

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR C

20th December 2009

## GOSPEL: Luke 1: 39-44

Today we listen to the ancient story of the meeting of two holy women, St Elizabeth and Mary, and their two babies, St John the Baptist and Jesus. As we light all four candles on the Advent wreath, let us pray to be like these women, ready to embrace God's will for us.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the servant of the Lord:  
may His will for me be done.  
Alleluia!

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 25th December

Christmas Day

Saturday 26th December

Stephen, first martyr

## MARY'S CHRISTMAS DREAM

I had a dream Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it.

They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping for elaborate gifts. It was peculiar though, because the presents were not for Our Son.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows, and started a tree Joseph, right in their house. They decorated the tree also. The branches were covered in and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like a star. It was so beautiful. Everyone was laughing and they were very happy. They were

They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to Our Son. I don't think they even mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to

That we may put away weapons of war and embrace the ways of peace, love and

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer

That on Christmas Day, no child is hungry, no sick person is without comfort, no

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That those who are sick find wholeness, especially those whose names appear here  
those who are weary find strength; that those who despair find hope

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer

Grant spiritual comfort and healing to the sick, especially:

Pam Stone, Liam O'Brien, Margaret Corrigan, Patrick Larkin, Andy & Marie Cahill,  
Dawn Salmon, Tom Ryan, Audrey Willis, Kathy Dyball, Eileen Foley, Robert Dwyer,  
Talbot, Eileen Carroll, Lyle Jansen, Gary McLinden, Paul Trotman, Lillian Robb,  
McLaurin, Kevin Hynes, Vin Griffiths, Juanita Jervois, Norina Spinelli, Bishop Brien,  
Deller, Mary McNamara, Ria Stumpe, James Williams, Monette Fealy, Annette Fealy,  
John McManus, Peter Cairns, Allan Dedrauth, Melva McDonald, Kristi Cassanese,  
Free, Reece Valta, Yela Jankovic, Karl Grlica, Alvin Horn, Kate Cox, Patricia Hynes,  
Mead, Will Carland, Maureen Fields, Patricia Barber, Ian Walters, Des O'Meara,  
Patricia Bourke, Effie Ray, Joseph Doran, Nicholas Hetherington, Sandra Varley

Lord hear us Lord hear our prayer

We remember those who have died especially Fr Bob Leaver, Zofia Sobolewska,  
Ian Rawlings and Maureen Burke. That those who mourn are comforted

Lord hear us. Lord hear our prayer

Anniversaries:

Ellen Keane, Leo Brooks, Keith Hawkins, Maria Szulczyk and all those whose

And Also:

Bert Scammell, Deceased Members of the Ferrario Family, Edwin Mouldt, Jack  
Ryan, Sandra Malone and all our dear ones deceased.

Lord hear us Lord hear our prayer.

Let us ask God for what we need for Christmas...if we are lonely...if we long for  
were children or when our children were little...if we are anxious or without end

Lord hear us Lord hear our prayer

Loving God, hear our prayers this day. As Mary and Elizabeth said "Yes" to you  
say "Yes" to your plan for us. We pray in Jesus' name.

**AMEN**

## **DIOCESAN PROVIDENT FUND**

The Management and Staff of the Diocesan Provident Fund extend to you the peace and joy of Christmas and hope that the blessings of this special season continue into 2010.

## **ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Christmas cards are available at the church door - \$6.00 per pack of ten different cards. Columban Calendars \$7.00 each.

## **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE**

Copies of the Christmas Mass Timetable are available at the back of the church. Please take one home. If you would like to be a Special Minister at one of the Christmas Masses, please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

## **SPECIAL COLLECTION**

Thank you to all who gave so generously last weekend to the St Vincent de Paul Special Collection. \$2,065.00 was collected. If anyone would like to make a donation to St Vincent de Paul today, could you please put it in the second collection plate. Thank you.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE**

Please leave toys and non perishable food under the tree for distribution by the St Vincent de Paul Society to needy families in time for Christmas.

## **SNIPPET**

In praying thus with the will, let us not seek to make fine speeches to God, but simple affectionate appeals if possible, entirely with the heart. (Blessed Mary MacKillop)