the prophet Esaias.' And they which were sent were of the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him: 'Why baptisest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet?' John answered them, saying: 'I baptize with water: but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not; He it is, who coming after me is preferred before me, whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose.' These things were done in Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.

SERMON

Fr Alexander McGregor

CREED

Cardinalis (p.5 of the High Mass booklet)

OFFERTORY MOTET

Anton Bruckner, 1824-1896

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum; benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN 19 *Come thou Redeemer of the earth*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

We beseech thee, O Lord, mercifully to have respect unto these our oblations: that the same may be profitable unto us for our increase in all godliness, and for the attainment of everlasting salvation.

COMMUNION MOTET

John Redford, d. 1547

Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice. Let your softness be known unto all men: the Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing: but in all prayer and supplication, let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

COMMUNION *Ecce Virgo*

Isaiah 7

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.

POSTCOMMUNION

O Lord, who hast here vouchsafed unto us to be partakers of thy bounty: grant, we beseech thee, that we may so continue to draw near unto the same, that growing more and more in grace, we may attain in the end to everlasting life.