

S. Stephen, Protomartyr



26 December 2021
Sung Mass 11.00

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Of the Octave of the Nativity

Organ—Il est né, le Divin Enfant

Henri Büsser

Please stand when the bell rings to announce the entrance of the Ministers.

The Asperges

Ant. Aspérge me, Dómine, hyssópo, et mundábor; lavábis me, et super nivem dealbábor. *Ps. 50, 1.* Miserére mei Deus, secúndum magnam misericórdiam tuam. *℣.* Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in princípío, et nunc, et semper, et in sácula sæculórum. Amen. Aspérge me.

Ant. Thou shalt purge me, O Lord, with hyssop, and I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. *Ps. 51, 1.* Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness. *℣.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Thou shalt purge.

℣. O Lord show thy mercy upon us. *℞.* And grant us thy salvation.

℣. O Lord, hear my prayer; *℞.* And let my cry come unto thee.

℣. The Lord be with you. *℞.* And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord holy, Father almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe to send thy holy angel from heaven to guard and cherish, to protect and visit, and to defend all who dwell in this thy holy habitation. Through Christ our Lord. *℞.* Amen.

Introit—Psalm 119, 23, 86 & 23.

SEDERUNT príncipes, et advérsus me **S**loquebántur: et iníqui persecúti sunt me: ádjuva me, Dómine, Deus meus, quia servus tuus exercebátur in tuis justificatió nibus. *Ps. ibid., 1.* Beati immaculáti in via, qui ámbulant in lege Dómini. *℣.* Glória Patri. Séderunt príncipes.

Please kneel and stand as the servers so do.

PRINCIPES did sit and speak against me, and the wicked persecuted me: help me, O Lord my God, for thy servant is occupied in thy Commandments. *Ps. ibid., 1.* Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord. *℣.* Glory be. Princes did sit.

Kyrie Eleison—Missa Brevis

Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.* Christe, eléison. *ijj.*
Kýrie, eléison. *ijj.*

Antonio Lotti

Lord, have mercy upon us. *ijj.* Christ, have mercy upon us. *ijj.* Lord, have mercy upon us. *ijj.*

Gloria in excelsis

Please remain standing until the Ministers sit, then all sit.

GLORIA in excelsis Deo, et in terra pax
hominibus bonæ voluntatis. Laudamus
te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te.
Glorificamus te. Grátias ágimus tibi propter
magnam glóriam tuam. Dómine Deus, Rex
cælestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Dómine
Fili unigénite, Jesu Christe. Dómine Deus,
Agnus Dei, Fílius Patris. Qui tollis peccáta
mundi, miserére nobis. Qui tollis peccáta
mundi, súscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui
sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserére nobis.
Quóniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus
Dóminus. Tu solus Altíssimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spírítu, ✠ in glória Dei Patris.
Amen.

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 sins of the world, have
mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins 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 Jesu Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ✠
art Most High in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit.

Please stand for the Collects.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, O Lord, so to imitate that which we honour: that we may learn to
love also our enemies; forasmuch as we celebrate the birthday of him who prayed even for his
persecutors to our Lord Jesus Christ thy Son: Who liveth. ℞. Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God: that we who through our ancient bondage are held
beneath the yoke of sin; may by the new Birth of thy only-begotten Son in the flesh obtain
deliverance. Through the same. ℞. Amen.

The Epistle

The Lesson from the Acts of the Apostles.

Please be seated.
Acts 6, 8–10; 7, 54–60

IN those days: Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.
Then there arose certain of the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines, and
Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia, disputing with Stephen: and they
were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. When they heard these things,
they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But Stephen, being full of the
Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the
right hand of God. And said: Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the
right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him

with one accord. And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice: Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep in the Lord. *R.* Thanks be to God.

Graduale. Ps. 118, 23 & 86. Sedérunt príncipes, et advérsus me loquebántur: et iníqui persecúti sunt me. *V. Ps. 6, 5.* Adjuva me, Dómine, Deus meus: salvum me fac propter misericórdiam tuam.

Allelúja, allelúja. *V. Act. 7, 56.* Vídeo cœlos apértos, et Jesum stantem a dextris virtútis Dei. Allelúja.

Gradual. Ps. 119, 23 & 86. Princes did sit and speak against me; and the wicked persecuted me. *V. Ps. 6, 5.* Help me, O Lord my God: save me for thy mercy's sake.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V. Acts 7, 56.* I see the heavens opened, and Jesus standing on the right hand of the power of God. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

V. The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy spirit.

V. ✠ The Continuation of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. *R.* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AT that time: Jesus said unto the scribes and the Pharisees: Behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes, and some of them ye shall kill and crucify, and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not? Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. *R.* Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Please stand for the Gospel.

Matt. 23, 34–39

New English Hymnal N° 201—Stephen, first of Christian martyrs

Everton

Stephen, first of Christian martyrs,
Let the Church in hymns proclaim,
Following close the Saviour's passion,
Thus he won immortal fame:
For his foes he prayed forgiveness
While they stoned him unto death,
To the Lord his soul commending
As he yielded up his breath.

2. Holy Spirit, gift of Jesus,
Shed thy light upon our eyes,
That we may behold with Stephen,
That fair realm beyond the skies,
Where the Son of Man in glory
Waits for us at God's right hand,
King of saints and hope of martyrs,
Lord of all the pilgrim band.

3. See him who went on before us,
Heavenly mansions to prepare,
Who for us is ever pleading
By his wounds of glory there,
In that blessed home of splendour,
Christ our Saviour reigns above,
Calling us to share his rapture,
In the Father's boundless love.

Homily—Fr Lanier

Nicene Creed

CREDO in unum Deum, Patrem
Omnipoténtem, factórem cæli et terræ,
visibílium ómnium et invisibílium. Et in unum
Dóminum Jesum Christum, Fílium Dei
unigénitum. Et ex Patre natum ante ómnia
sæcula. Deum de Deo, lumen de lúmine, Deum
verum de Deo vero. Génitum, non factum,
consubstantiálem Patri: per quem ómnia facta
sunt. Qui propter nos hómines et propter
nostram salútem descendit de cælis. *Here
genuslect.* Et incarnátus est de Spíritu Sancto ex
María Virgine: Et homo factus est. *Here arise.*
Crucifixus étiam pro nobis: sub Póntio Piláto
passus, et sepúltus est. Et resurréxit tértia die,
secúndum Scriptúras. Et ascéndit in cælum:
sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum ventúrus est
cum glória judicáre vivos et mórtuos: cujus
regni non erit finis. Et in Spírítum Sanctum,
Dóminum et vivificántem: qui ex Patre
Filióque procedit. Qui cum Patre et Fílio simul
adorátur, et conglorificatur: qui locútus est per
Prophétas. Et unam, sanctam, cathólicam et
apostólicam Ecclésiám. Confíteor unum
baptísma in remissionem peccatórum. Et ex-

4. Glory be to God the Father,
Glory to his only Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us,
Who the heavenly realm has won;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
To one God in persons Three;
From the saints in earth and heaven,
Glory, endless glory, be. Amen.

Please be seated.

Please stand for the Creed.

IBELIEVE 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. *Here genuslect.* And was
incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary:
And was made man. *Here arise.* 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,
and 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

spécto resurrectionem mortuórum, ✠ et vitam
ventúri sáculi. Amen.

resurrection of the dead. ✠ And the life of the
world to come. Amen.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. And with thy spirit. ℣. Let us pray.

Offertorium. Act. 6, 5 & 7, 59. Elegérunt
Apóstoli Stéphanum Levítam, plenum fide
et Spírítu Sancto: quem lapidavérunt Judæi
orántem, et dicéntem: Dómine Jesu, áccipe
spírítum meum, allelúja.

Offertory. Acts 6, 5 & 7, 59. The Apostles chose
Stephen the Levite, a man full of faith and of the
Holy Ghost whom the Jews stoned as he prayed,
saying: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit, alleluia.

Carol—Good King Wenceslas

Tempus adest floridum

Good King Wenceslas looked out,
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
Deep, and crisp, and even:
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gathering winter fuel.

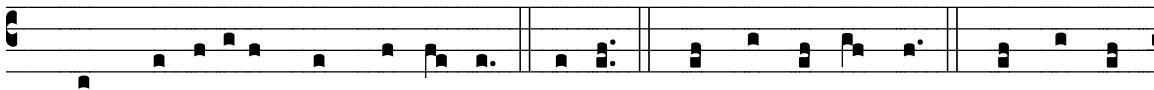
2. ‘Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou know’st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?’
‘Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes’ fountain.’

3. ‘Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
Bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither.’
Page and monarch, forth they went,
Forth they went together:
Through the rude wind’s wild lament
And the bitter weather.

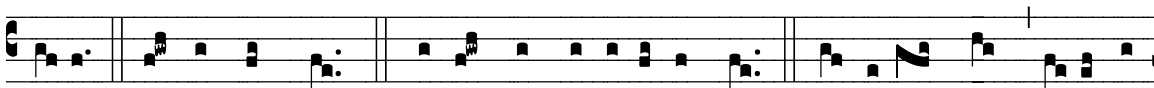
4. ‘Sire, the night is darker now,
And the wind blows stronger:
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer.’
‘Mark my footsteps, my good page,
Tread thou in them boldly,
Thou shalt find the winter’s rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.’

5. In his master’s steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
Which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

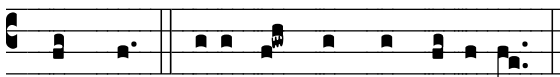
Solemn Preface of the Nativity



Throughout all ages, world without end. *R.* Amen. *V.* The Lord be with you. *R.* And with thy



spirit. *V.* Lift up your hearts. *R.* We lift them up unto the Lord. *V.* Let us give thanks unto our



Lord God. *R.* It is meet and right so to do.

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: Because through the mystery of the Word made flesh, the light of thy glory hath shone anew upon the eyes of our mind: that as we acknowledge God made visible to man, we may through him be caught up to love of things invisible. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the company of the heavenly host, we sing the majesty of thy glory, evermore praising thee, and saying:

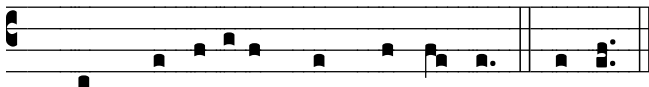
Sanctus & Benedictus

SANCTUS, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dóminus Deus Sábaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra glória tua. Hosánna in excélsis. ✠ Benedictus qui venit in nómine Dómini. Hosánna in excélsis.

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Thy Glory. Hosanna in the highest. ✠ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Canon of the Mass

Please kneel for the Canon.

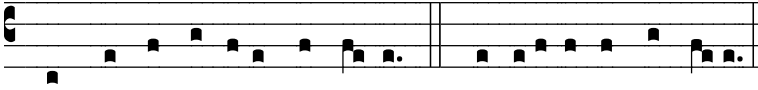


Throughout all ages, world without end. *R.* Amen.

Our Father

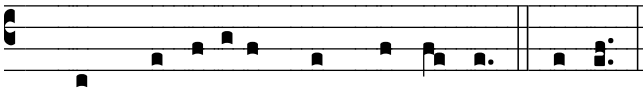
Let us pray: Commanded by saving precepts, and taught by divine institution, we are bold to say:

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 those who trespass against us:

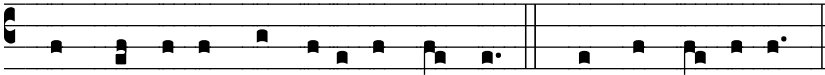


And lead us not into temptation. *℟*. But deliver us from e-vil.

The Pax



Throughout all ages, world without end. *℟*. Amen.



The peace of the Lord be alway with you. *℟*. And with thy spirit.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
miserére nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccáta mundi:
dona nobis pacem.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the
world: grant us thy peace.

Communion of the Faithful

℣. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who taketh away the sins of the world. *℟*. Lord, I am not worthy, that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed. *ijj*

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please make your way via the center aisle to the rails, the Ushers will direct and assist you. If you are unable to make your way to the rail, please alert the Ushers that the Sacrament may be brought to your pew.

Communio. Act. 7, 56, 59 & 60. Video cœlos apertos, et Jesum stantem a dextris virtutis Dei: Dómine Jesu, accipe spíritum meum, et ne státuas illis hoc peccátum.

Communion. Acts 7, 56, 59 & 60. I see the heavens opened, and Jesus standing on the right hand of the power of God: Lord Jesus, receive my spirit, and lay not this sin to their charge.

Motet—Lo, how a rose e'er blooming

Hugo Distler

Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming,
As men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter,
When half spent was the night.

2. Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
The Virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to men a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

This flower, whose fragrance tender
With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
The darkness everywhere;
True man, yet very God!
From sin and death He saves us,
And lightens every load.

New English Hymnal N° 28—In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2. Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign.

In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

3. Enough for Him, whom Cherubim, worship night and day,
A breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel which adore.

4. Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
 Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
 But His mother only, in her maiden bliss,
 Worshipped the beloved with a kiss.

5. What can I give Him, poor as I am?
 If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
 If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
 Yet what I can I give Him: give my heart.

∿ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

Please stand for the Postcommunions.

Let us pray.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord: that we, who have received these holy mysteries, may at the intercession of thy blessed Martyr Stephen be defended by thy everlasting protection. Through.
 ☩ Amen.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech thee, almighty God: that like as thy Son, born this day the Saviour of the world, is the author of our heavenly birth; so he may likewise bestow on us the gift of everlasting life: Who liveth. ☩ Amen.

Dismissal

∿ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

(M.M. ♩ = 132.)



I- te,
 Dé- o

mís- sa est.
 grá- ti- as.

Blessing

Please kneel for the Blessing.

May Almighty God bless you, the Father the Son, ✠ and the Holy Ghost. ☩ Amen.

The Last Gospel

Please stand for the Last Gospel.

∿ The Lord be with you. ☩ And with thy spirit.

John 1, 1-14

✠ The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John. ☩ 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 anything 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 comprehended 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. *Here genuflect:* And the Word was made flesh, *Here rise:* and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. ℞ Thanks be to God.

The Angelus

℣ The Angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary. ℞ And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

℣ Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. ℞ Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

℣ Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. ℞ Be it unto me according to thy word.

℣ Hail Mary. ℞ Holy Mary.

℣ And the word was made flesh. ℞ And dwelt among us.

℣ Hail Mary. ℞ Holy Mary.

℣ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. ℞ That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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 unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. ℞ Amen.

New English Hymnal N° 23—Behold the great Creator

This endris nyght

Behold the great Creator makes
Himself a house of clay,
A robe of virgin flesh he takes
Which he will wear for ay.

2. Hark, hark, the wise eternal Word,
Like a weak infant cries!
In form of servant is the Lord,
And God in cradle lies.

3. This wonder struck the world amazed,
It shook the starry frame;
Squadrons of spirits stood and gazed,
Then down in troops they came.

4. Glad shepherds ran to view this sight;
A choir of angels sings,
And eastern sages with delight
Adore this King of kings.

5. Join then all hearts that are not stone,
And all our voices prove,
To celebrate this holy One,
The God of peace and love.

Organ—Carillon on ‘Orientis Partibus’

Arthur Wills

Parish Notes

Saturday, 1 January, Circumcision of the Lord, Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 11.00, and building will be closed the remainder of the day.

Anniversaries

- 26 December G. Harold Hozey, Birth
Samuel Charles Borden, Benefactor, RIP (1916)
Henry Clay Borden, Benefactor, RIP (1951)
- 27 December Ed Smith, Birth
Anna Irene Ramage, Benefactress, RIP (1959)
Elizabeth Jackson Baker, Benefactress, RIP (1966)
Faye Gage, RIP (2019)
- 28 December Frederick Spies Penfold, Priest & Curate, RIP (1926)
Thomas Barclay Prichett, Benefactor, RIP (1936)
Gilbert Ramsey Underhill, Priest & Curate, RIP (1937)
- 29 December William Hawks Longridge, SSJE, Priest & Curate, RIP (1930)
Sister Bernadine, SHN, RIP (1969)
William Elwell, Priest & Rector, RIP (1977)
William Stanley Mussleman, Priest, RIP (2016)
- 31 December Margaret Louise Benjamin, Benefactress, RIP (1941)
Lawrence Fisher, RIP (2014)
- 1 January Alice Richardson Miller, Benefactress, RIP (1949)

Kalendar

- 27 December S. JOHN, AP.EV.; *Of the Octave*
- 28 December SS. INNOCENTS, MM.; *Of the Octave*
- 29 December S. Thomas, B.M.; *Of the Octave*
- 30 December Of the Octave
- 31 December S. Silvester I, P.C.; *Of the Octave*
- 1 January CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD AND OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY
- 2 January MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS; *Octave Day of S. Stephen*