

CURRENT PARISH NEWS
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CHRISTMAS DAY
'THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD'



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ALL ENQUIRIES RE BOOKING BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS & SACRAMENT OF PENANCE PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE.

NEXT BAPTISM ENROLMENT TALK SUN FEB 7, 2020 AT 4PM IN PARISH HALL.

NO APPT NECESSARY!

Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;

Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am

Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;

Tues & Fri ~ 9am

Public Holidays ~ 9am



MASS TIMES

Thank You ...to all who support Regina Caeli in any way, be it practically or financially. All assistance is valued & important. For new practical helpers contact p/office. For financial support facilities please contact office or you may also deposit online: BSB 064 786 A/c: 006171102 (Please incl ref) or Parish Giving app available now & supports our parish [downloadable to phone]



'Passing the plate' is prohibited at the moment, hence,

envelopes have been provided & "gifting" boxes are located at all doors if you are wishing to support parish financially.

<http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

Click on links for resources & articles:

Archdiocese of Brisbane:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>

Webcast : www.archbne.org/bzw

Regina Caeli Parish will deliver newsletters

to those who may find themselves isolated and/or unable to visit parish itself. Contact us for an email copy or hardcopy delivery to home.

Newsletter



A Christmas message...

Our Gospel for Christmas midnight is Luke's account of the birth of Jesus in the stable. It is simply a statement of fact 'the time had come for her to have her child. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes & laid him in a manger because there was no room at the Inn.'

Luke then turns his attention to the surrounds of the stable: "taking in turns to watch their flocks." The shepherds are not considered important because of their association with their charges. There was a life of struggle and poverty and fear. It is to the shepherds in their daily life that God chooses to reveal his Son. It is the same in our busy uncertain life that God, once again, makes the offer of his love. Like the shepherds, we have not earned the offer he makes to us but like them we respond in praise of that same God who chose Mary & Joseph to be the instrument to make our salvation possible with the birth of one like us in all things but sin. In faith & love we celebrate again the birth of our salvation.

Merry Christmas!

Fr John Garrahy

Christmas Mass Times

Thurs ~ Christmas Eve

6pm Carols, Mass 6.30pm

Fri ~ Christmas Day

6.30am, 8.30am only

New Year's Day

Fri 9am



At this time of year we especially remember all who are unwell, face challenges & personal tragedy, those whom their safety is & has been threatened, those in need, lonely, be it at home or abroad. We pray that the year that was, shows greater promise in 2021. We pray for a safe passage through this very uncertain time & for all us here today. We pray for those God has already taken into his care. Amen.



The 'New Norm'

◆ Sanitise your hands

◆ Social Distancing (1p or family / 2m²)

◆ Sanitise your space with wipes on exit

◆ Stay home if unwell

◆ Sign of Peace only spoken greeting

◆ No plate passing - Donation envelopes on seats' Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations

◆ Take newsletter home with you,

◆ No Hymn books

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Most amazing gift of all



25 December 2020 Christmas Year B

Christmas is surely the most loved time of the year for billions of people across the world; be they Christian believers or not, it is a time of feasting and a time of gift-giving. In our gift-giving we commemorate the greatest gift of all, an astonishing gift that is almost too great to believe.

For we Christians believe that God, in the person of Jesus Christ, became human, fully human, one like us in all things but sin. And like all of us, he began his human life as a baby.

Seeing a new baby always prompts me to ponder how truly extraordinary it is that God became a baby – helpless, vulnerable and, like all babies, totally dependent on its carers.

I think of Mary and Joseph, full of joy and wonder, bursting with love, beholding the baby Jesus. I can imagine Joseph, full of faith and love, tenderly caressing the child, and Mary lovingly nursing the babe, pondering all these things in her heart. When serving as a Holy Communion volunteer in a hospital, my greatest delight was to find among my list of patients to be visited those who were in the maternity ward. It was such a great privilege and pleasure to visit those parents and to share their joy in the arrival of their child into the world.

I would find the baby there with them, often just a few hours old. It was like Christmas

every time! Such a joy! I would marvel to see the parents, utterly besotted, literally falling in love with the baby before my very eyes. In their presence, there was always a palpable sense of awe, of mystery, and of wonder. We would then pray together a prayer of blessing over the babe. The parents would often shed a tear or two. Our prayer would be full of gratitude for this new life and full of hope for all that this babe would experience in life. How very much parents want the very best for their child.

But how much more, how very much more, more than we can hardly dare to believe, does God lovingly look upon us! And how much more does God want for each one of us to be happy, to live life to the full, to develop our gifts and talents and achieve our potential, to be loved and to be loving, and to know how greatly we are loved and treasured by God.

All this we celebrate on this great feast: the mystery of creation, the mystery of life itself, and the greatest mystery of all – that God became human, shared fully in our humanity, and all this for love of us, that we might live forevermore as children of God. As an early mystic encapsulated it: He became human that we might become divine. This is the greatest gift of all that we celebrate at Christmas.

Anne Hunt

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VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 88)

ANTIPHON: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

RESPONSE: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

LECTOR: "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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: "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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

READINGS Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25

MIDNIGHT MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day. **(Or)**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 95)

ANTIPHON: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

RESPONSE: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

LECTOR: O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

LECTOR: Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

READINGS Isaiah 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

DAWN MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 96)

ANTIPHON: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

RESPONSE: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

LECTOR: The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R.**

LECTOR: Light shines forth for the just and joy for the upright of heart. Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; give glory to his holy name. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Rejoice, O Daughter Sion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

READINGS Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 97)

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

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

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

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

READINGS Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18