

From Sunday's Gospel



The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man called Joseph. The virgin's name was Mary. "Rejoice, favoured one!" said Gabriel, "The Lord is with you." Mary was deeply disturbed and asked herself what he could mean. "Do not be afraid, Mary," the angel continued. "You have found favour with God. Listen! You will conceive and bear a son

and you will call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and his kingdom will never end." "How can this be," questioned Mary, "since I am a virgin?" "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," the angel said, "and you will have a child who will be called the Son of God." "I am the servant of the Lord," Mary replied, "Let it happen just as you have said." Then the angel left her. (From the gospel for the 4th Sunday of Advent Luke 1:26-38)



Pope Francis writes, "My dear young people, Mary is the one who says "Yes". Mary's life shows that God accomplishes great things through those who are most humble." Today's word is **Mary**. Each year

on the 4th and last Sunday of Advent, the gospel passage invites us to reflect on Mary. In today's passage the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary what God's will was for her. She was disturbed and troubled. She didn't understand how what the angel was telling her could happen. Even when the angel explained to her that God would be with her in a wholly unique way, she must have still been left with questions. Perhaps it was when the angel told her that Elizabeth, her cousin, was about to have a child, that she was reassured. What we do know is that Mary said "Yes" to God, and her "Yes" was to change the face of human history, because her son was the Son of God. As we say the Hail Mary this week let us thank Mary for saying "Yes" and ask her to help us do the same.



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The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20th 2020 (Mark's Gospel)

The intentions are as follows:

- Saturday: **6.00pm** Anne Jones (**Booking Essential**)
Sunday: Kevin Gibson
Monday: People of the Parish
Tuesday: **9.30am** Joan Lally (**Church open for Mass**)
Wednesday: November Dead List
Thursday: **No Morning Mass**
Christmas Eve: **5.00pm Live Streamed Mass without a congregation**
Christmas Day: **8.00pm** People of the Parish (**Booking Essential**)
9.00am Live Streamed Mass without a congregation
11.00am People of the Parish (**Booking Essential**)
Saturday: **10.00am** Lilly Miller (**Church open for Mass**)
No Vigil Mass
Sunday: **9.00am Live Streamed Mass without a congregation**
11.00am People of the Parish (**Booking Essential**)
Confessions by appointment.

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The Season of Advent



This Sunday, December 20th, is the Fourth Sunday of the Season of Advent, when our minds and hearts are turned towards the birth of Jesus only possible because of Mary's "Yes" to God's invitation to be the Mother of God's Son. *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.*



Sea Sunday December 20th 2020

Today is Sea Sunday when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's 2nd collection is for Stella Maris (The Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency, supporting seafarers both spiritually and practically. For more information visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk /Sea Sunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/Sea%20Sunday). You can donate on line or by texting SEA to 70460 to donate £5.00. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations so please be as generous as you can. Thank you. Bishop Paul Mason.



One Card for All

As in previous years there will be the opportunity to sign The One Card for All which will be at the back of the church from this weekend. All the proceeds from signing the card will be used to buy GIFTS for LIFE sponsored by CAFOD. Please put any donations in the box next to the card.



Offertory Envelopes for 2021

These are now ready for collection at the back of the church. They are arranged in alphabetical order. Please collect your two sets of envelopes whenever you visit the church for Mass. Thank You.

May we all be blessed this Christmas and in the absence of presents may our PRESENCE to each other, physically and virtually, be our Present to all.
God bless and keep us safe, Fr Bernard



Masses for The Christmas OCTAVE are as follows:

Christmas Eve Thursday December 24th

No morning Mass

5.00pm – Live streamed Mass without a congregation

8.00pm – Mass with a congregation *

Christmas Day Friday December 25th

9.00am – Live streamed Mass without a congregation

11.00am Mass with a congregation*

Saturday December 26th

10.00am – Mass with a congregation

No Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th December – Feast of the Holy Family

9.00am Live streamed Mass without a congregation

11.00am Mass with a congregation*

Monday 28th 10.00am – Mass with a congregation

Tuesday 29th 9.30am – Mass with a congregation

Wednesday 30th 12.00 noon – Mass with a congregation

Thursday 31st 9.30am – Mass with a congregation

Friday 1st January – Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God

9.00am – Live streamed Mass without a congregation

12.00 noon Mass with a congregation*

Saturday 2nd January

6.00pm Mass with a congregation*

Sunday 3rd January

9.00am – Live streamed Mass without a congregation

*Booking essential with Susan for these Masses—01457 878055 / 07778856089.

Please note the times when Susan will be available to take the bookings:

For Christmas Eve 8.00pm Mass and Christmas Day 11.00am Mass

Wednesday 23rd December 10.00am-12.00noon

For Sunday 27th 11.00am Mass

Saturday 26th 10am-12.00noon

For January 1st 12.00 noon Mass and Saturday 2nd 6.00pm Mass

Thursday December 31st 10.00am-12.00noon