

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 52:7-10

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.

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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews Heb1:1-6

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.

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!

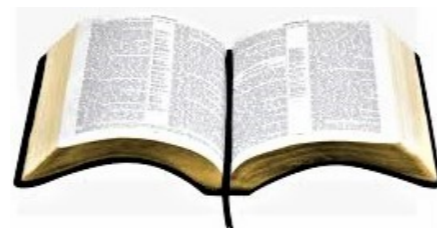
Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John Jn 1:1-5,9-14

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.



Next Week's readings

1st Reading Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

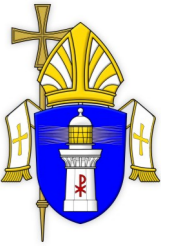
2nd Reading Col 3:12-21

Gospel Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Nativity of the Lord Year A 25th December 2019



Today we celebrate Christmas, or the birth of Jesus, in all its solemnity. We are celebrating the fulfillment of the prophecies about our merciful God who sent His own Son to save a sinful world.

The message of Christmas is that we can truly find Jesus if we look in the right places — in the streets, in slums, in asylums, in orphanages, in nursing homes — starting in our own homes, workplaces and town.

We, too, can experience Jesus by sharing Him with others, just as God shared His Son with us. Let us remember that the angels wished peace on earth only to those able to receive that peace, those who possessed the good will and sincerity of heart to share Jesus our Saviour with others in love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness and humble service. The real meaning of Christmas actually is Emmanuel, God-with-us — God coming down to us; God seeking us out; God coming alongside us; God revealing Himself to us; God bringing us forgiveness, healing, comfort, moral strength, and guidance -- God dwelling within us.

Each one of us has, deep down in our soul, an incredible hunger: a hunger for purpose and meaning; a hunger to feel and celebrate the redeeming, forgiving, sustaining love of God; a hunger to be in the presence of God. Christmas is special because it reminds us concretely that God is, indeed, with us. In every circumstance of life, even when we are frightened or lonely or in sorrow, God is with us. So, let's go home to the heart of Christmas and embrace Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour.

Fr Tomy

"MERRYCHRISTMAS"
"MAY THE EMMANUEL BORN IN
BETHLEHEM BLESS YOU!"

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am
Tuesday 7:45am
Wednesday 7:45am
Thursday 7:45am
St Stephen
(Ordinate 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 7:45am St John Apostle

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am St Stephen

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

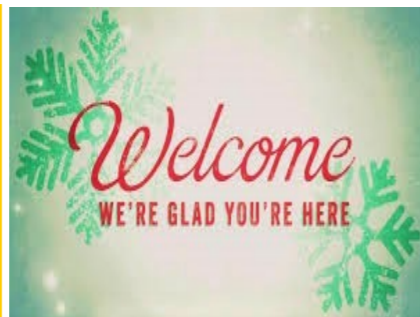
Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners, and those visitors enjoying the beautiful Central Coast on holidays, who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist at this time. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family. Please feel free to make yourself known to us, and we look forward to speaking with you.

New Year's Day— Solemnity Mary Holy Mother of God

St Mary's Toukley 9:00am
St Brendan's Lake Munmorah 9:00am

A Booklet for January

A small booklet is available at the front of St Mary's Church and St Brendan's Mass Centre, especially for visitors, giving Mass times for New Year and during January.

Parish Office Hours for January

The Parish Office will be closed from 4pm 24th December until 9am Friday 3rd January 2020. During January, the office will be open Mon, Wed & Fri between 9am and 2,30pm

Feast of Sto Nino (Holy Child)

Wyong Parish invites all parishioners to this Celebration of Faith to be held at St John Fisher Mass Centre, Hicks Lane, Tumbi Umbi, on Sunday 19th January starting at 11am.

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased

Maria Upton, Sosefo Lato (New Zealand), Joseph Costa, Anthony Abdilla

Anniversaries

Lorna Simms, Denis Newey

Remembrance

Carol Brown, Valmai Joseph, Douglas Black, Adelaide, Eileen & Leslie Smith, Moore, Langley & Stark Families & Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick

Elizabeth Hollis, Doris & Toni Temlett, Eileen O'Kane, Vicki Buttell, 4 year old Ethan, Brendon Andrews, Brett Harkins, John Daniel, Shanon Bradler, Daisy Realo, Ron McDonough, Brian Torrington, Teresa Wegrzyn, Maureen Baxter, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Brenda Durley, Jeff Henshaw, Len O'Shea, Ray Slucher, Mary Mahony, Michael Wiggin, Koby Bourke, Lina Phillips, Vanessa Miller, Alexis Hagen, Francis Lim, Tony Thomas Hodges, Eleanor Matthews, Wendy Lott, Arne Jensen, Fred Butterfield, Betty Carroll, Leanne Knight, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersall.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

VIGIL AND MIDNIGHT

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 9:1-7

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3, 11-13)

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 R.

at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth.

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

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus
Tit 2:11-14

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.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 2:1-14

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 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.

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