

Feast of the Nativity
25 December 2021
Readings for daytime Masses on Christmas Day

First reading

Isaiah 52:7-10

The Lord says this:

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
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

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.

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

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.

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

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

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

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.

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

Second reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

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
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A hallowed day has dawned upon us.
Come, you nations, worship the Lord,
for today a great light has shone down upon the earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:1-5,9-14

In the beginning was the Word:
and 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Next Healing Mass:

3 February 2022

Devotional Practices:

**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday
(English)

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

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The Holy family

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sacred Heart Family,

Christmas is a very special time to gather together as a Family. We celebrate again
the coming of our Saviour and Redeemer, Jesus Christ, born into the family of Mary
and Joseph, and through them into the family of all humankind. We gather together
to celebrate God’s presence in our midst in the love and care shared within our
families, in the companionship, kindness, care and compassion we have received and
channel to others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

In a family we do not choose one another. We accept and we get to love each other.
Our Sacred Heart Family is a very special one, made up of sisters and brothers, old
and young, coming from different lands and nations. In such a family we come to
know, accept and love one another respecting each other’s differences and needs. We
do it because God has loved us first and he taught us through the mission of Jesus
that love, justice and the dignity of each human person is at the very heart of the
Gospel by which we strive to live.

At Sacred Heart it is our shared mission to be an active, inclusive and respectful
community. We strive to love and care for all, especially for those in need. We like
to be a Family that welcomes everyone and celebrates together and, as we continue
our journey we will strive to make our family an even better and safer one for all,
especially our children and young people.

Celebrating the presence of our Saviour and Lord, we gaze upon a newborn infant in
a manger in a makeshift animal shelter exposed to the elements protected only by
two caring parents forced to quickly move from their home for a government census.
What better time could there be to commit ourselves to uphold the safety and dignity
of each child and young person and give reassurance to their parents and families that
this is a community dedicated to protecting all children from any form of harm to
enable them to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our
Church.

*May the blessing of the Newborn Child be upon us as each one of us
makes an effort to become a more active ‘family’ member.*



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Feast Days of the week:

Monday 27 December St John, apostle and evangelist
 Tuesday 28 December The Holy Innocents
 Wednesday 29 December St Thomas Becket
 Friday 31 December Pope St. Silvester I
 Saturday 1 January Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 World Day of Prayer for Peace

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Anthony, Peter Bourke, Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph Paige Lapenta, Bronislawa Slobodzian

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

Graeme Grieve (RIP 20/12)

Johnny Pimentel

We Commemorate

James Wesley Christoffelsz (9th Anniv.)



O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.



May the joy of Christ's birth fill our hearts anew with peace and love and enliven within us a spirit of hope for the world.

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas

2021 Christmas Mass times

Friday 24 December Christmas Eve
 7:00pm Family Mass
 9:30pm Carols before 10pm Mass
 10:00pm (in lieu of midnight) Mass

Saturday 25 December Christmas Day
 9:00am Italian Mass - Nativity
 10:30am Parish Mass - Nativity
 6:00pm (Sunday vigil)

Sunday 26 December
 9:00am Italian Mass
 10:30am Parish Mass
 6:00pm Mass

LAUDATO SI': ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Dear Friends

As the last bulletin message for 2021, the Laudato Si' Circle would like to thank you for your encouragement and support in our first year of formation. We especially thank Fr Aloysius for embracing our ideas and guiding our work as we took first steps towards becoming a Laudato Si' Parish. Reflecting back on 2021, the Circle met mostly in lockdown via Zoom to creatively collaborate on new initiatives. We felt inspired to dual action: firstly in sharing Pope Francis' Laudato Si' message of hope and secondly in proactively creating a Laudato Si' parish. Some of our achievements in 2021 included:

- Celebrating Laudato Si Week (May), Refugee Week (June) and NAIDOC Week (July) in a special way through the Sunday liturgies.
- Celebrating the Season of Creation (September) in lockdown with a special online prayer service.
- Joining the global Interfaith community by displaying a new banner "Care for Creation" on the Bell St side of Church and calling for greater climate change ambition.
- We also started a monthly gardening group and received a small grant from Darebin Council for environmental initiatives.
- We raised awareness of Laudato Si' through weekly bulletin notices, our choir rejoiced in hymns of praise for God's Creation and one of our members published a book on climate change!
- Lastly but not least, we were among the first parishes to sign up to Pope Francis' new Laudato Si' Action Platform.

It's a wonderful start and we hope to grow in 2022 and bear more fruit! If you're interested in contributing to this ministry please let Fr Aloysius know.

The Laudato Si Circle wishes you and your family a beautiful, blessed and utterly enjoyable Christmas! - Margaret, Stephen, Kay, Pauline and Natalie

O come Emmanuel. Come Jesus, full of grace and of truth.



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

Jesus is the name and the face of the love of God who came to dwell among us. I hope that each of you might have the desire of seeking Him and the joy of finding Him this Christmas.

Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next batch of thanksgiving envelopes are in the foyer ready for collection. Please collect yours.

Thank you for your continued support to our Parish.

Last Week's Collection: 19/12/21

1st Collection for our Church: \$796
 2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$650
 Thank you for your kind generosity



**Feast of the Nativity
 25 December 2021**

Readings for the Vigil and Night Masses on Christmas Eve

First reading

Isaiah 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
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

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.

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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.

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

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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
All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:

today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 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 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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Silent Night!
 Holy Night!

Roster for weekend of 1 & 2 January 2022

	Readers	Ministers of Communion
Sat 6.00pm	Celia Lemos Mary Harb	Terry Murphy
Sun 9am (Italian)	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sun 10.30am	Catherine Zanatta Ivana Lo Bello	Eileen Stevens
Sun 6.00pm	Margaret Bannan Tim Rankin	Margaret Rankin

**Cleaning Roster:
 Saturday 1 January 2022**

Volunteers
 Thank you for your hard work

