

St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist



The First Sunday of Christmas 29th December 2019

Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Whether this is your first time or whether you have been coming for years, we are delighted to welcome you.

We prepare for worship by being still, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we encourage you to use the time before the service in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine. Please ask the priest at the distribution.

Mass setting: 'Mass of the Bread of Life' – Margaret Rizza

The service is led by the Revd. David Jones.

A prayer before the service begins:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together the words in bold print. We stand to sing.

HYMN

- 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.**
- 2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**
- 3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of His righteousness
and wonders of His love,
and wonders of His love,
and wonders, wonders of His love.**

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father,
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All **and also with you.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

God our Father,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus our Saviour,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself,
that you may behold the glory of His Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

**Gloria, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;
peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Gloria, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;**

**peace to his people on earth, peace to his people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

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

Please remain standing as the priest introduces a period of silent prayer.

THE COLLECT

Almighty God,
who wonderfully created us in your own image
and yet more wonderfully restored us
through your Son Jesus Christ:
grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
so we may share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 53.7-9

⁷ I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD,
the praiseworthy acts of the LORD,
because of all that the LORD has done for us,
and the great favour to the house of Israel
that he has shown them according to his mercy,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

⁸ For he said, 'Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely';
and he became their saviour

⁹ in all their distress.

It was no messenger or angel
but his presence that saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We remain seated for the Psalm, standing & turning to face the Gospel as it is processed.

THE GRADUAL PSALM

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song,
For he has done marvellous things,
With his own right hand and with his holy arm
He has brought deliverance.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

The Lord has made known his righteous love,
In the sight of all mankind,
And his faithfulness and truth
Toward the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All the ends of the earth have seen,
The salvation of our God,
Let all the world be glad in him,
Sing, rejoice and give him thanks.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Let music sound upon the harp,
Let psalms be offered to his praise:
With trumpets and with songs of joy,
Shout the praise of God our King.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,
let the message of Christ find a home in you.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you,

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2.13-23

3 Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' ¹⁴Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, ¹⁵and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, 'Out of Egypt I have called my son.'

16 When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. ¹⁷Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

¹⁸ 'A voice was heard in Ramah,
wailing and loud lamentation,
Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.'

19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰'Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.' ²¹Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, 'He will be called a Nazorean.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All **Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.**

After a prayer we sit for the sermon.

THE SERMON

After the sermon we stand to affirm our faith.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

After, we kneel or sit for the prayers.

INTERCESSIONS

The following response may be used:

Christ, the light of the world,

All **Shine in our hearts.**

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The prayers may conclude with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.

All **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand for the Peace.

THE PEACE

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace
to all in whom he delights.

Luke 2.14

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

We greet one another with Christ's Peace by offering each a hand in greeting saying
"the peace of the Lord be always with you" and the reply "and also with you".

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

1. **Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, in excelsis deo.**

2. **Shepherds in the fields abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing:
Yonder shines the infant light!
Gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, in excelsis deo.**

3. **Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star;
Gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, in excelsis deo.**

4. **Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
Gloria, in excelsis deo.
Gloria, in excelsis deo.**

We remain standing for the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

All **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because, in the incarnation of the Word,
a new light has dawned upon the world;
you have become one with us
that we might become one with you in your glorious kingdom.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of pow'r and God of might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest;
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he,
blessed is he who comes in the name,
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest;
hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

We sit or kneel.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's presence among us,
let us pray with confidence as He has taught us:

All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us**

**Jesus, Lamb of God Jesus, Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

We receive communion in a circle around the altar. All are very welcome. We remain in the circle until all have received though if standing for long periods is tricky, do feel free to return to your seat.

If you would prefer a prayer of blessing, please do come up but keep your hands in front of you. During communion, we sing:

1. **In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

2. **Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed,
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.**

3. **Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day.
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay.
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.**

4. **What can I give him poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give him - give my heart.**

After all have received, we hold a time of stillness.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home:
help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience,
and bring us all at last to our home in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

All **we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

NOTICES

After which we say:

Almighty God,

All **We give you thanks and praise for our life together.
Fill us all Good Lord, with your Spirit of Love
and as you have fed us with the bread of heaven,
so make us one in hearts and mind, in Jesus Christ our lord.**

Amen.

We stand for the Blessing and Dismissal.

May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ-child
be yours this Christmas.

And the blessing of God almighty,
✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace. Proclaim the Word made flesh.

All **Glory, thanks and praise to God.**

FINAL CAROL

1. **Unto Us A Boy Is Born ,
King of all creation:
Cradled in a stall was He,
The Lord of every nation,
The Lord of every nation.**
2. **Cradled in a stall was he
With sleepy cows and asses;
But the very beasts could see
That He all men surpasses.**
3. **Herod then with fear was filled:
'A prince', he said, 'In Jewry!'
All little boys be killed
At Bethl'em in his fury.**
4. **Now may Mary's Son, who came
So long ago to love us,
Lead us all with hearts aflame
Unto the joys above us.**
5. **Omega and Alpha He!
Let the organ thunder,
While the choir with peals of glee
Doth rend the air asunder.**

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you!

You would always be welcome at any of our services.

Services this week

Tuesday 31st December 12pm	Midday Prayer
Saturday 4th January 9am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 5th January 10am 6pm	Parish Eucharist for Epiphany Evensong

Please note: there will be no midweek Eucharist this week.

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Thanks

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, sang, arranged flowed, played music, set up, cleaned, welcomed or helped in anyway during our Christmas services and events. We welcomed a huge number of people over Christmas and we couldn't have done it without you. James.

New Year's Lunch

Next Sunday, Stan and Jacquie are hosting a lunch (2nd February) after the Sunday mass. There is a sign up sheet at the back. Guests are very welcome and veggie options are available. The cost is £10 and you can pay by instalments – please pass any monies to Jacquie.



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