

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

SACRED HEART & OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR

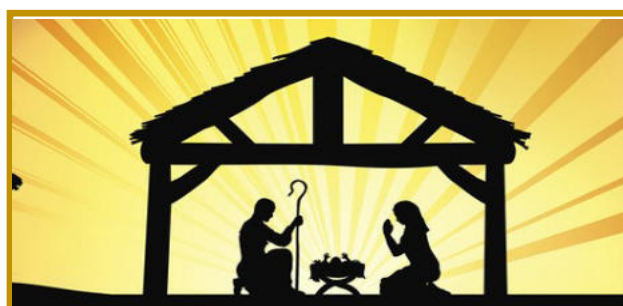
Building a Christ-centred community of Love and Mercy
 Pymble Parish is under the Pastoral care of the Salvatorian Fathers
CELEBRATING JUBILEE YEAR



Christmas Prayer

Let the just rejoice,
 for their justifier is born.
 Let the sick and infirm rejoice,
 For their saviour is born.
 Let the captives rejoice,
 For their Redeemer is born.
 Let slaves rejoice,
 for their Master is born.
 Let free men rejoice,
 For their Liberator is born.
 Let All Christians rejoice,
 For Jesus Christ is born.

St. Augustine of Hippo



Please join us in celebrating Christmas at our Churches. Our Mass times are as follows:

Christmas Eve **Wednesday, 24 December**

5pm at OLPS
 5pm at Sacred Heart
 9pm at Sacred Heart
 Midnight at Sacred Heart

Christmas Day **Thursday, 25 December**

7:45am at Sacred Heart
 9am at OLPS
 9:30am at Sacred Heart



Pope Leo XIV's
 official prayer
 intention for
 December

For Christians in Conflict

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

A warm welcome
to all our
Parishioners and
visitors who are
participating in
Mass with us this
Christmas.



Prayer for the Intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan

Lord Jesus Christ, Saviour of the world, you called Francis Mary of the Cross Jordan to be your apostle, to make God known and loved by all people everywhere, using all the means your love inspires. You filled him with universal apostolic zeal, with a deep trust in God's loving providence, with a profound spirit of prayer, with a sincere devotion to Mary, Mother of the Saviour, and with the courage to follow you, even into the mystery of the Cross.

Grant also to me the grace to proclaim the Gospel in this spirit, and make me an effective apostle in today's world.

Through the intercession of Blessed Francis Jordan, I pray to you for my special needs (include your personal intention). I make this prayer through you, my Saviour, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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Giving at the Parish									
The First Collection goes to the upkeep of the clergy, Salvatorian Regional Office and the Broken Bay Diocese sustentation funds.	 First Collection								
The Second Collection goes towards maintaining our Churches and the upkeep of the Parish, supporting the ministries of our Parish (including our Sacramental programs and Catechist work), helping us continue our good works.	 Second Collection								

Parish Primary Schools
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Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Principal: Jodi Jefferson Telephone: (02) 7256 2101 www.olpsdbb.catholic.edu.au



PYMBLE PARISH

2026 ROSTERS



We are currently preparing the 2026 Rosters.
We need your help to continue making our Parish vibrant and welcoming!

Current Volunteers
If you are currently on the 2025 roster and would like to continue in 2026, please let us know.

New Volunteers Welcome!
Interested in joining? We'd love to hear from you! There are many ways you can contribute:

- Readers
- Acolytes
- Altar Servers
- Altar Society
- Counters
- Children's Liturgy
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Music & Projector Team
- Welcome Ministers
- Wardens

How to Sign Up or Confirm

- Speak to one of our parish team members after Mass.
- Contact us via email at office@pymblecatholicparish.org.au
- Call the parish office at 02 9144 2702.

Let's work together to make 2026 a wonderful year for our Parish!



Yes, you can be a Catechist!

Are you looking for a new way to give back to the community? Have you thought about volunteering?

You may or may not be aware, but there is a shortage of volunteers instructing Catholic children in public schools in our local area. As baptised Catholics, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and one of the most rewarding ways to fulfil this call is to be part of the parish team of Catechists.

Classes run weekly for 30 minutes in both primary and secondary schools. If you would like more information, please email Rebecca@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ—newborn Saviour,

This holy season brings us once more to the quiet wonder of Bethlehem, where God enters our world not with power or noise, but with the gentle cry of a Child. In Jesus, the Word made flesh, we discover again that God is with us—Emmanuel—sharing our joys, carrying our burdens, and lighting our darkness with His peace.

As we gather in our beautiful churches and with family and friends, may Christ’s love fill your hearts. May His birth renew your hope, strengthen your faith, and inspire you to share His compassion with all you meet.

May Christ Child bless you this Christmas and throughout the coming year 2026.

With prayers and gratitude,
Fr Ireneusz

We wish you all a merry and blessed Christmas and joyful year ahead! You are in our prayers.



Parish Prayer Zone

Praying for others gets our focus off ourselves and onto the needs of those around us. As we “carry each other’s burdens,” we “will fulfil the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2). Praying for each other makes us stronger and helps us to grow our faith and Christian love.

Recently Deceased:

Diana Tam, Sandra Sinclair, Joe Pereira, John Clark, Ada Yu, Joe Pereira, Anthony Machedo, Graham Lynch, Gilbert Tomlinson, Kevin

Death Anniversaries:

Elizabeth Megawatu, Joe Dias, Joan Catherine Bernie, Bernardino Castillo, Frances Pettengill, Frieda Nassar, Rosario S. Ortiz, Serofin Peralta Jr, Melinda Ballat Magpayo, Leslie Cashman, Katherine Cashman, Peter Goh, Kwong Tsui Yu, Paula Freeman, Constance & Elwyn Glazier, Judith English, Alfonso Fuente-Marchat, Victor Hugo Aguilera, Justin Whitehorse

Prayers for the sick:

Daniel Fileman, Maria Witebsky, Tom Ryan, Jan Drobczyk, Janusz Czech, Elliot Leahy, Iris Garate-Marchant, Antonios Ghabach, Mrs Mary Sidaway, Pamela Seaman, Joseph Hendryjanto, Margaret Browne

Monthly prayer intention:

This month we pray that we may find new opportunities to serve those in need during Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Amen.

If you would like the names of your relatives to be included in the prayer list (anniversary of deaths, recently deceased, illnesses, wedding celebration or anniversaries, birthdays, etc.) please contact the Parish Office by midday each Wednesday. Remember that due to privacy policy, names of the sick can only be put on the bulletin with permission of the immediate family. This list will be updated every month and we would appreciate if we are advised of any updates. Thank you.

Serra Vocations Prayer Calendar-December 2025

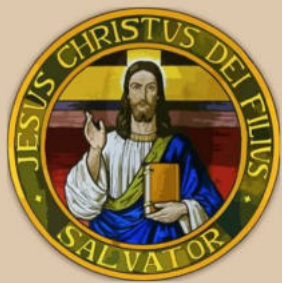
Please pray daily for all clergy using the prayer provided on the side. Additionally, say a prayer each day for the priests listed in the calendar below .

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 Fr Paul Finucane	2 Fr Paul Durkin	3 Fr Bogdan Skupien Fr Eliseus Shin	4 Fr Chima Ofor	5 Fr Marek Woldan	6 Fr Joshi Naduppura	7 Fr Philip Thottam MSFS
8 Fr Grzegorz (Greg) Skulski SDS	9 Fr Bronislaw (Bronek) Pietrusewicz SDS	10 Fr Ryszard (Richard) Sadowski SDS	11 Fr Zygmunt Smigowski SDS	12 Fr Bill Stevens	13 Fr Harry Kennedy	14 Fr Stephen Hamilton
15 Fr Rex Curry	16 Fr Jack Robson	17 Fr Stan Skibicki	18 Fr Robert Brogan	19 Fr Geoff Bugden	20 Sr Marea Ross rsj	21 Sr Josefa Mabini OSA Sr Jenifer Canillas OSA
22 Seminarians Shayne D’Cunha	23 Seminarians Matthew French Tan Nguyen	24 Seminarians Victor Atuhura Huy Tran	25 Fr Robert Crawford	26 Sr Ann Duncan rsj	27 Fr Carmelo Sciberas	28 Fr Jim Tierney
29 Fr Clem Hill	30 Fr Terry Johns	31 Sister Damian Lai				

DAILY PRAYER
FOR
VOCATIONS

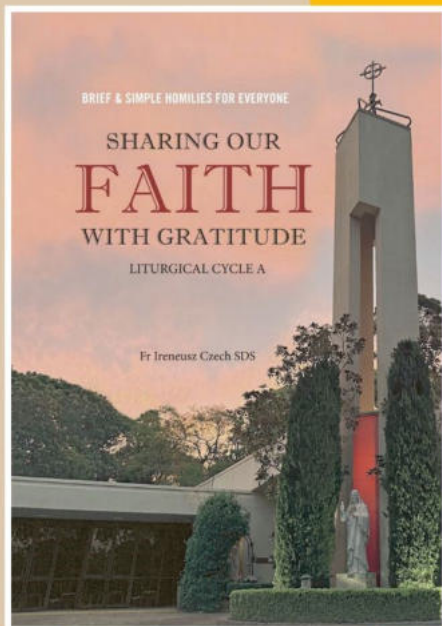
Heavenly Father, we praise You for Your goodness and thank You for Your gifts. Help us respond to and live out our mission in the Church. Assist all Your people to know their vocation in life and help them to prepare for it.

Call many to be priests, deacons and consecrated men and women for Your greater glory, and for the service of Your people. Give those whom You call the grace to respond generously and to persevere faithful.



Brief and Simple Homilies for Everyone Sharing Our Faith With Gratitude Liturgical Cycle A

By Ireneusz Czech SDS



*Dedicated
to the Salvatorian Priests
and to the Faithful of
Pymble Catholic Parish
in grateful recognition
of their devoted service
and cooperation
in building a Christ-centred
community of love and mercy
for the past twenty-five years*

A chapter for each Sunday
with the Gospel passage
followed by reflections
and meditations tailored
to that day's themes



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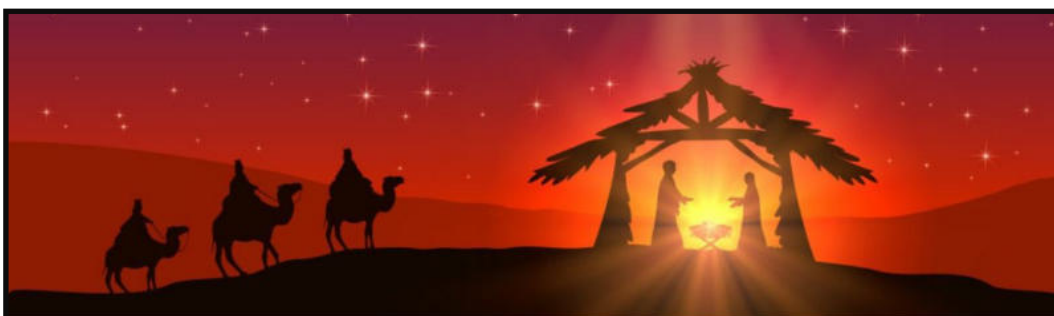
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Students with disabilities

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Christmas: Pymble Parish

Pymble Catholic Parish Christmas Events

Saturday, 22 and Sunday, 23 November
Advent Retreat Fr Sam Samuel
Introductory talk at all Masses

Monday, 24 to Friday, 28 November
Advent Retreat Fr Sam Samuel
9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart
Special homily and talk after Mass
7:00pm Talk then Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament and parish reconciliation

Thursday, 18 December
**Healing Mass and
Christmas Celebration for Seniors**
10:00am Mass Sacred Heart followed by
Morning Tea

Pymble Catholic Parish
Sacred Heart Church
2 Richard Porter Way Pymble NSW 2073
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
64 Kendall Street West Pymble NSW 2073



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Wednesday, 24 December
Christmas Eve
Sacred Heart
4:30pm Carols
5:00pm Family Mass
9:00pm Mass
11:30pm Carols
Midnight Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
4:30pm Carols
5:00pm Family Mass

Thursday, 25 December
Christmas Day
Sacred Heart
7:45am Christmas Mass
9:30am Christmas Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
9:00am Christmas Mass

Friday, 26 December
Boxing Day Mass
9:00am Sacred Heart

Thursday, 1 January
Solemnity, Mary Holy Mother of God
9:00am Sacred Heart

Leave a Legacy



A GIFT IN YOUR WILL — YOUR LEGACY

After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving
a Gift directly to your local Parish?

This is called a Legacy, Bequest of Gift in Will.

Over the years, many people who have left a special connection to their Faith
have left part of their estate to the Parish. Like a gift to a charity. a gift in your Will
to the Church ensures other members of our community receive the spiritual care
and guidance that has been so important to you and your family.

YOUR PARISH

Many parishes are in need of funding to restore buildings, improve facilities and
expand on services for the community. The pastoral outreach that has been
important to you will continue for our children, our grandchildren and future
generations of Catholics.

If you would like more information on Gifts in Wills, please contact Fr. Ireneusz.
Email: Fr.ireneusz@pymblecatholicparish.org.au

SAVE THE DATE



Cocktail Party



**SAT
07
FEB
2026**

OLPS Church
Following 5pm Mass



Pymble Catholic Parish

Christmas Break

Parish groups taking a break over the
Christmas New Year period will resume as below

Office: Thursday, 8 January 2026

RCIA: Monday, 19 January 2026

Charismatic Prayer Group: Tuesday, 3 February 2026

Men's Fellowship: Tuesday, 4 February 2026

Bible Study: Friday, 6 February 2026

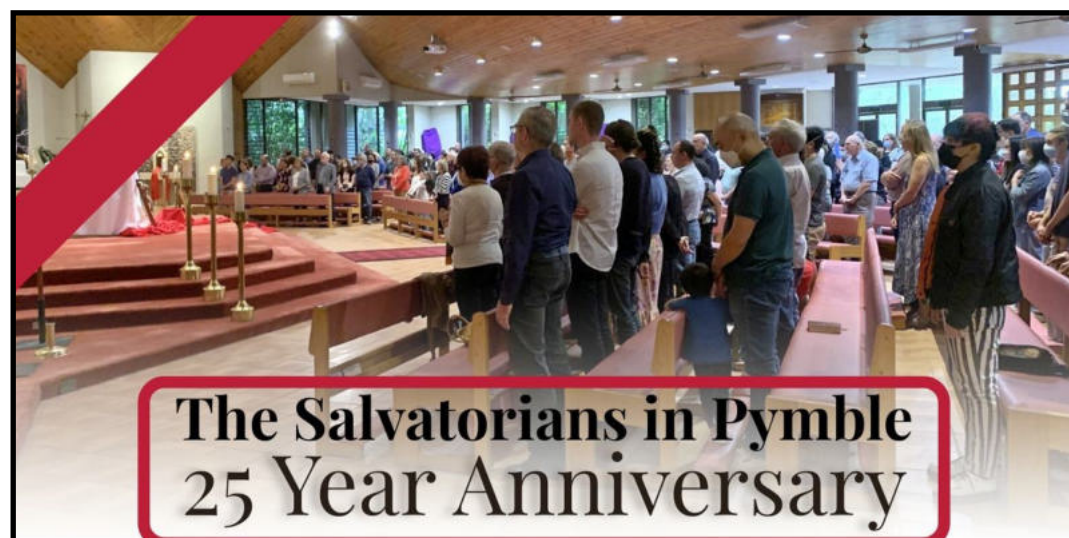
We wish everyone all the blessings of Christmas

Please inform the Parish Office if you have recently changed your address, phone number or email. For Parishioners who give via credit card, please let us know if your credit card has expired or if you have changed your card.
Thank you!

PYMBLE CATHOLIC PARISH

THANK YOU

A heartfelt thank you to all who have helped make our Christmas Masses so special this year—our readers, musicians, servers, Eucharistic ministers, and the many who work quietly behind the scenes. Your dedication and generosity add such a special touch to our celebrations.
Wishing each of you and your families a most blessed Christmas filled with peace, joy, and hope.



The Salvatorians in Pymble 25 Year Anniversary

Twenty five years ago, the Salvatorians arrived in Pymble. Over those 25 years, 13 Polish priests have served here living with us in Pymble. We all have memories of those times. We would like to capture some of those memories - photographs or brief comments on your time with our Salvatorians. The intention is that we will publish a short booklet containing a selection of these memories. **Can you help?**

If you have memorable photographs, or brief stories of your contact with the Salvatorians that you would like to share, then please pass them on to the Parish office.



Please submit electronic material via the link below. Photographs should be JPG or PNG files, and written material should be TXT or Microsoft Word files. Not all submissions will be able to be published.



For further information, please contact the Parish office.

Please send submissions via: tinyurl.com/mr4x5e9r

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Liturgy of the Word

The Nativity of the Lord (Midnight Mass)

Year A

Entrance Antiphon

*The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.*

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.

Responsorial Psalm

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

- O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)
- Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- 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.)
- 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.

Gospel Acclamation

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.'

Background on the Gospel Reading

During the Christmas season, our liturgy invites
us to consider the birth of the Lord from many
vantage points. As we begin this season, it is
useful to remember that the stories of Jesus'
birth and childhood are found in only two of
our Gospels, Matthew and Luke. Throughout
this season, we will hear stories from both
Gospels. Those Gospels tell different but
complementary stories about Jesus' birth,
highlighting items of theological importance
about the Incarnation and the salvation that
Jesus brings.

On this day, the Feast of Christmas, we are
given the details of Christ's birth as found in the
Gospel of Luke. Here we learn about the census
that brings Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to
Bethlehem, where Jesus is born. We also hear
about the angel's announcement of this good
news to the shepherds. In these details, we find
two of Luke's particular concerns: (1) to locate
the coming of Christ in the wider framework of
salvation history as good news for all people,
Gentiles and Jews, and (2) to show the Lord's
favour upon the poor and lowly.

In Luke's Gospel, Jesus is born as one of the
poor. Laid in a manger in a stable, because
there was no room at the inn, he comes into
the world through obscure and surprising
means. Yet, as the angel proclaims this good
news to the shepherds, this infant is
announced as the Messiah and Lord. In the
song of the angels, all are invited to give glory
to God for this miraculous birth, in which God
comes to share our humanity.

The angels sing that Jesus' coming brings
peace. Yet there is little in the details of this
Gospel that gives evidence of peace. Jesus is
born as a traveller away from home, born in a
stable in a crowded city under the occupation
of foreigners. The appearance of the angel to
the shepherds frightens them. When the angels
proclaim Jesus' birth as the harbinger of
"peace on earth," the evangelist Luke clearly
wants us to take the long view. The shepherds
are invited to claim a faith that will enable them
to see this infant as a sign God's promise of a
messiah. It is through such faith that one finds
the peace of which the angels sing.

*Pray together for people in today's world who
may experience circumstances like those found
in the story of Jesus' birth. Pray for those who
are far from home, those who live in fear, those
who live in need.*

*Sing together one or more Christmas hymns,
such as "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" or
"Angels We Have Heard on High."*



Liturgy of the Word

The Nativity of the Lord (25 Dec: 7:45, 9 and 9:30 am)

Year A

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us;
his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

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

Responsorial Psalm

(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.

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 1:1-5. 9-14
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.
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.

Background on the Gospel Reading

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out is John's use of the expression, “Word of God.” This expression (logos in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. In Jewish thought, this phrase describes God taking action—for example, in the Creation story and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek, or Hellenistic, thought, the logos was understood

as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the trinitarian faith of Christians, the word Logos came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel are introduced. These themes are presented as dualities: light/darkness, truth/falsehood, life/death, and belief/unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel—the motif of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify about Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witnesses to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will themselves testify to his identity with God as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms seems particularly appropriate as we celebrate the feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

John's Gospel reminds us that the image we see in our Nativity set is a most remarkable sight: God made himself at home with us by taking on flesh and becoming a human person. We call this mystery the Incarnation. What are some of the things that John's Gospel says happened for us because Jesus came to dwell among us? (Light overcame darkness; we see God's glory in Jesus; we became children of God.) Together thank God for this mystery of the Incarnation and the salvation that we received because Jesus was born among us.

Sing together a Christmas hymn, such as “O Come, All Ye Faithful” or “Silent Night.”

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