

them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour. Luke 2.41-52

Prayer over the Gifts

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

New Year's Day

There will be an 11:00 a.m. celebration of the Eucharist this Tuesday, January 1st (The Naming of Jesus).

New Year's Levee

The Bishops of the diocese invite you to the New Year's Day Levee this Tuesday, January 1st at St. James Cathedral from 1:30 –3:00 p.m. Festive music follows at 3 p.m. then Evensong will be sung at 3:30 p.m.

Christmas Communion

If you know of anyone who would like to receive Christmas Communion either in hospital or at home, please speak to Fr. Philip.

Tax Receipts

Parishioners are reminded that in order for donations to be receipted for the year 2018, they must be received at the church by Thursday, December 31st.

2019 Flower Chart

A new flower chart has been posted in the narthex. Please put your name by the Sunday(s) that you wish to sponsor the flowers in the church in 2019.

Better Sight and Sound

Large print editions of the bulletin and hymn book are available from the sidespeople. Earpieces for increased sound reproduction are also available.

Toiletries for Out of the Cold

The Out of the Cold programme at St. Matthew's, Islington supported by our parish is looking for toiletries to give to those who come to the weekly dinner. Donations of small toiletries (toothbrushes, small toothpastes, disposable razors, shaving soap, shampoos, soaps etc.) can be placed in the box at the back of the church.

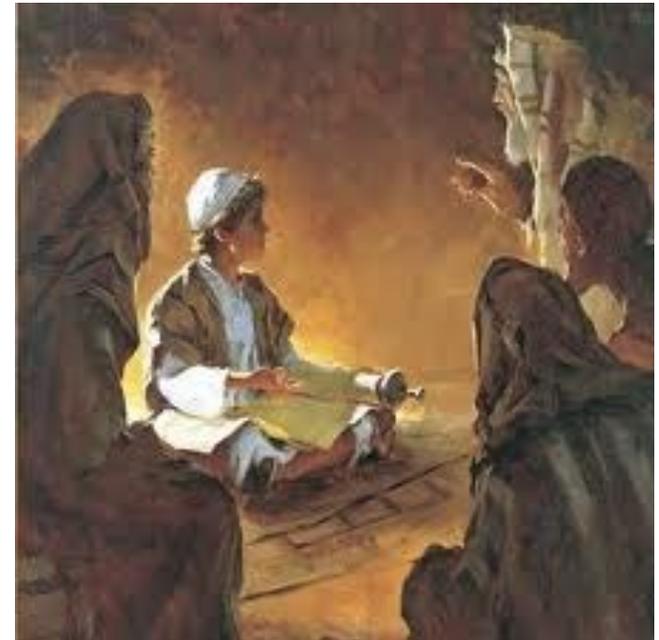
Saturday Service & Supper

Mark your calendars now for the next Saturday Service & Supper to be held on Saturday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m.

The Church of St. Martin -in-the- Fields

The First Sunday after Christmas

December
30, 2018



8:30 a.m. SAID EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Fr. Philip

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Blessing and Dismissal.

The Collect

Almighty God, you have shed upon us the new light of your incarnate Word. May this light, enkindled in our hearts, shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, “May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord”; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26

Psalm 148

1. Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.
2. Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.
3. Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.
4. Praise him, heaven of heavens;
and you waters above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.
6. He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
7. Praise the Lord from the earth;
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
8. Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
9. Mountains and all hills;
fruit trees and all cedars
10. Wild beasts and all cattle;
creeping things and wingèd birds.

11. Kings of the earth and all peoples;
princes and all rulers of the world.
12. Young men and maidens,
old and young together.
13. Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name only is exalted,
his splendour is over earth and heaven.
14. He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants;
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

COLOSSIANS 3:12–17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day’s journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, “Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.” He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with