

**FRIDAY 31 December 2021**

*Seventh day in the octave of Christmas*

**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.

**FIRST READING:** 1 John 2:18-21 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 95:1-2, 11-13 (JB)*

**R.** Let heaven and earth exult in joy!

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Word of God became flesh and dwelt  
among us.  
He enabled those who accepted him  
to become the children of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 1:1-18 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

God sent his Only Begotten Son into the  
world,  
so that we might have life through him.

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a collection to allow weekday parishioners  
to support the Cathedral.  
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**SATURDAY 01 January 2022**

*Solemnity OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF  
GOD (S)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,  
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

**FIRST READING:** Numbers 6:22-27 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (JB)*

**R.** May God bless us in his mercy.

God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples.  
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

**SECOND READING:** Galatians 4:4-7 (JB)

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
In the past God spoke to our ancestors through  
the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:16-21 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and  
for ever.



# WEEKDAY PRAYER SHEET

## 27 DECEMBER 2021 – 01 JANUARY 2022 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

*The community of the Cathedral of St. Stephen acknowledges the traditional custodians  
of the land on which our parish stands.*



**MONDAY 27 December 2021**

*Saint John (F)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

This is John, who reclined on the Lord's breast at supper,  
the blessed Apostle, to whom celestial secrets were revealed  
and who spread the words of life through all the world.

**FIRST READING:**

1 John 1:1-4 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 (JB)*

**R.** Let the just rejoice in the Lord.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
the many coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. **R.**

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all the peoples see his glory. **R.**

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. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord:  
we acclaim you;  
the glorious company of apostles praise you.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

John 20:2-8 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling  
among us, and from his fullness we have all  
received.

**TUESDAY 28 December 2021**

*The Holy Innocents (F)*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

The innocents were slaughtered as infants for  
Christ;  
spotless, they follow the Lamb  
and sing for ever: Glory to you, O Lord.

**FIRST READING:**

1 John 1:5-2:2 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 123:2-5, 7-8 (JB)*

**R.** Our soul has escaped like a bird from the  
hunter's net.

If the Lord has not been on our side  
when men rose against us,  
then would they have swallowed  
when their anger was kindled. **R.**

Then would the waters have engulfed us,  
the torrent goes over us;  
over our head would have swept  
the raging waters. **R.**

Indeed the snare has been broken  
and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are God: we praise you; you are the Lord: we  
acclaim you;  
the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Matthew 2:13-18 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Behold those redeemed as the first fruits  
of the human race for God and the Lamb,  
and who follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

**WEDNESDAY 29 December 2021**

*Fifth day in the octave of Christmas*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

God so loved the world that he gave his Only  
Begotten Son,  
so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.

**FIRST READING:**

1 John 2:3-11 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 95:1-3, 5-6 (JB)*

**R.** Let heaven and earth exult in joy!

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

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

It is the Lord who made the heavens,  
his are majesty and state and power  
and splendour in his holy place. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 2:22-35 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

Through the tender mercy of our God,  
the Dawn from on high will visit us.

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collection to allow weekday parishioners  
to support the Cathedral.  
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**THURSDAY 30 December 2021**

*Sixth day in the octave of Christmas*

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

When a profound silence covered all things  
and night was in the middle of its course,  
your all-powerful Word, O Lord,  
bounded from heaven's royal throne.

**FIRST READING:**

1 John 2:12-17 (JB)

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

*Ps 95:7-10 (JB)*

**R.** Let heaven and earth exult in joy!

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name. **R.**

Bring an offering and enter his courts,  
worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him. **R.**

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
The world he made firm in its place;  
he will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A holy day has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.  
Today a great light has come upon the earth.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:**

Luke 2:36-40 (JB)

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

From his fullness we have all received,  
grace upon grace.