

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Year B

24 & 25 December 2025

NOTES:

- All rostered liturgical ministers need to **sign-in** (Readers, Senior Server, EMHC, and Musicians) in the foyer.
- **SC only:** After mass sign-in sheet for St. Cecilia needs to be put back in the basket.
- All Communion Ministers **to hand out parish bulletin for Christmas** at the end of the mass.
- We are looking for **volunteers to pass around the collection basket** during offertory with one Tap & Go machine in each basket (either 1st / 2nd collection machines).

ROSTER: Dec 24 & 25

	SK WED 7:30PM	SC WED 7:30PM	SK Thurs 7:30AM	SC Thurs 9AM	SK Thurs 9.30AM
Presider	Myk	Peter	Paul	Tan	Senan
Coordinator		Philippa		Pauline Maria	
Senior Server	Louise		Steve	Eva	Steve
EMHC	Elizabeth-Anne Anna	Philippa Gai	Anna Paul	Volunteer Needed x2	Kaye Adrianna
Readers	Leonie Sol	Brian Ailis	Olivier Jenny	Maria Pauline	Ann Leanne
Music	Parish Choir	Peter Tim	None	PPT with Audio	Joshua
Laptop		Boys Family			

CHRISTMAS NIGHT / December 24

WELCOME TO THE ASSEMBLY

Good evening, everyone. Merry Christmas! My name is _____, and I warmly welcome you to our celebration of the Eucharist on this Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – a night of joy and wonder as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

A special welcome to those who are visiting or joining us for the first time today. We are delighted to have you with us, and we hope you feel at home in our parish community.

Tonight, we rejoice in God's great gift of love, as the light of Christ shines upon the world. May this celebration fill our hearts with peace and draw us closer to Him and to one another.

Before we begin, we acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land and their enduring connection to its lands and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people in our community.

Here at North Harbour Parish we share in the Precious Blood of Christ at all our Masses. Let us approach it with deep reverence and a spirit of unity.

These guidelines, adapted from the Broken Bay Diocesan Liturgical Commission, will help us celebrate safely and prayerfully:

1. When coming forward for Communion, please form two lines in the centre aisle.
2. You are warmly invited to receive the Body of Christ either on the hand or on the tongue — whichever you find prayerful.
3. If someone chooses to kneel when receiving the Body of Christ, please allow a little extra space for safety and respect.
4. For those who are wheat-intolerant, low-in-gluten hosts are available. Please inform the priest or senior server before Mass.
5. For the Precious Blood, please remain standing when you receive from the chalice.
6. The Precious Blood will be offered from the chalice by drinking directly from it in a reverent manner. For reverence and safety, please do not dip or intinct the Body of Christ into the chalice.
- 7.

- **For St Kieran's** - After receiving the Body of Christ, proceed to the ministers of the Precious Blood, who are positioned to the side, and then return to your seat via the side aisles.
 - **For St Cecilia's** - After receiving the Body of Christ, proceed to the minister of the Precious Blood along the left side aisle in front of the ambo, and then return to your seat via the side aisle.
8. If you have not yet received First Communion, you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. The minister will pray silently for you.
 9. Communion for those who need assistance: Those who have mobility difficulties may remain seated. After the rest of the assembly has received Holy Communion, the ministers will come to you. Please raise your hand so that the minister may easily identify you.

As we begin our celebration, I now invite you to stand, warmly greet those around you, and join wholeheartedly in singing our Entrance Hymn.

(pause)

And now, let us welcome our presider for this Mass, Father _____.

Wed 7.30pm	Fr Myk
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Thurs 9am	Fr Tan
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CHRISTMAS DAY / December 25

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Today, we rejoice in the mystery of God made flesh, bringing light and hope to our world. May this celebration fill our hearts with peace and draw us closer to Him and to one another.

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PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

PRESIDER On this holy day, as we celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation—God becoming one of us in Jesus Christ—let us bring our prayers before our loving Father, trusting in His abiding presence in our lives and His desire for reconciliation and peace among all people.

RESPONSE **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the Church: That she may joyfully proclaim the mystery of the Word made flesh, and through her witness, draw all people to the love and mercy of God revealed in Jesus Christ. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For families: That all families may live in unity, forgiveness, and mutual care. May strained relationships be healed, and may all homes become places of peace, joy, and love in the light of Christ. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For those who are struggling in faith or life's journey: That those who feel distant from God, burdened by doubt, or weary in spirit may find comfort and renewal in the great mystery of the Incarnation—Emmanuel, God with us, walking beside them in their struggles and joys. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For all those in need this Christmas season: For the poor, the homeless, the lonely, and the sick, that they may experience the compassion of Christ through the generosity and care of others. **Lord, hear us.**

For peace and healing in our world: We pray for the victims of the recent tragedy at Bondi Beach, and all affected by violence. May those who have died rest in God's eternal peace, and may their families find comfort. **Lord, hear us! R.**

For all people of goodwill: That the joy of Christmas may inspire us to work together for a world where love, mercy, and kindness overcome hatred, division, and despair. May the message of the Incarnation remind us that God is with us, calling us to be instruments of His peace. **Lord, hear us.**

We remember those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur: **Virginia Mendoza, Zenaida Sinohin, Maria Polito, Antonio Gelonesi, Francesca Gelonesi,** Let us pray to the Lord! **R.**

PRESIDER Loving Father, on this day of great joy, you sent Your Son into the world as the Savior who brings light to the darkness and hope to the hopeless. Hear our prayers and help us to live as faithful witnesses to Your love, incarnating the spirit of Christmas in all we do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Closure

Our Parish Office is closed over the Christmas break. It will reopen on Tuesday, 6th of January at 9:00AM.

Family Masses, CLOW, etc

Please read our Christmas Mass Bulletin for information regarding Family Masses, Children's Liturgy, Youth Masses and our Junior Youth Group starting next year.

Christmas Greetings

The Augustinians and the Parish Team of The Catholic Community of North Harbour wish you a blessed Christmas as we celebrate God's greatest gift to us, his love and salvation through Christ.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT / December 24

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

A son is given to us.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.
For all the footgear of battle,
every cloak rolled in blood,
is burnt
and consumed by fire.
For there is a child born for us,
a son given to us
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;
and this is the name they give him:
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.
Wide is his dominion
in a peace that has no end,
for the throne of David
and for his royal power,
which he establishes and makes secure
in justice and integrity.
From this time onwards and for ever,
the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 11-13 R. Lk 2:11

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,

sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

2. Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. (R.)

4. With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. (R.)

Second Reading

[Titus 2:11-14](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed to all people.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

[Luke 2:10-11](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel

[Luke 2:1-14](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Today a saviour has been born for you.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRISTMAS DAY / December 25

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

How beautiful on the mountains,
are the feet of one who brings good news,
who heralds peace, brings happiness,
proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

(R.) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp,

with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name.

God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your father, or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A holy day has dawned upon us.
Come you nations and adore the Lord.
Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word:
the Word was with God
and the Word was God.
He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be,
not one thing had its being but through him.
All that came to be had life in him
and that life was the light of men,
a light that shines in the dark,
a light that darkness could not overpower.
A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.
He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.
He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

The Word was the true light
that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.
He was in the world
that had its being through him,
and the world did not know him.
He came to his own domain
and his own people did not accept him.
But to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him
who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.
The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

John appears as his witness, He proclaims:
'This is the one of whom I said:
He who comes after me
ranks before me
because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received –
yes, grace in return for grace,
since, though the Law was given through Moses,
grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ.
No one has ever seen God;
it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.