

## Sunday 23 December 2018: Fourth Sunday of Advent



*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

...Our Gospel reading recalls Mary's actions after the announcement of Jesus' birth by the angel Gabriel. Mary goes to visit Elizabeth, her cousin, who is also with child. Elizabeth greets Mary with full recognition of the roles that they and their unborn children will play in God's plan for salvation. If we were to continue to read the verses that follow in Luke's Gospel, we would hear Mary respond to Elizabeth's greeting with her song of praise, the Magnificat. Both women recall and echo God's history of showing favour upon the people of Israel...

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## A message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners

The feast day of Jesus' birth is coming very close. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas, a peaceful and happy New Year. Thank you for being faithful to God. Your faith helps strengthen my faith and, I am sure, the faith of many people. Thank you for your generous support of our parish. May God bless you all.

Yours faithfully

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Parish Priest