

# THE HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH AND UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

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## Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December Third Sunday of Advent (Year B)

**First Reading**                      **Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11**  
**He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour  
from the Lord**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,  
for the Lord has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,  
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,  
freedom to those in prison;  
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

‘I exult for joy in the Lord,  
my soul rejoices in my God,  
for he has clothed me in the garments of  
salvation,  
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,  
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,  
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

‘For as the earth makes fresh things grow,  
as a garden makes seeds spring up,  
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise  
spring up in the sight of the nations.’

### MASS TIMES

Sunday	Mass at <b>11am</b> and <b>7pm</b> (Church open 10am - 12 noon and 6pm - 8pm)
Monday to Saturday	Mass at <b>12.30pm</b>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION  
(CONFESSION) & ADORATION  
Monday to Saturday: 12 noon - 12.25pm

### CHAPLAINCY OPENING TIMES

Monday to Friday	Open 10am to 7pm
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*The Chaplaincy will be closed from  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December until  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.  
Have a great Christmas break!*



**Responsorial Psalm**                      **Luke 1:46-50,53-54**

*R/. My soul rejoices in my God.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R/.**

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

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **R/.**



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**Second Reading      1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**  
**May you all be kept safe for the coming of our**  
**Lord Jesus Christ**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

**Gospel Acclamation      Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
The spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**Gospel      John 1:6-8,19-28**  
**'There stands among you the one coming after me'**

A man came, sent by God.  
His name was John.  
He came as a witness,  
as a witness to speak for the light,  
so that everyone might believe through him.  
He was not the light,  
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:  
Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

**Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.  
Amen.




**Christmas Mass Times**

Sunday 24th Dec:  
11am Mass (no 7pm Mass)

Monday 25th Dec Christmas:  
12 midnight Mass  
11am Mass (no 7pm Mass)

Tuesday 26th Dec: No Mass (Church closed)

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**Holy Communion and Blessings**

We welcome everyone to share in our celebration of the Eucharist, but ask you to respect that receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion is reserved to Catholics. If for any reason you are not receiving Communion, *please* come up for a blessing, and indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.