

The Covid-19 plan:

We are currently Level 1: with some additional Restrictions

Places of worship must be supervised by, and be clearly identified as, a COVID Marshal.

As of December 1, all public buildings have been provided a **QR Code**. This code is to be scanned using the MySAGov phone app or using the camera on your smart phone.

Arrangements listed below will be in force until further notice:

Our Parish is Committed to Health and Safety.

1. Please scan the **QR Code** located on the door or external wall of the church. If you do not have a smart phone, please complete the Contact Register upon entry.
2. Use the sanitizing gel provided at the Church entrance.
3. As of August 12, seating restrictions are as follows - 3 person per 4 square metres.
4. **MASKS are MANDATORY** for shared indoor public places so **EVERYONE MUST WEAR A MASK OVER THE NOSE & MOUTH WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. THERE IS A \$5000-FINE FOR THE CHURCH IF THIS IS NOT FOLLOWED SO PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH.** The Celebrant is permitted to remove their mask while saying Mass.
5. Holy Communion is given only in the hand.
6. Everyone must take reasonable steps to maintain 1.5m physical distancing at all times. People from the same household may sit together. Please keep the social distancing requirement when processing for Holy Communion and when leaving the Church after Mass.
7. Please remember to wipe down the area where you have been sitting/kneeling in the pews and use the sanitizing gel provided on your way out.
8. Please follow the **ENTRY and EXIT rules.**
9. If you are unwell please consider the health of our community and stay home until you are better.
10. **As of September 9, Funerals & Weddings are now capped at 150 people** but must have an independent COVID Marshal if more than 50 people are in attendance. Your cooperation with these requirements is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

The Kids' Bulletin



There wasn't any room for Mary and Joseph to stay in Bethlehem, so they had to go to a stable outside the town. Can you help them find their way?

The Holy Family Puzzle

Unscramble the letters to fill in the blanks. Use the letters in boxes to fill in the blanks with numbers part-way down.

Every year Jesus and His _____¹² (NTSPRAE) went to Jerusalem for the _____² (SVOPSARE) festival. When _____¹⁰ (SUJES) was twelve, they went to the _____³ (LFSETVIA) as usual, but Jesus stayed in the _____⁵ (MPELET) afterwards. _____⁶ (RMYA) and Joseph thought He was with their relatives in the caravan, but when they couldn't _____¹ (DNIF) Him they went back and _____⁷ (CHDEASRE) for Him. On the _____⁸ (HDRIT) day they found him. When they asked Jesus why He had done this, He replied, "Did you not _____⁹ (WNKO) that I must be in my _____¹¹ ?" Then he went home with them to _____⁴ (ZRNATHEA) and was obedient to them, and grew up in _____¹¹ (DSIWMO) and age and grace.

Answers to Holy Family puzzle: parents, Passover, Jesus, festival, Temple, Mary, find, searched, third, know, FATHER'S HOUSE, Nazareth, wisdom
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The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Year C/2 24th / 25th December 2021

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Fr Roy John Elavumkal SMM

Parish Secretary
Karen Taylor - Tue to Fri

WHS / Finance Officer
Karen Taylor - Monday

Police Checks Unit
Hiacinta Msomi - Monday

Sacristan
Weekdays: Michael Pierce

Sundays: Terence Yeow
& Roger Worth

Mass Times
Sunday 9.30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6.30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9.15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6.00 pm

Rosary
Tuesday to Friday 8.45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Every Friday before Mass

Novena to St. Joseph
Every Wednesday after Mass

St. Joseph's Primary
Principal - Adrian Grbin
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Nancy Ngure

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LOVE HEALS

HOMILY ON CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT, YEAR C (25/12/2021) SCRIPTURE: IS 9:1-6; TI 2:11-14; LK 2:1-14

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Introduction: Today we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, which occurred some 2,000 years ago. Looking through the telescope of Christ's Resurrection, the New Testament authors, as well as the Fathers of the Church, re-examined foreshadowing of the coming of Jesus, the Messiah, in the writings of the prophets, and they identified Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

Scripture: Following the death of the Assyrian monarch in the late 8th century B.C., the Lord God, through His prophet Isaiah, promises relief for both the northern and the southern kingdoms of Israel through a new king and his descendant in the line of David, in the person of Jesus. Jesus is the child Isaiah's prophesy calls the "prince of peace". The second reading, taken from the "pastoral letter" of Paul to Titus, tells us that it is only by the saving power of God in Christ that we are enabled to live virtuously in the present with hope for the future. The Gospel for the midnight Mass tells us how Jesus was born in Bethlehem and how the news of His birth was first announced to shepherds by the angels. Since David was a shepherd, it seems fitting that the shepherds were given the privilege of visiting David's successor in the stable. If these shepherds were the ones in charge of the Temple sheep and lambs meant for daily sacrifice in the Temple of Jerusalem, no wonder they were the first to see the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Application to Life: 1) We need to reserve a room for Jesus in our heart: Christmas asks us a tough question. Do we close the doors of our hearts to Jesus looking for a place to be reborn in our lives? There is no point in being sentimental about the doors slammed by the folk in Bethlehem, if there is no room in our own hearts for the same Jesus coming in the form of the needy. We need to reverence each human life, and to treat others respectfully as the living residences of the incarnate God. To neglect the old, to be contemptuous of the poor or to have no thought for the unemployed and the lonely, is to ignore those individuals with whom Christ has so closely identified Himself. Hence, we all need to examine ourselves daily on the doors we close to Jesus.

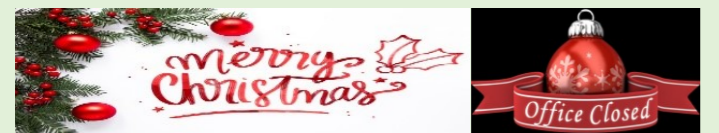
2) We need to experience Jesus as Emmanuel: The real meaning of Christmas actually is Emmanuel, God-with-us - God coming down to us; God seeking us out; God coming alongside us; God revealing Himself to us; God bringing us forgiveness, healing, comfort, moral strength, and guidance - God dwelling within 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.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL COLLECTION

A Special Collection will be taken up at all Christmas Masses for the Traditional Christmas Day Archdiocese Appeal for the ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY. Please give generously.

PLEASE NOTE

Once you pick up a copy of the newsletter it needs to be taken home with you to ensure we adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Kindly **DO NOT** leave it behind after Mass has concluded.



The Parish Office is closed for Christmas Holidays and will reopen at 9.00am on Wednesday the 5th January 2022. We wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and look forward to seeing you all again in 2022. If you urgently require a Priest over this time please call Fr. Roy on 08 8431 6932.

Sunday Collection 19th December 2021

First Collection	\$ 625.25
Second Collection	
Envelopes	\$ 687.00
Open Plate	\$ 244.05
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,525.50
Parish Account Total	\$ 3,456.55

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David

Entrance Antiphon Exodus 16: 6-7

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 88:4-5,16-17,27, 29. R. cf v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

‘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.

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. R.

‘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.

Second Reading Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Matthew 1: 1-25

Communion Antiphon Isaiah 40:5

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

MIDNIGHT MASS

Today a saviour has been born for you.

Entrance Antiphon

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.

First Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 95: 1-3,11-13.

R. Lk 2:11

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 the peoples. R.

MIDNIGHT MASS (cont.)

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.

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

Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14

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

Communion Antiphon John 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory

CHRISTMAS MORNING MASS

The Word of God became flesh and
dwelt among us and we saw his glory

Entrance Antiphon Isaiah 92:5

A child is born for us, and a son given to us; his sceptre of
power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called
Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7-10

Responsorial Psalm Psalms 97: 1-6, R. v. 3

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

Sing a new song to the Lord for he 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 Hebrews 1: 1-6

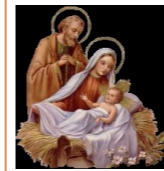
Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon Psalms 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the Salvation of our God.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE - 2021

Fr. Roy John Elavumkal SMM

May the LORD bless you and keep you! May the LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you!
May the LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace! (Book of Numbers 6: 24-26)

Christmas is the Feast of God's sending us a Saviour: God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as True God and true man to save us from the bondage of sin. The Hindus believe in ten incarnations of God. The purpose of these incarnations is stated in their Holy Scripture, *Bagavath Geetha* or *Song of God*. "God incarnates to restore righteousness in the world whenever there is a large-scale erosion of moral values." But the Christian Scriptures teach only one Incarnation, and its purpose is given in John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life." We celebrate the Incarnation of God as a Baby today as *Good News* because we have a Divine Saviour. As our Saviour, Jesus liberated us from slavery to sin and atoned for our sins by His suffering, death and Resurrection. So, every Christmas reminds us that we need a Saviour every day, to free us from our evil addictions and unjust, impure and uncharitable tendencies. Christmas 2021 also challenges us to accept Jesus in the manger as our saving God and personal Saviour and to surrender our lives to him, allowing him to rule our hearts and lives every day in the New Year.

Christmas is the Feast of God's sharing His love with us: Jesus, as our Saviour, brought the "Good News" that our God is a loving, forgiving, merciful, rewarding God and not a judgmental, cruel, punishing God. He demonstrated by his life and teaching how God our Heavenly Father loves us, forgives us, provides for us, and rewards us. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Jesus' final demonstration of God's love for us was his death on the cross to atone for our sins and to make us children of God. Each Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian privilege and duty, and every time we do that, Jesus is reborn in our lives. Let us humbly admit the truth with the German mystic *Angelus Silesius* "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me." Hence, let us allow Jesus to be reborn in our hearts and lives, not only during Christmas, but every day, so that he may radiate the Light of his presence from within us as sharing and selfless love, expressed in compassionate words and deeds, unconditional forgiveness, the spirit of humble service and, overflowing generosity.

Christmas is the Feast of the Emmanuel (God living with us and within us)

Christmas is the feast of the Emmanuel because God in the New Testament is a God Who continues to live with us in all the events of our lives as the "Emmanuel" announced by the angel to Mary. As Emmanuel, Jesus lives in the Sacraments (especially in the Holy Eucharist), in the Bible, in the praying community, and in each believer as the abiding Holy Spirit, residing in us and thus making us His "Temples." Christmas reminds us that we are bearers of God with the missionary privilege and duty of conveying Jesus to those around us by loving them as Jesus did, through sacrificial, humble, committed service. Sharing with others Jesus, the Emmanuel living within us, is the best Christmas gift we can give, or receive, today. **Mother Teresa said** "It is Christmas when you let God love others through you."

My wishes and prayers for our community: May Jesus be reborn in your heart and life during Christmas 2021 and every day of the New Year 2022. May He radiate His presence from within you as sharing love, unconditional forgiveness, humble service, a compassionate heart and overflowing generosity. May the Holy infant of Bethlehem bless you with health in body and soul and grant you a peaceful and blessed New Year. I assure you of my special prayers during my Christmas Holy Masses and every day in the New Year. My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honour of serving as your Parish Priest. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

Masses between 26 December 2021 & 2 January 2022

26th December 2021 –

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday Morning Mass 9.30am

1st January 2022 –

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Saturday Morning

Adoration 8.30am followed by Mass ~9.15am

Weekend of 1st/2nd January 2022 –

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday Vigil – 6.30pm & Sunday Morning – 9.30am

Rosters between 26 December 2021 & 2 January 2022

Time Commentator / Readers / Covid Marshal

26/12-9.30am C- Sandy Mazzarolo

R1- Aloysius Achusiogu, R2- Chinenye Achusiogu

Counters Sun 26/12 –Team 1 - Paul Halliwell, Paul Roocke,
Danielle Roocke, Denise Rutt

1/1-8.30/9.15am Volunteers

1/1-6:30pm C- Edward Konieczny

R1- Fil Ciancio, R2- Giulia Giuliani

2/1-9:30am C- Alan Tyson

R1- Sandy Mazzarolo, R2- Sheila Hoogland

Counters Sun 2/1 –Team 2 - Christine Holmes, Terry Pickering,
Frank Mazzarolo, Sandy Mazzarolo