Today we hear once more the opening chapter of John's gospel which outlines the divine origin of the Jesus as the word of God - creator of the universe that was rejected and unacknowledged by creation. Our readings reinforce the creative power of God as divine wisdom and eternal word. The Christmas season is a time to thank God for all that exists and now makes sense because the word became flesh and lived among us - God chose a time to pitch his tent and be with us. As this season comes to a close, we turn towards the feast of the Epiphany (on Wednesday) and how God continues to reveal other aspects of his enduring presence and active relationship with us. God is with us still! We need just look around us for the signs!

Today’s music: Wexford Carol, What child is this, Love came down at Christmas, Fill your hearts with joy and gladness.

Parish Notes:

Next Sunday - Reserve your seat at St Saviour’s mass via Liz on 07718918846.
Faith QI - Returns this month. This will be on zoom. Each evening we explore a different topic related to our faith and spirituality - sometimes prayer, sometimes philosophy, sometimes theology. At the heart of it is a desire to understand the faith we follow more and perhaps deepen our understanding through discussion.
Year’s Mind - We mark the first anniversary of Fr Graham Francis (RIP) at mass this coming Tuesday. Please join us if you can.
Foodbank - Foodbank at St Saviour’s resumes after the holiday period at the usual times on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening.
Epiphany - Most years we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on a Sunday but this year it will be during the midweek. Please join us for an Epiphany mass this coming Thursday evening at the usual time of 17:45.
Thank You - to everyone from St Saviour’s for your good wishes and kindness shown to me last week as I celebrated another birthday. Thank you too for the flowers. It was all very much appreciated. Best wishes, Stella.
Social Zoom - With the tier 4 lockdown rules in place (and likely to get more stringent) we are exploring ways to support our parish community life. For those interested in an online social gathering in January please contact Fr Phelim. We hope to launch this later on in January with a Zoom bingo.
Ministry Area - South Cardiff MA council reps meet with Bishop June and diocesan staff on Tues 19 Jan at 7pm via zoom. If you’ve any questions you’d like posed please see Fr Phelim.
Recently Departed - Graham Gristock, Denis Pitt, Shirley Galea RIP

Today: 3 January 2021 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas

This week:
Sun 3 - 2nd Sunday of Christmas
Pray for:
Glamorgan Heritage Coast MA and their Clergy. Anglican Province of Alexandria.
St Saviour’s:
9:30 Sung Mass;
St German’s:
11:00 am Mass
Mon 4: 18:00 Mass (St G)
Tues 5:
10:00 Mass (St S)
Wed 6:
10:00 Mass (St G)
The Epiphany of the Lord
Thur 7:
17:45 Epiphany Mass (St S)
Fri 8:
No Mass (St S)
Sat 9:
Sun 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
Pray for:
Gabalfa, Marcus Nelson (V);
Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.
St Saviour’s:
9:30 Sung Mass;
St German’s:
11:00 am Mass

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COLLECT:

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus.

Wisdom speaks her own praises, in the midst of her people she glories in herself. She opens her mouth in the assembly of the Most High, she glories in herself in the presence of the Mighty One; ‘Then the creator of all things instructed me, and he who created me fixed a place for my tent. He said, “Pitch your tent in Jacob, make Israel your inheritance.” From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall remain. I ministered before him in the holy tabernacle, and thus was I established on Zion. In the beloved city he has given me rest, and in Jerusalem I wield my authority. I have taken root in a privileged people, in the Lord’s property, in his inheritance.’

This is the word of the Lord.

SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved. That will explain why I, having once heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love that you show towards all the saints, have never failed to remember you in my prayers and to thank God for you. May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit.

This is the word of the Lord.

PSALM

The Word was made flesh, and lived among us.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed the children within you.

R/

He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. R/

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. R/

Psalm 147

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans. Glory be to you, O Christ, believed in by the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. To all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

John 1:1-5, 9-14