



THE SAVING WORD

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / B

25 DECEMBER 2023

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

FIRST READING Isa 9:1-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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 footwear 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.

RESP PS 95:1-3, 11-13 R. v. 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 Tit 2:11-14
A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

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 Lk 2:10-11
Alleluia, alleluia! / Good News and great joy to all the world! /

today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. / Alleluia.

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

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.



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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 24 December - CHRISTMAS EVE

7pm Vigil Mass for Vitoria Susovic (RIP)
9pm Night Mass for Mass for the People + Tonko & Kata Siketa (RIP)

Monday 25 December - CHRISTMAS DAY

9am Mass for Mass for the People + Francesco Garcia Jnr (RIP Birthday) + Nina & Angelo Bertone (RIP) + Martina & Felipe Nadela (RIP Anniversary)
7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group **Resumes 5-2-24**

Tuesday 26 December – St Stephen

9am Mass for Yagoda Milos (Intentions) + Kruno Skatulja (RIP) + Milojka Gavranich (RIP Anniversary)

Wednesday 27 December – St John

9am Mass for Yagoda Milos (Intentions)
5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 28 December – The Holy Innocents

9am Mass for Ester Enerlan (RIP Birthday)
9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers



Friday 29 December – St Thomas Becket

9am Mass for Sacred Heart of Jesus & Immaculate Heart of Mary Honour
9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration
10.30am Mass at Hilton Park Aged Care



Saturday 30 December

9am Mass for Edward, Jason & Rebecca De Sousa (Intentions)

31 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday 6pm Mass for Joe & Leonor (Intentions)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Deceased Members Urbano Family

Sunday 9am Mass for Antonio & Cecilia Coelho (RIP)



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, we extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and ask that you introduce yourself to Fr Michael.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Augustine, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Fr Wayne Davis, Peter Scanlan ...



2024 SACRAMENT DATES

TBC



RECONCILIATION

Saturday
 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm
 Or by appointment.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

31 December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3

2nd: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON - Christmas Vigil: Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON - Christmas Vigil: The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON - Christmas Day: 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON - Christmas Day: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



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CHRISTMAS 24 December	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLTYE
7pm Mass	Loretta Masnada	Michael Muller	Joe De Ornelas Frank Cooper
9pm Mass	Franca Kalat	Toni Kalat	Simon Overton
9am Mass	Vicky Rafala	Jason Rozario	Gerry Miller



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: To ALL Parishioners present and past, and friends of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, I sincerely thank you all for your warm welcome, and support thus far. I acknowledge that it has not been an easy year. For many there have been personal losses, disappointments and bereavements. Nevertheless, you have persevered in faith and continued to “shine” and witness to Christ showing Him to the world. He is truly present with us. For all those who have generously contributed to the life of the parish, in all manner and kind, THANK YOU! I extend to you and all your family members and your friends my very best wishes and pray that God will continue to bless, guide, and protect you. Peace, joy, hope be yours and good health throughout the New Year. **Fr Michael.**

REFLECTION – God Has A Name: At this time of festival, it is not uncommon to hear the performance of the wonderful oratorio work by George Frederic Handel, “Messiah”. A commentary drawn from both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible announcing prophecy and fulfilment, suffering and Redemption spoken through the prophets. One such chosen text in the work put to voice is from the prophet Isaiah (9:6-7) “And what name will be given Him, to this Messiah? “Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God Eternal-Father, Prince of Peace.” And so today what does this mean for us? As you know for the Hebrews a name was very important. Knowing someone’s name implied that you knew everything there was to know about the other and therefore not only was the other vulnerable before you but in fact you held a certain power over that person. So important was it that you could never ask another their name. you had to wait until you were told. It was an enormous act of trust. Furthermore, the name embodied the person’s character as well. There was a tribe in Africa and maybe what I say still holds, that a child was never given a name until they were about 12 years of age because by then the tribe had determined what certain person he or she was and then they were given a name that fitted. In the letter of St John, we read that God has a name and it is LOVE. Beneath that there are some subsections filling out if you will God’s character. For instance, there is mercy, another name for love. Beneath that, there are other subsections, kindness, compassion, empathy, understanding, tenderness, fidelity, forgiveness. Beneath that there is another subsection as well, but all find a place in God. Patience, forbearance, sympathy, thoughtfulness, politeness, gratitude, and so the list goes on. It is a wonderful thing when we see all these attributes expressed as they are in all manner of people and situations and are able to say “God that was you. I saw you. I saw you in the smile which the old man gave to that old lady. I saw you in the patience of that woman in the supermarket. I saw you in the apology I just got. It was you. It was you God, and you have a name and you told me who you are. You made yourself vulnerable to me. Look around and it wouldn’t be any louder and his name is Love. I’ll let you in on a secret. God has a name for love too and it is your name. And there are subsections as well. Kindness, compassion, empathy, understanding, tenderness, fidelity, forgiveness, all the reasons and occasions when God comes into your life and mine. Every one of those times allows God to love you. Always allow God to call you your name. Tenderness for God means when the times He did not point out to you when you hurt Him but rather looked at what was going on in your life and showered you with His love. Tenderness goes by your name too. Furthermore, as you have heard we have no need to fear our sin, no matter how grave our weakness, our vulnerabilities, no matter how bad they seem to us, they are all subsections in whom we are and for God simply subsections in our name which for God is love. I pray as today we celebrate the birth of Christ our Saviour that we not only see the Christ child as a promise of hope but also see His presence and nature of Him in each other and by the gift of the name we have been given by God.



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MASS DURING THE DAY

FIRST READING Isa 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet
Isaiah

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.

RESP 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 Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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 Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.

**MAY THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOUR
BRING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES
HOPE, PEACE AND JOY.**