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SUNDAY 23 DECEMBER 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year C



When Micah was writing (late 8th century BC) Jerusalem was under siege and David's dynasty was in jeopardy. But his salvation would come from a comparatively insignificant place - Bethlehem. From there a new leader would come to gather together the scattered exiles and untie the nation once more. Christians see this promise as foreshadowing the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, who was born in Bethlehem and descended from the line of David.

The Gospel tells the story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. Both are pregnant. Enlightened by the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth praises Mary and hints at the uniqueness of the child she has to conceive.

The Second Reading states that Jesus didn't come to offer sacrifices of the old law, but to do the will of God. His sacrifice was essentially one of obedience, an obedience that meant accepting death on a cross. His one perfect sacrifice transcended and replaced all the former sacrifices. His sacrifice did what the sacrifices of the Mosaic Law were unable to do; it brought about reconciliation between God and his people.



Confession:

St Andrew's: Sat 9am & 4.30pm
St Peter's: Sat 10am
St Philip's: Sat 9am
St Theresa's: Sun after 11.30am

Adoration:

St Andrew's: Tue 10am to 11am
Thu 7pm to 8pm
Sat 4.30pm to 5pm
St Peter's: Sat 10am to 10.30am
St Philip's: Sat 9am to 9.15am

Morning Prayer:

St Philip's: Tue, Thu & Sat
9.15am

Parish office opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu
9.30am to 12.30pm



Shared News ...

Advent Hour of Prayer: A reminder that St Peter's church will be open for prayer today, the fourth Sunday of Advent, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. An open invitation is extended to all parishioners in our four parishes (and beyond!) to come and experience quietness amidst the noise, stillness in the busyness and an escape from the commercial demands of The Centre! Call by St Peter's even for a few minutes and take a breath! Bring the children too!

Holy Innocents Mass: Will be celebrated by Archbishop Cushley on 28 December, 12 noon, at Gillis Centre. Please join us. Free parking is available and refreshments will also be served.

Livingstones Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group: The next meeting is on Tuesday 8 January. Blessings to all as we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Lord.

Pax Christi: On Saturday 19 January, Bruce Kent will introduce Pax Christi, an international Catholic movement for peace, to our Archdiocese. The event will take place at Our Lady of Loretto & St Michael, Musselburgh from 10.00am - 1.30pm. Please pick up a leaflet from the back of the church to find out more details and how to register.

Next Sunday's Readings (30.12.18): 1 Samuel 1:20-22. 24-28; Psalm 83; 1 John 3:1-2. 21-24; Luke 2:41-52.

Recently Deceased: Norma Millar, Adelaide Martins, David Rennie, baby Malgorzata Bednarczyk **Anniversaries:** Agnes McKenna, Pauline Dwyer, Ann O'Kane, Frances McPherson, Netta Hood, Cecilia McKenna, Bryan Hopkins, Owen Mullen, Phyllis Morgan, Catherine Duffy, Patricia McLean, John Martin, Robert Greenan

ST PETER'S ...

SVDP Senior Citizen Lunch: This will be held on Saturday 19 January from 12.30pm - 3.30pm. If you would like to go, please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

Knit & Natter Group: Is now finished for the Christmas holidays. We will resume again in January. We would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Last Sunday's Collection: £973.88; **Church Stall:** £126.57

ST ANDREW'S ...

Christmas Eve Mass: Children are invited to come dressed in costumes and to congregate in the Shalom Chapel by 6.45pm at the latest.

Last Sunday's Collection: £893.70;
Building Fund: £144.47; **200 Club:** No 32 & No 173; **Sanctuary Candle:** Special Intentions



ST THERESA'S...

Baptism: Please pray for Deona Allison who will be baptised on Thursday 27th.

Last Sunday's Collection: £498.08; **Bonus Ball**

Winner: No 19 Hugh McGuigan

ST PHILIP'S ...

Christmas Eve Mass: All the children are reminded to come dressed as angels and shepherds to help us find baby Jesus. All the young at heart are invited to wear a touch of sparkle or a Christmas jumper as we celebrate this special birth.

Last Sunday's Collection: £446.38; **Church Stall:** £110.00; **200 Club**

Christmas Draw: 1st No 12 M Ewins, 2nd No 31 B Brady, 3rd No 128 P Polland, 4th No 39 A Raeburn, 5th No 9 J Mair;

Sanctuary Candle: Today's Holy Innocents - victims of war, hunger & disaster



News from the Catholic Diocese of Yendi, Ghana - Inter-Religious Dialogue in the Diocese

The two main religious denominations that are interlocutors in dialogue with Christianity in our Diocese are Traditional African Degwin (the Ghanaian brand) and Islam. When I held the office of Inter-religious Dialogue in the Diocese from December 2005 up to June 2018, my interactions with adherents of these religions have been very positive and fruitful. The main areas in which Christians in our Diocese dialogued with them were: dialogue of life, action and culture and these have helped to foster peaceful interaction and co-existence.

Dialogue of Life – all members of the three religions are striving to live in an open and neighbourly spirit, sharing their joys and sorrows, their human problems and concerns. Some examples are funerals, weddings, festivals, issues on drug abuse, teenage pregnancies, illiteracy, etc which always bring them together for a common purpose.

Dialogue of Action – Christians have always been in dialogue with the two religious' adherents on issues of integral development, justice and peace. Some of the areas include education, sanitation, working together to foster peace in the Diocese (the Yendi Peace Council comprises Christians, Muslims and Traditional African Religious believers), issues of justice and development in its various aspects, etc.

Dialogue of Culture – since culture and religion are linked in various ways, this form of dialogue takes place between Christianity and the particular cultural group or tribe (the same thing applies to the Islamic religion). The areas in which this is done include funeral and widowhood rites, marriage, festivals, naming ceremonies, etc. In most cases dialogue has been fruitful and successful but with some there have been challenges.

The main area in which there have always been challenges is funerals when Christians try to dialogue with Traditional African Religious believers. There is sometimes a deadlock about burial and funeral rites. While the Christians would like to bury their member the Christian way, the Traditional Religious believers always object to it and would like to bury the Christian the

traditional way with their customary rites and other rites like soothsaying which are contrary to Christian beliefs. The Christians always prevailed in the long run.

The other challenge is between Christians and Muslims on marriage. Here Muslims always took an entrenched position refusing to allow Christian men to marry Muslim women and vice versa. This position is still prevailing up to this day. On the other hand, Muslim men and women would like to marry Christians and bring them to the Islamic religion.

Between 2006 and 2016 we were able to organise workshops on inter-religious dialogue, inter-religious dialogue and peace and inter-religious dialogue and conflict resolution. These have created a greater awareness and understanding on each other's religion and has further enhanced peaceful co-existence among the people of the various religions in the Diocese of Yendi. We are happy to say that we have never experienced religious conflicts in Northern Ghana as a whole and in the Yendi Diocese in particular.

Inter-religious dialogue in the Catholic Diocese of Yendi has played a major role in bringing about peaceful co-existence and interaction among the people there. The receptivity of adherents of the Traditional African Religious believers coupled with their patience and openness to Christianity and Islam made dialogue with them very possible and they confidently say that the fruits of inter-religious dialogue in our Diocese namely elimination of prejudice, intolerance and misunderstandings among the people of the various religions will continue to remain with them for a long time.

Fr John



WIADOMOŚCI POLSKIEJ WSPÓLNOTY W LIVINSTON



Drodzy – ze słowa Bożego ostatniej niedzieli Adwentu proponuje Wam tylko jedno zdanie wypowiedziane przez Elżbietę do Maryi. Obie były brzemienne i spotkały się po tym, jak Maryja pobiegła z pośpiechem w góry, by wesprzeć swoją krewną. Elżbieta powiedziała: ***Gdy głos Twego pozdrowienia zabrzmiał w moich uszach, poruszyło się z radości dzieciątko w łonie moim. Błogosławiona jesteś, któraś uwierzyła, że spełnią się słowa powiedziane Ci od Pana.*** Czy my pamiętamy w ten czas świąteczny o naszych bliskich? Jeśli już się spotkamy lub zdzwonimy, czy tematem naszych rozmów nie są głównie kłopoty i bolączki, a ton dialogów dominują tęsknota, uzalanie się i utyskiwanie? Dwie kobiety oczekujące dziecka prowadzące rozmowę w duchu uwielbienia i dziękczynienia to dla nas, którzy wkrótce zasiądziemy przy wigilijnym stole przypomnienie, jak ważne w naszym życiu jest dzielenie się radością, wdzięcznością i dostrzeżenie wielości błogosławieństw Bożych w naszym życiu. **Czy uda Ci się w te święta podziękować i uwielbić Pana, ciesząc się ze spotkań z bliskimi?** – Ks. Piotr

Polskie msze święte: Pon 24.12 o 21.00 w St. Peter's – POLSKA PASTERKA; Pon 24.12 od 23.30 w St. Andrew's – KOLEĐOWANIE I SZKOCKO-POLSKA PASTERKA; Wto 25.12 o 9.30 Msza św. St. Andrew's (EH54 5BJ); Wto 25.12 o 11.00 Msza St. Peter's (EH54 8PT); Środa 26.12 o godz. 11.00 – II Święto – jedyna msza w j. polskim w St. Andrew's (EH54 5BJ)

DATE	ST ANDREW'S	ST PETER'S	ST PHILIP'S	ST THERESA'S	FEAST DAY
Sun 23 Dec	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass JS <i>Mary & Dan Docherty RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Carmel Hunter & Family</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass KO <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass KO <i>Catherine Duffy</i>	4th Sunday of Advent - Year C
Mon 24 Dec	7.00pm Mass KO <i>Norma Miller RIP</i> Midnight Mass KO & PK	7.00pm Mass SH <i>Bridget Scott & Family</i> 9.00pm Polish PK	7.00pm Mass JS	9.00am Mass JS <i>Deceased of Mullarkey & McGinlay families</i> 5.00pm Mass JS	Monday 4th week of Advent
Tue 25 Dec	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass SH <i>Joseph Haughton RIP</i>	9.30am Mass SH 11.00am Polish PK	9.30am Mass KO <i>Patricia Caffrey</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>Maureen Dutta</i>	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord
Wed 26 Dec	9.30am Mass KO & JS <i>Frances & Tony Johnson</i> 11.00am Polish PK <i>Marceline Rodrigues</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	Feast of St Stephen
Thu 27 Dec	9.30am Mass JS <i>Bryne Family</i>	No Service	No Service	No Service	Feast of St John
Fri 28 Dec	No Service	9.30am Mass SH <i>Mary Rodgers</i>	No Service	No Service	Feast of the Holy Innocents
Sat 29 Dec	5.30pm Vigil KO <i>Brian Craig RIP</i>	6.30pm Polish PK	9.30am Mass JS <i>John Linstrum</i>	No Service	Saturday Christmas Octave
Sun 30 Dec	9.30am Polish PK 11.30am Mass KO <i>Maurice Flynn</i>	9.30am Mass SH <i>Ann & Joe Lithgow</i> 5.30pm Mass SH <i>People of the Parish</i>	9.30am Mass JS <i>People of the Parish</i>	11.30am Mass JS <i>Matt & Kathleen Dobie</i>	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph