

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish

CHRISTMAS (The Nativity of the Lord)

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24/25 December 2021

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| **ENTRANCE HYMN**  **5. O Come All Ye Faithful**  **(see the words on another page)**  **GREETINGS**  **PENITENTIAL ACT**  **COLLECT**  **GLORIA**   |  | | --- | | **LITURGY OF THE WORD** |   **FIRST READING** Is 9:1-7  *A Son is given to us*  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.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **FIRST READING (Mass of the day)**  Is 62:11-12  *Look, your saviour comes* | This the Lord proclaims  to the ends of the earth:  Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Look,  your saviour comes,  the prize of his victory with him,  his trophies before him.’  They shall be called ‘The Holy People’,  ‘The Lord’s Redeemed.’  And you shall be called ‘The-sought-after’,  ‘City-not-forsaken.’  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **RESP PSALM** Ps 95(96):1-3,11-13  **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 all the peoples. **R.**  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.**  **RESP PSALM (Mass of the day)**  Ps 95(96):1-3,11-13  **R.** *A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.*  The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  let all the coastlands be glad.  The skies proclaim his justice;  all peoples see his glory. **R.**  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.**  **SECOND READING** Tit 2:11-14  *God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race*  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.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **SECOND READING (Mass of the day)** Tit 3:4-7  *God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race*  When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.  **The word of the Lord.**  **Thanks be to God.**  **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 ACCLAMATION (Mass of the day)** Lk 2:14  Alleluia, alleluia!  Glory to God in the highest,  peace to his people on earth.  Alleluia!  **GOSPEL (for both Masses)** Lk2:1-14  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke  Glory to you, O Lord.  *'In the town of David a saviour has been born to you'*  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 |

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| 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.’  Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.’ So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.  **The Gospel of the Lord.**  **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**  **HOMILY**  **PROFESSION OF FAITH**  **Apostle’s Creed**  **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:  **Blessed be God for ever.**  Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:  **Blessed be God for ever.** | Pray, brethren **(**brothers and sisters**)**,  that my sacrifice and yours  may be acceptable to God, The almighty Father.  **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name,**  **for our good** **and the good of all his holy Church.**  **PREP GIFTS HYMNS**  **7. Oh Holy Night**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING**  **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**  The Lord be with you.  And with your spirit.  Lift up your hearts.  We lift them up to the Lord.  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  It is right and just.  **Holy, Holy, Holy**  Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  Hosanna in the highest.  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  Hosanna in the highest.  **THE MEMORIAL ACCLAM**    At the Saviour’s command  and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:  Our Father, who art in heaven,  hallowed be thy name;  thy kingdom come,  thy will be done  on earth as it is in heaven.  Give us this day our daily bread,  and forgive us our trespasses,  as we forgive those who trespass against us;  and lead us not into temptation,  but deliver us from evil. | Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.  For the kingdom, the power and the glory are your now and for ever.  **SIGN OF PEACE**  Lord Jesus Christ,  who said to your Apostles:  Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,  look not on our sins,  but on the faith of your Church,  and graciously grant her peace and unity  in accordance with your will.  Who live and reign for ever and ever.  Amen.  The peace of the Lord be with you always.  And with your spirit.  Let us offer each other the sign of peace.  **LAMB OF GOD**  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  have mercy on us.  Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  grant us peace  **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**  **COMMUNION HYMN**  **6. Silent Night**  **(see the words on the third page)**  **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  **FINAL SONG**  **3. Angels We Have Heard on High**  **(see the words on the third page)** |