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We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY 28 - 12 -25
SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
THE END OF THE JUBILEE YEAR



This week: Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Mt 1:18-24
Next week: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14, Col 3:12-21, Mt 2:13-15,19-23



To find the meaning of today's feast we need to situate it in relationship to Christmas -within whose Octave it falls.

Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus, the birth of God in the flesh, the birth of God into the world.

But that new born was nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity within the holy family.

Now Christmas also celebrates that God is born within the heart of each one of us, takes flesh within each one of us.

And so today's feast of the holy family is a reminder that that newborn likewise has to be nurtured, nourished and brought to maturity:

the feast of the holy family is a day to recall our need to nurture, not neglect, the divine life within us and to give it space to grow and flourish. Fr Colin

HYMNS FOR THIS SUNDAY'S MASSES

ENTRANCE HYMN: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of Angels:

Refrain: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord

God from God, Light from Light,
here in the Virgin's womb, he deigns to lie;
Son of the Father, Begotten, not created: R.

Sing choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: R.

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to you be glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; R.

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: THE FIRST NOEL

The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winters night, that was so deep.

Ref: Noël, Noël, Noël, Noël, Born is the King of Israel!

When they look-ed up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. *Refrain*

This star drew nigh to the north-west
Over Bethlehem it came to rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay: *Refrain*

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
who made both heaven and earth of nought,
and with His blood all people bought: *Refrain*

COMMUNION: SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, Holy night, All is calm, all is bright.
Round the virgin mother and child
Holy infant so tender and mild.
Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Silent night, Holy night,
shepherds quake at the sight:
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Saviour is born.
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams your holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord at thy birth. Jesus, Lord at thy birth.

RECESSIONAL: JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world! The Lord has come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns;
Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders of His love.



NEW YEAR'S DAY: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

One of the special feast days of this Christmas Season is the greatest & the most ancient of the feasts of Mary – 1st January, **New Year's Day: (the solemnity of Mary as Mother of God)**. New Year's Day is the Octave Day of Christmas and celebrates Mary's role in our salvation: that it was through her acceptance of God's call and placing herself at the service of God that the Word was made flesh in and through her. As such this feast celebrates Mary as our model as she challenges us likewise to be 'mothers of God' bringing Jesus to birth in our world through our own lives.

There will be a combined Mass for the whole parish at 10am at Lindfield

GLORIA:

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup we proclaim
your death, O Lord, until you come again.

THE PSALM

Ps 127:1-5

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.



Indeed thus shall be blessed
those who fear the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, Alleluia. In the past
God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now
God speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK: THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS

- Mon.: 8:00am Killara (Fifth Day in the Octave)
- Tues: 8:00am Killara (Sixth Day in the Octave)
- Wed.: 10:00am Lindfield (Seventh Day in the Octave)
- Thurs. 10:00am Lindfield (see p.1)
- Fri.: 10:00am at Lindfield (*Memoria, Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen*)

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		27 Dec.	3 Jan.
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Stephen
Sunday		28 Dec.	4 Jan.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Colin	Chatswood priest
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Kelly	Chatswood priest
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Anselam	Fr Colin

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,

(all bow at the following words in bold):

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

'O come, O come, Emmanuel'.

Christmas and Hannukah see a resonance between the Jewish and the Christian soul: both pray for God's light to illumine our human darkness, both long in hope for salvation. 'O come Emmanuel'.

This year that cry is even more heart-wrenching as our Jewish sisters and brothers grieve the senseless death and injury of so many loved ones.

We may feel powerless to help, but there is one very powerful thing we can and must do - and that is to raise our voices each and every time we experience antisemitism; never to allow it pass by without taking a stand; and of course, ensuring that it finds no place in our own heart.



Fr Colin

*May light shine in the darkness
(Isaiah 60:1-3)*

CHRISTMAS OFFERING



Christmas Offering

Envelopes for this appeal are still on the pews. The Christmas Offerings are a vital supplement to the First Collection which provides for the priests of the parish & diocese.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is closed and will re-open on Tuesday 6th January for two days only (Tues. 6th and Wed. 7th). Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday 13th January.

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

聖家節 (慶日) 28.12.2025 中文主日彌撒正午 12 時

讀經一恭讀德訓篇 3:3-7,14-17 答唱詠 詠 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

讀經二恭讀聖保羅宗徒致哥羅森人書 3:12-21 福音前歡呼頌: 要叫基督的平安, 在你們心中作主; 要讓基督的話, 充分存在你們內

福音 恭讀聖瑪竇福音 2:13-15, 19-23

賢士們離去後, 看, 上主的天使托夢, 顯現於若瑟, 說: 「起來, 帶著嬰孩和他的母親, 逃往埃及, 住在那裡, 直到我再通知你, 因為黑落德即將尋找這嬰孩, 要把他殺掉。」若瑟便起來, 星夜帶著嬰孩和他的母親, 逃往埃及去。留在那裡, 直到黑落德死去。這就應驗了上主藉先知所說的話: 「我從埃及召回了我的兒子。」黑落德死後, 看, 上主的天使在埃及托夢, 顯現於若瑟, 說: 「起來, 帶著孩子和他的母親, 往以色列去, 因為那些謀殺孩子性命的人已經死了。」若瑟便起來, 帶著孩子和他的母親, 進入以色列地。但是, 若瑟一聽說阿爾赫勞繼承他父親黑落德, 作了猶太王, 就害怕到那裡去; 夢中得了指示後, 便退避到加里肋亞境內, 去住在一座名叫納匝肋的城裡。如此, 應驗了先知們所說的話: 「他將稱為納匝肋人。」——上主的話。

彌撒後. 請各教友參加午餐聚會**牧職修女 司徒金美修女 0419- 426899 **北區中心聯絡 Gloria Cheung 0416-118089