

**Entrance Antiphon**

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King,  
who rules heaven and earth for ever.

**A reading from the book of Numbers**

**Nm 6:22-27**

*They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.*

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.”

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

**The word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2**

*May God bless us in his mercy.*

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians**

**Gal 4:4-7**

*When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.*

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to**

**Luke**

**Lk 2 : 16 - 21**

*The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.*

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem 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.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Communion Antiphon Heb 13:8**

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.



**Next week's readings**

**First Reading:** Is 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

**Second Reading:** Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

**Gospel:** Mt 2:1-12



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*The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)*

**Our Parish Vision Statement:**  
*We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....*

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MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	11.00am
	WEEKDAY			9.00am (from 22nd January, 2023)	

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD — 1st January, 2023

The title “Mother of God” goes back to the third or fourth century, but the Greek term *Theotokos* (“The God-bearer”) was officially consecrated as Catholic doctrine at the Council of Ephesus in 431, thus becoming the first Marian dogma. At the end of the Council of Ephesus, crowds of people marched through the streets shouting: “Praised be the Theotokos!”

This Catholic doctrine is based on the doctrine of Incarnation, as expressed by St. Paul: “God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law” (Galatians 4:4).

In its chapter on Mary’s role in the Church, Vatican II’s Dogmatic Constitution “*Lumen Gentium*” (“Light of the People”) calls Mary “Mother of God” 12 times.

On this day the Catholic Church also celebrates the World Day of Peace, a tradition established by Pope Paul VI and confirmed by Pope John Paul II.

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