

Evening Prayer Wednesday 13th January 2021 at 5.00 pm

ALL: O God, come to our aid. — O Lord, make haste to help us.

ALL Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

Psalm 26 (27) Keeping faith in time of peril

Ant. The Lord is my light and my help whom shall I fear?

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink?

Where evil-doers draw near to devour my flesh,
it is they, my enemies and foes, who stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me my heart would not fear.
Though war break out against me,
even then would I trust.

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple.

For there he keeps me safe in his tent in the day of evil.
He hides me in the shelter of his tent, on a rock he sets me safe.

And now my head shall be raised above my foes who surround me
and I shall offer within his tent a sacrifice of joy.
I will sing and make music for the Lord.

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Psalm Prayer

Father, you protect and strengthen those who hope in you; you heard the cry of your Son and kept him safe in your tent in the day of evil. Grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living.

Canticle: Christ, firstborn of all creatures and firstborn from the dead.

He is the firstborn of all creation; He is supreme over all creatures.

Let us give thanks to the Father who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

All things were created through Him and for Him.
He is before all things and in Him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church, he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be pre-eminent.

For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

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Short Reading: James 1:22,25

You must do what the Word tells you and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. But the man who looks steadily at the perfect law of freedom and makes that his habit – not listening and then forgetting, but actively putting it into practice – will be happy in all that he does.

Words of Pope Francis on 3rd January, 2021.

“Let us pause in silence to savour the tenderness of God who became near, who became flesh. And without fear, let us invite Him among us, into our homes, into our families, into our frailties. He will come and life will change.”

Time for Reflection, personal Prayer and Hymns before Our Lord present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

A beautiful time encouraging a deep personal encounter with Jesus.

The holy and glorious God is constantly inviting us to come to Him. To hold a conversation with Him, to ask for such things as we need and to experience what a blessing there is in fellowship with him... (Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

CANTICLE OF MARY Magnificat (*All stand and recite together*)

The Almighty has done great things for me, holy is his name

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness,
henceforth all ages will call be blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
On those who fear him

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
He sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons forever

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and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

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Litany of St. Joseph

ALL: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Christ, hear us, Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, **ALL:** *have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, **ALL:** *have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit, **ALL:** *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, One God, **ALL:** *have mercy on us.*

All respond: Pray for Us

Holy Mary, **pray for us**

Saint Joseph, **pray for us**

Renowned offspring of David, **pray for us**

Light of Patriarchs, **pray for us**

Spouse of the Mother of God, **pray for us**

Chaste guardian of the Virgin, **pray for us**

Foster-father of the Son of God, **pray for us**

Diligent protector of Christ, **pray for us**

Head of the Holy Family, **pray for us**

Joseph most just, **pray for us**

Joseph most chaste, **pray for us**

Joseph most prudent, **pray for us**

Joseph most strong, **pray for us**

Joseph most obedient, **pray for us**

Joseph most faithful, **pray for us**

Mirror of patience, **pray for us**

Lover of poverty, **pray for us**

Model of artisans, **pray for us**

Glory of home life, **pray for us**

Guardian of virgins, **pray for us**

Pillar of families, **pray for us**

Solace of the wretched, **pray for us**

Hope of the sick, **pray for us**

Patron of the dying, **pray for us**

Terror of demons, **pray for us**

Protector of the Holy Church, **pray for us**

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*

Prayer To St. Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist us by your powerful intercession and obtain for us from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, we may offer our thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, we never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. We dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in our name and kiss His fine head for us, and ask Him to return the kiss when we draw our dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

The Year Ahead

May God make this new year a happy one!
 Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
 But by strengthening us to bear them;
 Not by making our path easy,
 But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
 Not by taking hardships from us,
 But by taking fear from our heart;
 Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
 But by keeping our face bright, even in the shadows;
 Not by making our life always pleasant,
 But by showing us when people and their causes need us most.
 God's love, peace, hope and joy be with us for the year ahead.

Let us pray now in the words Our Father gave us.

ALL: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name

The Divine Praises

ALL: Blessed be God

Blessed be His Holy Name

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man

Blessed be the name of Jesus

Blessed be his Most Sacred Heart

Blessed be his Most Precious Blood

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar

Blessed be the Holy Spirit the Paraclete

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse

Blessed be God in his Angels and in His Saints. Amen

Concluding Prayer

Dear God, Thank you that you make all things **new**. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past **year**, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day. We **pray** for your Spirit to lead us each step of this **New Year**.

Lord, support us as we pray, protect us day and night, so that we who, under your guiding hand, live in a world of change, may always draw strength from you, with whom there is no shadow of alteration. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God for ever and ever. AMEN