

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL,
JOYFUL AND TRIUMPHANT,
O COME YE, O COME YE TO BETHLEHEM,
COME AND BEHOLD HIM
BORN THE KINGS OF ANGELS.

1

**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 IN THE HIGHEST. **O COME ...**

YE LORD WE GREET THEE,
BORN THIS HAPPY MORNING,
JESUS TO THEE BE GLORY GIV'N.
WORD OF THE FATHER NOW IN FLESH
APPEARING. **O COME ...**

ADESTE FIDELIS, LAETI TRIUMPHANTES,
VENITE, VENITE IN BETHLEHEM.
NATUM VIDETE, REGEM ANGELORUM.
VENITE ADOREMUS, VENITE ADOREMUS,
VENITE ADOREMUS, DOMINUM.

GLORY BE TO GOD IN HEAVEN,
PEACE ON THOSE WHO LOVE HIM WELL;
ON THE EARTH LET ALL HIS PEOPLE
SPEAK HIS GRACE, HIS WONDERS TELL.
LORD, WE PRAISE YOU TO YOUR GLORY
MIGHTY FATHER, HEAVEN'S KING.
HEAR OUR JOYFUL ADORATION
AND ACCEPT THE THANKS WE BRING.

2

ONLY SON OF GOD THE FATHER,
LAMB WHO TAKES OUR SINS AWAY;
NOW WITH HIM IN TRIUMPH SEATED
FOR YOUR MERCY, LORD WE PRAY.
JESUS CHRIST, MOST HIGH AND HOLY
SAVIOUR, YOU ARE GOD ALONE;
IN THE GLORY OF THE FATHER
WITH THE SPIRIT, THREE IN ONE. AMEN.

AWAY IN A MANGER, NO CRIB FOR A BED,
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS
LAID DOWN HIS SWEET HEAD;
THE STARS IN THE BRIGHT SKY
LOOKED DOWN WHERE HE LAY
THE LITTLE LORD JESUS ASLEEP ON THE HAY.

3

THE CATTLE ARE LOWLY, THE BABY AWAKES
BUT LITTLE LORD JESUS
NO CRYING HE MAKES,
I LOVE THEE LORD JESUS,
LOOK DOWN FROM THE SKY,
AND STAY BY MY CRADLE,
TILL MORNING IS NIGH.

BE NEAR ME LORD JESUS, I ASK THEE TO STAY,
CLOSE BY ME FOREVER, AND LOVE ME I PRAY.
BLESS ALL THE DEAR CHILDREN
IN THY TENDER CARE,
AND LEAD US TO HEAVEN,
TO LIVE WITH THEE THERE.

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.

4

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT,

SHEPHERDS QUAKE AT THE SIGHT
GLORIES STREAM FROM HEAVEN AFAR
HEAVENLY HOSTS SING ALLELUIA
CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN,
CHRIST THE SAVIOUR IS BORN

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT,
SON OF GOD, LOVES PURE LIGHT
RADIANT BEAMS FROM THY HOLY FACE
WITH THE DAWN OF REDEEMING GRACE
JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH,
JESUS, LORD AT THY BIRTH

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH,
SWEETLY SINGING O'ER THE PLAINS,
AND THE MOUNTAINS IN REPLY,
ECHOING THEIR JOYOUS STRAINS.

5

**GLO...RIA, IN EXCELSIS DEO;
GLO...RIA, IN EXCELSIS DEO.**

SHEPHERDS WHY THIS JUBILEE,
WHY YOUR JOYOUS STRAINS PROLONG?
SAY WHAT MAY THE TIDINGS BE,
WHICH INSPIRE YOUR HEAVENLY SONG.

COME TO BETHLEHEM AND SEE,
HIM WHOSE BIRTH THE ANGELS SING,
COME ADORE ON BENDED KNEE,
CHRIST THE LORD, OUR NEW-BORN KING.

SEE WITHIN THE MANGER LAID,
JESUS LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH
MARY, JOSEPH LEND AND AID,
WITH US SING OUR SAVIOUR'S BIRTH.

JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME
LET EARTH RECEIVE HER KING
LET EV'RY HEART PREPARE HIM ROOM,
AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING,
AND HEAV'N AND HEAV'N AND NATURE SING.

6

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 RIGHTEOUS
AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE,
AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE,
AND WONDERS, AND WONDERS OF HIS LOVE.

VENITE FEDELI, L'ANGELO C'INVITA
VENITE, VENITE A BETLEMME.
NASCE PER NOI CRISTO SALVATORE
VENITE ADORIAMO IL SIGNORE GESÙ

1

LA LUCE DEL MONDO BRILLA IN UNA GROTTA;
LA FEDE CI GUIDA A BETLEMME.
NASCE PER NOI CRISTO SALVATORE.

LA NOTTE RISPLENDE,
TUTTO IL MONDO ATTENDE
SEGUIAMO I PASTORI A BETLEMME.
NASCE PER NOI CRISTO SALVATORE.

IL FIGLIO DI DIO, RE DELL'UNIVERSO
SI È FATTO BAMBINO A BETLEMME
NASCE PER NOI CRISTO SALVATORE.

O SIGNOR, PRENDI I NOSTRI CUORI
CAMBIALI, TRASFORMALI,
PERCHÉ DIVENTINO TUA GLORIA

2

O SIGNOR, PRENDI LA NOSTRA VITA,
CAMBIALA, TRASFORMALA,
PERCHÉ DIVENTI LA TUA GLORIA.

O SIGNOR, PRENDI LE NOSTRE PENE
CAMBIALE, TRASFORMALE,
PERCHÉ DIVENTINO TUA GLORIA.

O SIGNOR, PRENDI QUESTO PANE,
CAMBIALO, TRASFORMALO,
PERCHÉ DIVENTI IL TUO CORPO.

O SIGNOR, PRENDI QUESTO VINO,
CAMBIALO, TRASFORMALO,
PERCHÉ DIVENTI IL TUO SANGUE.

ASTRO DEL CIEL, PARGOL DIVIN
MITE AGNELLO, REDENTOR,
TU CHE I VATI DA LUNGI SOGNAR,
TU CHE ANGELICHE VOCI ANNUNZIA

3

**LUCE DONA ALLE MENTI
PACE INFONDI NEI CUOR (BIS)**

ASTRO DEL CIEL, PARGOL DIVIN
MITE AGNELLO, REDENTOR,
TU SOL NATO A PARLARE D'AMOR
TU DISCESO A SCONTARE L'ERROR
LUCE DONA.....

ASTRO DEL CIEL, PARGOL DIVIN
MITE AGNELLO, REDENTOR,
TU DI STIRPE REGALE DECOR
TU VIRGINEO MISTICO FIOR **LUCE DONA.....**

TU SCENDI DALLE STELLE,
O RE DEL CIELO,
E VIENI IN UNA GROTTA
AL FREDDO, AL GELO.
O BAMBINO, MIO DIVINO,
IO TI VEDE QUI A TREMAR
O DIO BEATO,
AH, QUANTO TI COSTÒ
L'AVERMI AMATO !

4

A TE CHE SEI DEL MONDO
IL CREATORE,
OR MANCAN PANNI E FUOCO
O MIO SIGNORE,
CARO ELETTO PARGOLETTO;
QUANTO QUESTA POVERTÀ
PIÙ M'INNAMORA,
GIACCHÈ TI FECE AMOR
POVERO ANCORA.

TU LASCI IL BEL GIOIRE,
DEL DIVIN SENO,
PER VENIRE A PENAR
SU QUESTO FIENO?
DOLCE AMORE DEL MIO CUORE
DOVE AMOR TI TRASPORTÒ
O GESÙ MIO,
PERCHÉ TANTO PATIR?
PER AMOR MIO.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
(All bow during these two lines)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again
from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

VIGIL & MIDNIGHT MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-3,11-13

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.

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

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.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS

FIRST READING *Isaiah 52:7-10*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97:1-6

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

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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 *Heb 1:1-6*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

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.

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 1:1-5,9-14*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 104:1-6, 8-9.

R. The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works!. R
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. R.
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. R.
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. R

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Hebrew 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 2:22,39-40*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him. The Gospel of the Lord.

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Ministers of the Word Christmas roster:

Vigil Mass 6pm Virginia Efthimiou,

10pm Stephanie & Dean Youil.

Midnight: Patricia Wright. 9am Rosa Touma.

10.30am: Rita Luci & Tom Costanzo.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Vigil Mass 6pm Virginia Efthimiou 10pm ?

Midnight ? 9am ? 10.30am Sofia Tabacco.

LAST WEEK COLLECTION: CHURCH \$622.00
PRESBYTERY \$430.40

WELCOME to Christmas at St. Paul's. The parish community of St Paul's welcomes you! We are one family!

"Make your home in me as I make my home in you." (Jn15:4)

Every Christmas the Christ Child in the manger at Bethlehem invites us to stop and to pay attention to the things that are especially important in our lives: our loved ones, our family and friends -and our loving God who holds us in existence, in the palm of his hand. When Christmas is over, an excellent way to grow in faith and to develop one's relationship with God is to join in the celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays, here in our local community. You will be most welcome! If you would like to speak with the priest or a member of the parish staff, please call 9354-1564. We would love to hear from you!

Wishing you and your family a happy & a holy Christmas!

WE PRAY FOR

Those who are **Sick** in spirit, soul, or body: may they receive the healing and strength they need.

We pray for those who have died recently, and especially those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, Francesco Paolo Flammea, Rosa Franco, Carmela, Carmine De Donato, that they may enter into the peace of God's kingdom.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR PRIESTS: One Collection with all the loose money and the Christmas Offering Envelopes go to the Presbytery. The beneficiaries of this annual collection are: the Archbishop, the 4 Auxiliary Bishops, Sick & Retired priests, and priests in needy parishes, the upkeep and running costs of the parish house and the priest of this parish.

Give generously and wholeheartedly.



GEELONG CHRISTMAS TREE

