**Friday 25th December 2015**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

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**Music for Midnight Mass**

Hymns: ***The English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *German Mass - Schubert*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *26* Offertory Hymn: *15*

Communion Hymns: *605 & 30* Recessional: *614*

Voluntary: *Finale( Symphony No 6 ) - Widor.*

**Music for Christmas Morning Mass at 10.30**

Hymns: ***The English Hymnal***

Mass Setting: *Lourdes Mass - Lècot*

Motet:

Entrance Hymn: *21* Offertory Hymn: *24*

Communion Hymns: *25 & 15* Recessional: *28*

Voluntary: *March on a theme of Handel - Guilmant.*

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**Psalter Week 4 until Saturday**

**Psalter Week 1 from Sunday**

**Sunday Readings: Year C. Weekday Readings: Year 2.**

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**12.00 (Midnight) Solemn Mass of Midnight**

**09.15 Low Mass of the Dawn**

**10.30 Parish Mass**

S Stephen First Martyr

12.00 Low Mass

**The Holy Family**

**10.00 Mattins**

**10.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School**

**17.30 Evensong**

**18.00 Low Mass**

Holy Innocents, Martyrs

11.30 Mattins

12.00 Low Mass

S Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr

11.30 Mattins

12.00 Low Mass

Sixth day in Christmas Octave.

11.30 Mattins

12.00 Low Mass

Seventh day in Christmas Octave.

11.30 Mattins

12.00 Low Mass

**Mary Mother of God.**

**11.30 Mattins**

**12.00 Low Mass**

**TODAY AT**

**S GILES**

Saturday

26 December

**Sunday**

**27 December**

Monday

28 December

Tuesday

29 December

Wednesday

30 December

Thursday

31 December

**Friday**

**01 January**

***We Wish you all A Peaceful Christmas and***

***A happy New Year***



**To us a child is born, to us a son is given; let us pray for the people he came to save.**

Wonderful Counsellor, you order all things with your wisdom: help the Church to reveal the mystery of your love and fill her with the Spirit of truth.

Mighty God, the government is on your shoulders: guide the leaders of the nations and bring in your kingdom of justice and righteousness.

Everlasting Father, you call us to live together in unity: protect by your mercy all your children, bless our families and renew our communities.

Prince of Peace, you bring reconciliation through the cross: by your healing power give to all who suffer your gift of wholeness and peace.

Together with our Lady, let us commend the world, to which Christ came, to the mercy and protection of God.

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**MASS DURING THE NIGHT**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world.***

***Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.***

**THE FIRST READING** (Isaiah 9: 1-7)

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*The Word of the Lord*

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** (Psalm 95)

**Response:** ***Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.***

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth.

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (Titus 2: 11-14)

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*The word of the Lord.*

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Luke 2: 1-14)

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*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.***

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**MASS AT DAWN**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.***

**THE FIRST LESSON** (Isaiah 62: 11-12)

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 96

***Response: This day new light will shine upon the earth: the Lord is***

***born for us.***

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad.

The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.

Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart.

Rejoice, you just, in the Lord: give glory to his holy name.

**THE SECOND LESSON** (Titus 3: 4-7)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.***

***Alleluia!***

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (Luke 2: 15-20)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

***Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem:***

***Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.***

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**MASS DURING THE DAY**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

***A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.***

**THE GRADUAL PSALM** Psalm 97

***R/ All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.***

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.

His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.

He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

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

Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

**THE FIRST LESSON** (Isaiah 52: 7-10)

**THE SECOND LESSON** (Hebrews 1: 1-6)

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.***

***Alleluia!***

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** (John 1: 1-18)

***Bow down for the blessing.***

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

***Amen.***

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

***Amen.***

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

***Amen.***

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

***Amen.***

**SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ALL MASSES**

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