

Church of St. John the Evangelist

**THE SUNDAY**

**AFTER *CHRISTMAS***



**December 31, 2023**

**SUNDAYS Matins 9:45 10:30 am High Mass**

**Weekday Mass Tuesday (en français), Thursday 5:45 pm, Saturday 12 Noon**

**Tuesdays 7:30 pm ZOOM Compline & Conversation**

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**SERVICES AT THE REDROOF**

**“*We desire to keep old traditions. We aim at Perfection”*** E. Wood 1899

**SUNDAYS 9:45 Matins 10:30 am**  **High Mass In church**

 **Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. Compline & Conversation ZOOM**

**Friday 7:00 p.m. sept à huit Bible Study ZOOM**

Permanent Zoom link:[**https://zoom.us/j/332912007**](https://zoom.us/j/332912007)

(or by phone **438-809-7799** Meeting ID: 332 912 007)

 **WEEKDAY MASSES. TUESDAY 5:45 pm (en français) THURSDAY 5:45 pm**

**SATURDAY 12 NOON In Church**

***Monday to Friday Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral 12:15***

**LITURGICAL ALERTS**

**TOMORROW NEW YEAR’S DAY**

**Monday January 1, Circumcision High Mass 10:3o am**

**Saturday January 6, Epiphany High Mass 10:30 am**

**Sunday January 28 SEPTUAGESIMA Third Sunday before Lent**

**Friday February 2 CANDLEMASS -Presentation of Christ and Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary High Mass 5:45 pm**

**February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY High Mass 5:45 pm**

**Sunday February 18 First Sunday in Lent**

For those visiting for the first time, welcome to St. John the Evangelist.

* **Communion will be distributed at the altar rail in Both kinds** BUT if you do not wish to receive the chalice, please simply cross your arms. Intinction, the **dipping of the host into the cup IS NOT ALLOWED** to prevent contamination. If you are unable to come to the altar to receive communion please let the greeter at the table at the back of the church know and communion will be brought to you.
* The **bathroom** is located in the hallway to the left, through the door at the back of the church.

**AN ORDER OF SERVICE - HIGH MASS**

**Sunday, December 31, 2023- 10:30 am**

**Organ Prelude.** *Carol* by G. Finzi (1901-1956)

**Organist.** *Scott Bradford***Cantor.** *Carole LeDez*

*The people stand at the sound of the bell.*

**The Introductory Rite Mass setting.** *Communion Service* by J. Merbecke (1510-1585)

**Opening Hymn. # 28**  O come, all ye faithful - ADESTE FIDELES

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Introit.**

**Introit.** Whenas all the world was in profoundest quietness, and night was in the midst of her swift course: **thine almighty word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven out of thy royal throne.** *Psalm.* The Lord is king, and hath put on glorious apparel: **the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength**. Glory be. Repeat antiphon.

*Priest.* Let us pray. *The people kneel.*

*Priest.* Our Father who art in heaven hallowed by 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 them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

*Priest.* Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon.* Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

*People.* **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

**Kyrie eleison.**

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

**Gloria in Excelsis.**

*GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH****,* and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly king, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord; thou only O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*Priest.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest.* Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin: Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Lessons**

**The First Lesson** *Isaiah 62: 10-12*

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

**Gradual.**

Thou art fairer than the children of men: **full of grace are thy lips.** My heart is inditing of a good matter; I speak of the things which I have made unto the King: **my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.**

**The Epistle** *Galatians 4: 1-7*

Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and governors, until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

**Alleluia.** *The people stand.*

Alleluia. **Alleluia.** The Lord is King, and hath put on glorious apparel: **the Lord hath put on his apparel, and girded himself with strength. Alleluia.**

**The Gospel** *St. Matthew 1: 18-25*

*Deacon.* The Lord be with you.

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Deacon****.***The Holy Gospel is written in the first chapter of the Gospel according to Saint Matthew, beginning at the eighteenth verse.

*People.* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But when he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost: and she shall bring forth a Son, and thou shall call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins. (Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a Virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a Son, And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.) Then Joseph, being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son: and he called his name JESUS.

*People.* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Priest and people together.*

**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 the 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; Through 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.**

***SERMON*** *The Rector*

Announcements

**The Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**The Offertory**

**Offertory Verse.**

God hath made the round world so sure that it cannot be moved: ever since the world began hath thy seat, O God, been prepared; thou art from everlasting.

**Offertory Hymn**. **# 30** While Shepherds watched - WINCHESTER OLD

*The collection will be taken and the elements will be brought forward. The people stand to receive the censing from the thurifer, bowing in response.*

**Offertory.** "Corpus Christi Carol" from *A Boy was Born* by B. Britten (1913-1976). Carole LeDez, soprano

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

*People.*  **May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his Name, to our benefit, and to that of all his holy Church.**

**The Intercessions**

*Deacon.* Let us pray.

*The deacon offers the biddings. After praying for the departed, the deacon says:*

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them. **Amen.** Gathering together all our intercessions we entrust them to the prayer of Our Lady, Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People.***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

*The people kneel.*

*Priest.* Almighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant *CHARLES* our King and to all that are put in authority under him, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant *MARY* our bishop, *LINDA* our primate, and *JUSTIN*, Archbishop of Canterbury, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy sacraments.

Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present, that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired.

We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear: and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; especially the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed John the Evangelist our Patron and all thy saints, beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

**The Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon.* Ye that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

*Priest and people together.* **ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy Divine Majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Priest.* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Deacon.* Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him.

Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that allthat believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

*Deacon.* Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesuscame into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

*Deacon.* Hear also what Saint John saith. *I*f any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest.* The Lord be with you;

*People.***And with thy spirit.**

*Priest.* Lift up your hearts;

*People.* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Priest.* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

*People.***It is meet and right so to do.**

*Priest.* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things…

BECAUSE thou didst give Jesus Christ thine only Son to be born as at this time for us; who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin.

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Sanctus and Benedictus.**

**HOLY, HOLY HOLY, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.**

**The Consecration**

*Priest.* BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and of thy almighty goodness vouchsafe to bless, hallow and sanctify, with thy word and Holy Spirit, these holy gifts, and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.” Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink ye all, of this; for this is my blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.”

Wherefore, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, we thy humble servants, with all thy holy Church, remembering the precious death of thy beloved Son, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension at thy right hand whence he interceedeth perpetually for us, miserable sinners, and looking for his coming again in glory, do make before thee, in this sacrament of the holy Bread of eternal life and the Cup of everlasting salvation, the memorial which he hath commanded; And we entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, even as thou didst vouchsafe to accept the gifts of thy servant Abel, the Righteous, and the sacrifice of Abraham, our Patriarch: and the holy sacrifice of Melchisedech thy high priest as signs of the one and perfect sacrifice of Christ.

And we humbly beseech thee, Almighty God: command these offerings to be brought by the hands of thine Angel to thine altar on high, in the sight of thy divine majesty: And we most humbly beseech thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion; And we pray that by the power of thy Holy Spirit, all we who are partakers of this holy Communion may be fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

*Priest.* And now, as our saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

*Priest and people together.* **OUR 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 them that 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.**

*Priest.* The peace of the Lord be always with you;

*People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest and people together.* **WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, But in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy So much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, So to eat the Flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, And to drink his Blood, That our sinful bodies may be made clean by his Body, And our souls washed through his most precious Blood, And that we may evermore dwell in him, And he in us. Amen.**

**The Communion**

**Agnus Dei.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Priest*. Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

**Communion Sentence.**

Take the young Child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: **for they are dead which sought the young Child’s life.**

**Communion.**Chorale-prelude on *Rorate Caeli* by J. Demessieux (1921-1968)

**Communion Hymn. # 25** In the Bleak Midwinter - CRANHAM

**The Concluding Rite**

*Priest.*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

*Priest and people together.* **AND HERE** **we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee. And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*Priest****.*** Grant, O Lord, that by the operation of these thy mysteries, we may be cleansed from all our sins, and obtain that which we have asked according to thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Deacon.*Depart in peace.

*People.* **Thanks be to God.**

**The LAST GOSPEL**

*Priest.* The Lord be with you. *People.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Priest****.***The beginning of the Holy Gospel according to John *People.* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness overcame it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his Name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *(The people genuflect.)* And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only-begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth.

*People.* **Thanks be to God.**

***Hymn. #* 27** Let sighing cease and woe - ST. MICHAEL

**THE ANGELUS**

*Minister.* The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary;

*People.***And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.**

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People.***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

*Minister.* Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

*People.* **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People.***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

*Minister.* And the word was made flesh; *The people genuflect.*

*People.* **And dwelt among us.**

*Minister.* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People.***Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.**

*Minister.* Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

*People.* **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ**.

*Minister.* Let us pray. We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his Resurrection, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Postlude.** *Forêts Paisibles* by J.-P. Rameau (1683-1764)



We will again be having an Epiphany “Yankee swap” in the Parish Hall, **after Sunday High Mass on January 7th.**Bring something from the cellar you’ve been meaning to get rid of, or a Christmas gift you didn’t want, wrap it up, and hope to get something better in swap!  Or steal from the person next to you if theirs looks better! Buy nothing new, let’s find new homes for old junk!

The **2024 Offering Envelopes** are being prepared **but** before they become available a much-needed update and consolidation of the list needs to be made. There are several ways to contribute financially to St John’s, as listed on the back of the bulletin, so fewer and fewer people have been using Envelopes. Therefore, the Wardens have suggested this year that those who wish to continue using Envelopes should request them before we assign envelope numbers. Please contact the Rector’s Warden **Geoffrey Little** at **geoffrey.r.little@gmail.com** **if you want 2024 Envelopes.** The Parishalready has the Envelopes since they need to be ordered well in advance but last year more than a third of Envelopes were not picked up. So we are happy to give you Envelopes but if you are making your financial contribution to the Parish by other means you do not need the physical Envelope to keep track of your contributions.

**Prayers of the People**

**In Faith, Hope and Charity let us pray for the good estate of the Catholic church.** *We give thanks for our collective health and resilience at this time. We continue to pray for all medical staff; hospitals and clinics.*  **We remember** *St. Michael and all Angels, Winnipeg; Our Diocesan prayer partners, The Territory of the People and the Diocese of Masasi; and the community of St. Michael’s Mission. For those who suffer injustice and those who work for justice and peace. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, the end of the conflict between Ukraine & Russia,**For all the peoples of the world contending with extremism, violence and polarization. Let us pray for Canada’s Indigenous peoples; for our Earth and its living systems, and those suffering from natural and human caused disasters.* ***We also pray for our parish that we may continue as a community of faith.***

[***Anglican Cycle of Prayer (Dec 31 2023-January 6, 2024)***](https://anglicancommunion.org/media/422641/acp_from-aba-to-zululand-2021-to-2023_web.pdf)

**Sun** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Mon** The Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Tues** The Diocese of Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Wed** The Diocese of Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada

**Thu** The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church

**Fri** The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia

**Sat** The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England

[***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer***](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/53339102e4b00c509597c34c/t/6001f5b4514b6c73056efd5b/1610741172969/Prayer%2BRoster%2B2021.pdf)

**Sun** The Bishop, The Right Rev Mary Irwin-Gibson

**Mon** Episcopal Council The Bishop, the Dean and the Archdeacons

**Tues** Vicar General The Ven Robert Camara

**Wed** Human Resources and Program Manager, Mrs Sophie Bertrand

**Thu** Archdeacons The Very Rev Bertrand Olivier),The Right Rev Ogé Beauvoir, The Ven Sophie Rolland

**Fri** Archdeacons The Ven Tim Smart ,The Ven Dr Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu

**Sat** Officers of Synod

**For those in special need:** Bishop Mary,Mildred Fletcher, Patricia Cerundolo, Loretta, Marleny Loaiza, Lois Bydwell, Maureen Callum, Benjamin Smith

**For continuing support:**Jim Best, Fr Richard Cawley, Garrfield, Diane, Tony Whitehead, Juanita Docherty-McFarlane, Ian MacLean, Vessella, Glenn Cartwright, Geraldine Doran, Desmond Murphy, Tom Byford, Deirdre Hitchcox, Frances Kemp, Sandra Guillaume, RoseMary, Louise Driver, BB Gaylord, Hannah Brockow, Anny Guillemette, Tania, Katherine B, Scott Wood, Connie Dennis

***Commemorations (Dec 31-Jan 6)***

**Sun** Fanny Wells, Bessie Kittson, Sarah Morris,Annie Alexander, Ellen Billing, Eva Midgley, Sam Annahutuk

**Mon** Charles Corrigan, Mary Bouchette, Walter Rogers, Margaret Betts, Lucy Wallace, Melville McPhail, May Chandler

**Tues** Elizabeth Martin, Donald McIntyre,Kate Minta, Leonard Smith-Priest, Lilliam Willes, Charles Higgins

**Wed** Henry Harvey, Georgina Forbes-Fowlie, Minnie Martha Holloway, Hildegarde Lomer, Dorothea Dewdney

**Thur** James Martin, Elizabeth Lee, Emily Cleghorn, Augustus Brown, Lydia Kimber

**Fri** George Gillings, Hazel Redfern Weldon

**Sat** Alice Waud, Annie Esdaile, Margery MacKercher

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