



## The Sunday Sheet *for* The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*A very warm welcome as we gather for the **Parish Eucharist**.  
An induction loop is provided.*

***Gluten free wafers are available*** for those who need them. Please inform one of the stewards/sidespersons who will pass the information on to the clergy. Many thanks

### Entrance Hymn

Sing we of the blessed Mother  
who received the angel's word,  
and obedient to his summons  
bore in love the infant Lord;  
sing we of the joys of Mary  
at whose breast that child was fed,  
who is Son of God eternal  
and the everlasting Bread.

Sing we, too, of Mary's sorrows,  
of the sword that pierced her through,  
when beneath the cross of Jesus  
she his weight of suff'ring knew,  
looked upon her Son and Saviour  
reigning high on Calv'ry's tree,  
saw the price of our redemption  
paid to set the sinner free.

Sing again the joys of Mary  
when she saw the risen Lord,  
and, in prayer with Christ's apostles,  
waited on his promised word:  
from on high the blazing glory  
of the Spirit's presence came,

heav'nly breath of God's own being,  
manifest through wind and flame.

Sing the greatest joy of Mary  
when on earth her work was done,  
and the Lord of all creation  
brought her to his heav'nly home:  
virgin mother, Mary blessed,  
raised on high and crowned with grace,  
may your Son, the world's redeemer,  
grant us all to see his face.

*George B. Timms 1910-1997*  
*Tune: Blaenwern*

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you  
**And keep you in the love of Christ.**

*The Priest gives an introduction to the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence.*

*Silence is kept*

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of peace.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary.  
Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh and splendour of the Father.  
Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you,  
✠ forgive you and set you free from sin,  
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,  
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
at God's right hand in majesty most high:  
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:  
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

*Tune: Woodlands*

## **The Collect**

Almighty God,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed in him  
may, by your grace,  
be holy and obedient to your word;  
through Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
who lives and reigns  
with your and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **Romans 5. 12-15**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned—sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many.

For the word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel**

*Please Stand*

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

*Donald Fishel b.1950  
Tune: Alleluia No.1*

## **Luke 11. 27-28**

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

While Jesus was speaking, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Homily**

*Please Sit*

## **An Affirmation of the Faith.**

*Please Stand*

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## The Intercession

*Please Sit*

*Appropriate responses may be used, for example*

Lord, in your mercy:  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us:  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*The Intercession ends with a suitable collect said by the priest, or the following*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Peace

*Please Stand*

Christ, the Prince of peace, breaks down the walls that divide us. God has called us to live in peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

## Offertory Hymn

For Mary, Mother of our Lord,  
God's holy name be praised,  
who first the Son of God adored,  
as on her child she gazed.

Brave, holy Virgin, she believed,  
though hard the task assigned,  
and by the Holy Ghost conceived  
the Saviour of mankind.

The busy world had got no space  
or time for God on earth;  
a cattle manger was the place  
where Mary gave him birth.

She gave her body as God's shrine,  
her heart to piercing pain;  
she knew the cost of love divine,  
when Jesus Christ was slain.

Dear Mary, from your lowliness  
and home in Galilee  
there comes a joy and holiness  
to every family.

Hail Mary, you are full of grace,  
above all women blest;  
and blest your Son, whom your embrace  
in birth and death confessed.

*John Raphael Peacey 1896-1971*  
*Tune: St Botolph*

## **The Thanksgiving**

We celebrate together the gifts and grace of God.  
**We take this bread,**  
**we take this wine**  
**to follow Christ's example**  
**and obey his command.**

## **Prayer over the Gifts**

Heavenly Father,  
the birth of your Son Jesus Christ  
deepened his mother Mary's love for you  
and increased her holiness:  
may his sharing in our mortal nature  
give us courage in our human weakness,  
free us from our sins  
and make the offering of our lives acceptable to you;  
through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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 our thanks and praise.**

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,  
you have made us in your own image.  
Always and everywhere we give you thanks  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In choosing the blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son,  
you have exalted the humble and meek.  
Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured;  
with all generations we call her blessed,  
and with her we rejoice and magnify your holy name.

Therefore, with angels and archangels  
and with all the company of heaven  
we praise your glorious name:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy,  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as a token of our love.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Gracious Father, gracious Father,  
Blessed is the one who comes to us  
in your name.  
And we lift our hearts before you  
as we give you thanks and praise.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,  
and send your Holy Spirit on  
this bread and wine,  
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,  
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ;  
because on the night he was betrayed  
he took bread,  
and when he had given you thanks,  
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you:  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;  
when he had given you thanks  
he gave it to them and said,  
Drink this, all of you;  
this cup is the new covenant in my blood  
poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins:  
do this as often as you drink it  
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son  
once for all upon the cross  
and the triumph of his resurrection,  
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us  
that we may be filled with your life and goodness  
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom  
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace  
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.



Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

*Please Sit*

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread,  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

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

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

## **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy 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 sacrament is administered with these words:*

The body of Christ. **Amen.**      The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

*All those who are baptised (Christened) are welcome to receive Holy Communion today. Baptised (Christened) children are welcome to receive holy communion at the discretion of their parents.*

*If you are not receiving you are welcome to come forward for a blessing but please bring this leaflet with you as a signal to the priest.*

### **Hymn at the end of Communion**

Be still for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

*David Evans b.1957*

*Silence is kept*

### **The Sending Out**

*Please Stand*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:  
**his love is everlasting.**

Heavenly Father,  
who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of the promised Saviour:  
fill us your servants with your grace,  
that in all things we may embrace your holy will  
and with her rejoice in your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

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

Christ, the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will. And the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## **Final Hymn**

Ye who own the faith of Jesus  
sing the wonders that were done,  
when the love of God the Father  
o'er our sin the vict'ry won,  
when he made the Virgin Mary  
mother of his only Son.

*Hail Mary, hail Mary,  
hail Mary, full of Grace.*

Blessèd were the chosen people  
out of whom the Lord did come,  
blessèd was the land of promise  
fashioned for his earthly home;  
but more blessed was his mother,  
she who bore him in her womb.

May the mother's intercessions  
on our homes a blessing win,  
that the children all be prospered,  
strong and fair and pure within,  
following our Lord's own footsteps,  
firm in faith and free from sin.

For the sick and for the aged,  
for our dear ones far away,  
for the hearts that mourn in secret,  
all who need our prayers today,  
for the faithful gone before us,  
may the Holy Virgin pray.

*Hail Mary, hail Mary,  
hail Mary, full of Grace.*

*Vincent Stuckey Stratton Coles 1845-1929  
Tune: Daily daily*

*CCL No: 961722*

## Notices

**Refreshments.** Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

**Praying for Growth.** Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer:

*God of Mission,  
Who alone brings growth to your  
Church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning,  
Wisdom to our actions,  
Joy to our worship,  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**The Community Fridge** takes place every Sunday from 4-5pm at the Parish Church.

**Sunday Sheet.** Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

**Pilgrimage.** The 2025 pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025. If you are interested in joining the pilgrims please speak to Fr Rex.

**Pilgrim.** Again on the theme of life as our Christian Pilgrimage, a group looking at aspects of the journey is starting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Parish Church. Do consider joining us as we explore deepening our faith and learning together as we

journey.

**St. Mary's Church, Cefn.** Tonight at 6.00pm, Solemn High Mass for the Patronal Feast of the BVM. A warm welcome to all!

## The Week Ahead

### 9<sup>th</sup> Monday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 10<sup>th</sup> Tuesday – William Salesbury & William Morgan

9am Morning Prayer  
5pm Evening Prayer  
6pm Holy Eucharist  
7pm Pilgrim *at the Parish Church*

### 11<sup>th</sup> Wednesday – Deiniol, Bishop

9am Morning Prayer  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 12<sup>th</sup> Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer  
10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*  
10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*  
12noon Food4Thought *at the Parish Church*  
5pm Evening Prayer

### 13<sup>th</sup> Friday – Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

9am Morning Prayer  
9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)  
6pm Choral Evensong *at the Parish Church*

## **14<sup>th</sup> Saturday – Holy Cross**

9am Morning Prayer

5pm Evening Prayer

## **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Trinity 16**

9.30am Parish Eucharist

9.30am Holy Eucharist *at St Mary's*

*Cefn*

11am Festival Cathedral Eucharist

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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