



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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Wishing all Parishioners, Visitors and Friends a Very Holy and Happy Christmas

Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to thank all our parishioners for their ongoing support of our parish in so many different ways. I am very grateful to our wonderful staff and volunteers – Finance Committee, Safeguarding Committee, the RCIA Team, 'Eyrie' Team, St Vincent De Paul Conference, Legion of Mary, readers, cleaners, Communion Ministers, musicians and singers, flower arrangers, altar servers, counters, sacristans and everyone else working quietly behind the scenes.

Your contribution around the Parish throughout the year is very much appreciated. To everyone who contributes financially and in the various ministries I thank you for your contribution towards making St John's Parish the vibrant and welcoming community it is.

I thank you for your thoughtfulness and care of me personally and for how you have welcomed Father Kishore and Father John. It is because of your faithful and constant support we are able to look forward to our future with a true sense of hope.

I pray that each one of you have a joyous, peace-filled celebration of Christmas with your loved ones. May God guard you and keep you safe these holidays, especially as you travel. I pray that you may be revitalized for the coming year and that God blesses you abundantly with all you need throughout 2024 – a new year of new opportunities for growth within ourselves, in our relationships with one another and with God who continues to make His home among us.

God bless,

Fr Vinh – Parish Priest



ENTRANCE : O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

COMMUNION: SILENT NIGHT

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child!
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar;
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face,
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth,
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

What Child is this, Who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading: is pleading:

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So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,
Come peasant, king, to own Him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.im. Ref

GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL REJOICE

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

The Lord of life is ris'n today;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let ev'ry tongue rejoice and say:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

We praise in songs of victory
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
"Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia"

JOY TO THE WORD

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns,
Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, Repeat
the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove,
the glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
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