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To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community

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The Nativity of the Lord

25th December 2022



Today we celebrate one of the most joyful events of the Church—Christmas. It is a story unlike other stories is based on historical event which took place more than 2000 years ago in little village called Bethlehem

Christmas is the Feast of God's sending us a Saviour: God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as True God and true man to save us from the bondage of sin. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life". **Christmas is the Feast of God's sharing His love with us:** Jesus, as our Saviour, brought the "Good News" that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful, rewarding God. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian privilege and duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives. **Christmas is the Feast of the Emmanuel (God living with us and within us):** Christmas is the feast of the Emmanuel because God continues to live with us in all the events of our lives as the "Emmanuel" announced by the angel to Mary. Jesus lives in us as Emmanuel in the Sacraments (especially in the Holy Eucharist), in the Bible, in the praying community, and in each believer. Sharing with others Jesus, the Emmanuel living within us, is the best Christmas gift we can give, or receive, today. Happy Christmas dear friends.

Fr Tomy

Please pray for those who have died and those who are sick

Recently Deceased

Helen Turner, Paul Head, Beau Rutherford, Andrew Speight, Jim Guest

Anniversaries

John Ledger, Glen O'Connor, Guiseppe Nocera, Denis Newey

Remembrances

Peggy O'Neill, Clare Goodall, Anselmo Paulita, Enrico, Arturo, Zenaida, Pio Edwin, Elma, Juan Anselmo, Temotea, Pantaleon, Romualda, Hermigildo, Benjamin Gertrudis Fedil, Esther, Vilma, Rose & Rowe Families, Johnston Family, Carol Brown, Moore & Langley families, Valmai Joseph Stark Family

Please Pray for the Sick

Vaughn Haynes, Sandra Curry, Mary Cefai, Donald Lewis, Kim Thomas, Mrs J Bowering, Margaret Brett, Allen Venneri, Gary Poppett, Jenna Stoffel, Jeff Moir, Joshua Booth, Miklos Beothy, Ken Scales, Pat Corby, Kevin & Helen Turner, Maureen Dries, Pat Glennen, Mary Smith, Sabu Kuruvelil, Yvonne Sutton, Liz Kelman, Lailane Bugaoisan, Teresa Jan, Michael Durken, Olive Haslam, Colin Fowler, Joy Rearden, Sr Tincy, Joyce Burns, Diane Booth, Rhondha Rey, Ann Buckman, David Vella, Ann Rigney, Margaret Jones, Margaret Moran, Faye Roberts, Noel McCool



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm Fr Tomy
Sunday: 7:30am Fr Tomy
9:00am Fr Tomy
6:00pm (no evening Mass)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Fr Baby
Sunday: 8:00am Fr Baby

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday - Wednesday 9:00 am
Thursday 9:00 am (Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)
Friday 9:15am (Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick
11:00am

Saturday 9:00 am (Mass devoted to Mother Mary)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am (1st Wed of the month
Anointing of Sick)

Thursday 9:00am

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 9:30am—10:00am
(by appointment at other times)

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

8:20 am Monday to Saturday

First Friday Night Vigil

Exposition after 7pm Mass until 1.30am

Children's Liturgy

St Mary's: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9am (excluding
School Holidays)

St Brendan's: Saturdays 5pm (most weeks)



Welcome to our Parish. Today we celebrate the **Nativity of the Lord**. Thank you for being here to celebrate this special occasion. We welcome all visitors to our area and our Parishioners.

Christmas Mass times

A reminder that there is no evening Mass at St Mary's this Sunday, Christmas Day.

Parish Christmas Carols

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Christmas Carols on Tuesday evening. Our voices united to give glory to God as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

St Mary's Church Carpet

After much thought and consultation, we have decided to re-carpet St Mary's church. We have chosen a very experienced supplier/installer and we hope to have the new carpet laid in the new year. The total price is considerable so we thought we'd invite Parishioners to 'sponsor a square metre' to help with the cost. The cost per square metre is \$93. There are envelopes available at the church doors for anyone who would like to contribute. Thank you in advance.

Parish Office News

As previously advised, the Parish office will be closed on Friday 23rd December and will re-open on Tuesday 3rd January. The office will be open every day 9am-2pm from 3rd January until and including 17th January, but will then be closed from 18th-27th January, re-opening on Monday 30th January. Please contact the priests for any urgent enquiries when the office is closed.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Vinnies Christmas appeal. Your contributions through envelopes, gift cards or food will make Christmas happier and brighter for many families in need.

Christmas Nativity Reenactments

We thank the children and families who are involved in the Nativity Reenactment at both churches. Thank you also to those who prepared and rehearsed with the children.

CFIC Appeal

Thank you to our generous parish community for your contribution to our CFIC Appeal earlier this month. Your contributions raised \$4146.50 which will support the charitable activities of the CFIC.

Welcome Sarah-Jane and Farewell Alicia

This week we welcomed our new Parish Secretary, Sarah-Jane Rosen, to the Parish Office. Sarah-Jane will officially start in January, please make her feel welcome. We also farewell Alicia Klein from the Parish Office, Alicia will resume her role with the CCD Office in January.

Wedding Anniversary

Best wishes to David & Gail Mainwaring on their 57th Wedding Anniversary on 18th December. Congratulations.



Fr Baby holidays

Fr Baby will be taking a well-deserved break from 9th January until early February. We wish him safe travels and we hope he enjoys this special time with his family.

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Christmas Vigil Mass

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

The Lord takes delight in you.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.' **R.**

Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David.

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:

the Saviour of the world will be our king.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25 (shorter form)

Mary will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Christmas Day Mass

First Reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

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. All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R.**

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.**

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.**

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

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 every-

thing 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 (shorter form)

John 1:1-5, 9-14

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.