

Please, when you come to the priory at the present time, wear face-covering, respect social distancing, avoid physical contact, use hand gel on arrival, and do not exchange the Peace physically. Members of the congregation, providing they are wearing face-coverings, may join in singing the usual things . Holy Communion will be given in just one kind, and with no spoken words. Please pay careful attention to directions from the 'Sidesmen'

*Organ music is played before the service begins. When the sacristy bell is rung, please stand and sing HYMN 32*

*The CELEBRANT greets the people*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

*The CELEBRANT welcomes the people and introduces the Confession.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The CELEBRANT pronounces the Absolution, and then the choir sings the Gloria in excelsis (Missa de angelis)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Stand. The Celebrant sings the special prayer of the Day called the Collect.*

Let us pray

**A**lmighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..Amen.

*All sit for The First Reading: Colossians 3:12-21*

A reading from the Letter to the Colossians

**Y**ou are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated. . The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the Acclamation and Gospel*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Alleluia...) Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia...*

**The Gospel: Luke 2: 41 - 52**

The Lord be with you : **and also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**E**very year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority.

His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men. . The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*SIT. A SERMON is preached, and then STAND for the Creed.*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The CELEBRANT introduces the Intercessions.*

*The CELEBRANT introduces the Peace, and then says*

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Sit. (Please stand to be censed.) ALL SING HYMN 40*

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that my sacrifice, and yours, may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands to the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The CELEBRANT says the Prayer over the gifts* .....Amen.

*All stand for the Eucharistic Prayer. (Remain seated if necessary)*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues... The choir sings, in Latin,*

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues...*

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues... At the conclusion all say Amen!*

*All kneel or sit. The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer*

**O**ur Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in the one bread.**

*The choir sings, in Latin*

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. *(repeat)*  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away  
the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*The Church of England welcomes regular communicants from other main Christian Churches (who are in good standing with their own Church) to receive Holy Communion at this service. Those who are not communicants are most welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. All should follow the directions of the stewards During communion the choir sings the Coventry Carol*

*Stand. The Celebrant says the Post-Communion prayer, and all then say*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you. ....Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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**NOTICES –**

**Masses and Services this week**

Sundays: Low Mass at 8.30am Solemn Mass at 10.30am

Monday – Friday Masses at 10am.

**Saturday (New Year) 12 noon**

**Sunday: Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am**

**Calendar & Prayers**

SUNDAY 26	HOLY FAMILY	St Blaise's Road	Unhappy families
Monday 27	St John	St Mary's Road	A greater love of scripture
Tuesday 28	Holy Innocents	Stane Street	Abused children
Wednesday 29	Thomas a Becket	The Street	The Achbp of Canterbury
Thursday 30	Christmas Octave	Strettington	Those travelling
Friday 31	Christmas Octave	Tinwood Ln & Warehead NHS workers	

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Saturday 1	Mary, Mother of God	Abbotts Close	Refugees
SUNDAY 2	EPIPHANY	The Anglesey Arms	Families

Fr Ian and the Wardens extend wishes for you to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fr Ian is taking a brief break. Urgent pastoral matters, please, to Fr Peter 01243 776995