



THE SAVING WORD

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / C

MASS DURING THE NIGHT / DAWN MASS

25 DECEMBER 2024

CHRISTMAS VIGIL

6PM & 9PM TUESDAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 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 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 forever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

95:1-3, 11-13 Rv Luke 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, 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

Luke 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



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REFLECTION: The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Time. On your knees.

A memory came back to me the other week of a long, long time ago. It was a memory of my father. This was long before I became a priest. We lived on a property to which the land was turned to growing and harvesting vegetables for market. For some reason which I cannot remember Mum had to be absent from the family home for a number of days. (When I asked why, the reply I received was that she had to attend to some very secret things!) It was the end of the day and Dad had sent me off to have my bath and upon my return I crawled into bed. My father followed and had gone to have his bath, and he came back to the bedroom. Again, for reasons I cannot now remember I sort of pretended that I was asleep when I wasn't. Dad came in and I sensed he was coming to where I lay but I closed my eyes, and he clearly thought I was asleep. Then as he turned his back, I opened my eyes and saw him go over to the spare bed that was also in the room. Then I saw my father who was a big man (Well, all fathers look big when you are a child!), with wavy peppered coloured locks of hair, I saw him kneel down to say his

prayers. This big man who worked from sunrise to the early hours of the evening, who had the responsibility of the cultivation of a large property of fertile land, was down on his knees talking to God before he went to sleep. That memory stayed with me because among other things it does epitomise the foundation of God's love that was given through my father, through the humility of his life with God. I wonder how many of you parents reading this realise the simple attitudes that you display, the simple acts of prayerfulness, the simple acts of relating to God. Do you realise how much of an impact you really have? Perhaps your children will never really tell you anything about that. Perhaps as I said your children never say anything but trust me as you well know they're in these and they have the power to teach long after you have gone. Then you are really giving your children what counts. As we kneel before the nativity scene, the crib, celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus, our Saviour, so long ago or as we gaze and set our sight upon the crucifix let us remember the love that our Eternal heavenly Father has for us and the humility of His only begotten Son Jesus the Christ. We

may not often speak of Him or acknowledge Him as we should, but He has given us what really counts. Let's not hold back the unspoken memory of Him but live and acclaim Him.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: To All parishioners, present, past and friends of the Parish of Mount Carmel, I sincerely thank you all for your generosity and support of your parish throughout the past year. I acknowledge that it has not been an easy year. For many there have been personal losses and sadly 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 to 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 and Hope be yours and good Health throughout the New Year. **Fr Michael.**



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| <p>MASS TIMES WEEKDAYS: Tuesday 9am, Wednesday 9am, Thursday 9am, Friday 9am & Saturday 9am.</p> |
| <p>RECONCILIATION - Saturday’s: 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm or by appointment.</p> |
| <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5.30 – 6.30pm & Friday 9.30 – 10.30am.</p> |

HOLY TRINITY CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP: Prayer group is in recess until Monday 3-2-2025.

HOLY HOUR: NO Holy Hour 5.30 – 6.30pm on Wednesday 25-12-2025.

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.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are Baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved.

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS: Christine Rhow, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Edward Fortune, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Anibal Da Cunha, Peter Scanlan, June McGinnity, John Brackovich, Alison, Sofia, Rebecca, Fr Francis Sundararajan, Fr Greg Carroll, Bill Watkins, Daniel DiMarco, Joshua Oorschot, Fr John Piumatti, Mila Hogan, Mara Ravlich, Fr Vittorio Ricciardi, Lloyd Smith, Tegan Colgan, Patrick O’Brien, Archbishop Emeritus Barry Hickey, Fr Jean Fernandez, Fr Benedict Quadros, Fr John Hogan, Alessia Saraceni, Anthony Lopez, Fr Richard Rutkauskas, Fr Peter Meo.

COVID: Parishioners, please be aware that Covid Virus has struck our worshipping community. Please exercise the given precautions if you are unwell, please remain at home until you recover. We are all called to be caring of each other. Thank you. Fr Michael.

MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 21 December to Saturday 28 December 2024
Saturday 21 December
9am Mass: Adrian Gavranich (Ann)
6pm Mass: Frances Minervini (Ann)
Sunday 22 December
7.30am Mass: Mass for The People
9am Mass: Maria Tomasia Fernandes (RIP & Birthday)
Tuesday 24 December – Christmas Eve
9am NO Mass
6pm Mass: Mass for The People
9pm Mass: Mass for The People
Wednesday 25 December – Christmas Day
7.30am Mass: Mass for The People
9am Mass: Mass for The People
Thursday 26 December
9am Mass: Stjepan Skatulja (RIP), Milojka Gavranich (Ann)
Friday 27 December
9am Mass: Martina Nadela (Ann)
Saturday 28 December
9am NO Mass
10am Funeral: Fremantle West Chapel



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.

CHRISTMAS DAY

7.30AM & 9AM WEDNESDAY

FIRST READING

Isaiah 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

97:1-6, Rv 3

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

1. Sing a new son 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

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

John 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 work 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.