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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANointing OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1 st Saturday bi monthly	9.15am
	(Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	7.30pm
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Les Harris, Brad Yates, Isaac Moses, Frank Malkoun, William (Bill) Wright, Elizabeth Paricka, Yvonne Vane, Ray Martin, Carmel Treholme, Deacon Owen Rogers, Fr Renato Paras, Issac Moses, Michael Spratt, Maureen Nicholls, Annette Herft, Renato Banaag.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Stanley Szolta, Irene Szolta, Lynne Yates, Rhonda Gaffney - Noel Lamont, Brian Oxlee, Robbie Keegan, Tony Malkoun, Michael Saad, Katie Saad, Andree Hardy, Fred Wickman, Wayne Williams, Bernard Otter, Bernard Griffin, Autel Basha, John Rizk, Carol Rosario, Geoff Kirby, Bernard Lourey, Martha Abraham, Shirley Ball, Alan Ball, George Khier.

Rosters – 1/2 January

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm	Lynette Rodrigues
Sun. 7.30am	Glenys Oxlee
Sun. 9.30am	Vartguss Markarian
	Lawrence Tsang, Patricia Hild
Counters:	
Lectors:	
Vigil 5.30pm	Len & Sue Farrugia
Sun. 7.30am	Anne Marie Lyons
Sun. 9.30am	Samuel Yu, Sr Maureen Crick



DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is holding a New Year's Eve celebration from 9pm to 12am on Friday 31 December. The event will include Confession, Thanksgiving Adoration and a New Year's Mass. Bookings are required and limited numbers are available. Please call (02) 4372 1598 or drcretreatreg@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

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A CHRISTMAS 2021 MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT LONG OFM CONV, BISHOP OF PARRAMATTA

Dear brothers and sisters,
Peace and joy to you all, as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus of Nazareth.
After nearly two years of the pandemic and months of hard lockdown, we rejoice as the country slowly recovers and we regain our freedoms thanks to the great work of getting people vaccinated.

During this special season of thanking God for becoming one of us, let's reflect on how the God of love makes himself known to us in our daily lives.

Christmas is God coming to us in human form and showing us that we are loved inherently, abundantly and eternally. As a Franciscan, I believe that the incarnation was not an accident of history. It was not plan B because we messed up plan A.

Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation of love for us and for all of creation. This means that no matter who we are: male or female, black or white, straight or gay, rich or poor, high or low, citizen or refugee, God's love embraces us and reverences us all.

Jesus came down to live in a typical Middle Eastern village called Nazareth, that was home to a couple of hundred 'country' people. He did not decide to brandish his power, but to spend most of his time with the powerless and disenfranchised.

As God breaks ranks and becomes vulnerable for us, so must we have the courage to leave our comfort zones and discover the presence, the beauty, the love of God in unfamiliar places, in the margins and the shadows of life. We cannot worship the Christ child in truth without honouring him in the needy, the poor and the marginalised.

The incarnation also means that God has embraced the world and the cosmos. Jesus is not only God's yes to humans but God's yes to all forms of life.

We need a radical new way of relating and living that brings harmony and sustainability to all of life. We humans are part of the interconnected cosmic web of creation and we need to live a new paradigm of communion with all that is.

Long ago, Francis of Assisi grasped this fundamental reality. He intuitively understood the importance of living not as a self-centred individual but as part of the larger whole. He championed the art of living in deep harmony and communion.

Inspired by his namesake, Pope Francis says the awareness of God incarnate in the world that can "motivate us to a more passionate concern for the protection of our world" and an "ecological conversion". We must learn that 'less is more'.

We must learn to envision a new economy that shifts away from consumption and exploitation to one that celebrates radical interdependence and reciprocity within diverse webs of life. Only by taking less from the earth can we move to an alternative model of living in radical harmony and deep connection with the planet.

The pandemic has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is. If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation, we cannot heal the world. Let us follow the footsteps of Jesus as we listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

I wish you my blessings and prayers for a Christmas season filled with peace, joy and hope.

**Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv
Bishop of Parramatta**

COVID-19 UPDATE

Parishioners attending the church are required to complete their details on the Mass Attendance Sheet provided at the back of the church or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera before entering the church.

Wearing face mask is **mandatory**.

Please sanitise your hands.

If you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, having a temperature or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you should not enter the church.

CHRISTMAS

2021 has been a difficult year. It is now time to look forward to the celebration of Christmas. Christmas is the Nativity of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We celebrate the beautiful mystery of the incarnation. God became man in Christ. We are all privileged that God has taken on human flesh in all things but sin. We also look forward to the Second Coming when Christ will come again and bring the consummation of the world. May the Christ child of Bethlehem be with you all this Christmas and may we all look forward to a better 2022.

On behalf of Fr Pio and myself, I wish all our parishioners a happy and holy Christmas.

Fr Peter

THANK YOU

Thank you to our parishioners for their kind thoughts, gifts and food that I've received over the Christmas period. The beautiful words written in the Christmas cards are especially moving. I wish you and your families a happy and holy Christmas and a better 2022. May Christ the King always reign in your hearts.

Fr Peter

VIGIL MASS CHRISTMAS

As Christmas falls on a Saturday, there will be NO 5.30pm Saturday Vigil Mass or confessions celebrated that evening.

PHONE RECONNECTION

Our phone has finally been reconnected. The active landline number is **9684 2948**. Temporarily 9684 1541 is NOT active. As the last resort we have a mobile number **0484 378 103**.



MASS PROGRAMME

The daily Mass programme during the octave of Christmas is as follows:

~ Monday, 27 th December:	10.00am
~ Tuesday, 28 th December:	10.00am
~ Wednesday, 29 th December:	9.15am
~ Thursday, 30 th December:	9.15am
~ Friday, 31 st December:	9.15am
~ Saturday, 1 st January:	9.15am

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Thursday, 30 December – Saint Egwin

Born in the seventh century of royal blood, Egwin entered a monastery, and was enthusiastically received by royalty, clergy, and the people as the bishop of Worcester, England. As a bishop he was known as a protector of orphans and the widowed and a fair judge. He founded Evesham Abbey, which became one of the great Benedictine houses of medieval England. Egwin died at the abbey on December 30, 717. Following his burial many miracles were attributed to him: The blind could see, the deaf could hear.

VIGIL MASS**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ex 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.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** Isa 62:1-5**RESP PSALM** Ps 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

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

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 Mt 1:18-25

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Isa 40:5

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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MIDNIGHT MASS**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.

or

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.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendour of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** Isa 9:1-7**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14**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 Lk 2:1-14

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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DAY MASS**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Isa 9:5

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

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING** Isa 52:7-10**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 97:1-6

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

SECOND READING Heb 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 Jn 1:1-18

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:3

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / C**25 DECEMBER 2021****INTRODUCTORY RITES****ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

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GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

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.

COLLECT see back page for relevant Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / 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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST****PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:**

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: 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 ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING

P. May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.
R. Amen.

P. May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.
R. Amen.

P. And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.
R. Amen.

P. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.
R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

