

## 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, one 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 1:1-25 (Shorter form, 1:18-25)

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## 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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## MASS DURING THE NIGHT

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.

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## 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, one 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

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## 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.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

## DAY MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. 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.

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## 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, one 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

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## 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 / A

25 DECEMBER 2022

## 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.



TODAY IS BORN  
OUR SAVIOUR,  
CHRIST THE LORD!





# HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

The Nativity of the Lord / A  
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## MASS TIMES

<b>SUNDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
<b>WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:</b>	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
<b>RECONCILIATION:</b>	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
<b>EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</b>	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30am
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
<b>BAPTISMS:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month	11.30am

## Please Pray For

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Betty Griffin, Des Howard, Maurice Reid - Fr Peter Maher - Marco Lulic, Margaret Taylor, Alston Mortier

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Arnold Diorio, Brian Oxlee, Louise Gaffney, Frank Gaffney, Jack Kennedy, Anthony Vella, Carmen Vella, Charles Camilleri, Emilia Camilleri, Frank Malkoun, Ray Malkoun, Bernard Thomas Lourey, Nancy Walsh - Geoff Kirby, Carol Rosario, John Rizk, Fr Brian Rooney, Autel Basha, Desmond Howard, Bernard Griffin, Wayne Williams, Fred Wickman, Bernard Otter, Robbie Keegan, George Sant, Peter Barnes.

## Rosters – 31 December / 1 January

### Cleaning Ministry

### Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 10.00am

Anton Massillamany, Vartguess Markarian

Lynette Rodrigues

Glenys Oxlee

Vartguess Markarian

Joe Zammit

### Counters:

### Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm  
Sun. 7.30am  
Sun. 10.00am

Sue Farrugia, Len Farrugia

Anne Marie Lyons, Helen Wong

Anton Fernando, Lorna Argal

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given.



## HOLY MASS TIMES

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

❖ Monday, 26 <sup>th</sup> December	10am
❖ Tuesday, 27 <sup>th</sup> December	10am
❖ Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
❖ Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
❖ Friday, 30 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am
❖ Saturday, 31 <sup>st</sup> December	9.15am
❖ Sunday, 1 <sup>st</sup> January	7.30am & 10am

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

*"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host." Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*

What better way to spend your New Year's Eve than spending it in the sweet company Jesus! Please join us at Holy Name of Mary for all-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from: **7pm December 31 until 6.30 am followed by 7.30am Mass January 1, 2023.** All are welcome!

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Friends,  
Once again, we celebrate the great mystery of the Incarnation, God becomes man. Jesus Christ, the Second Divine person of the Blessed Trinity, took on our human flesh in all things, but sin. The secular world in which we live gives little or no acknowledgment to this great mystery. The humble babe at Bethlehem reminds us of the great love that God has for each and every one of us.



Please remember this Christmas those who are suffering. Many people have lost loved ones and are grieving. Poverty, mental illness, abuse are just some of the problems facing people in our community. We must pray for them and help them.

On behalf of Father Pio and myself, I wish all our parishioners a happy and holy Christmas. May the Christ Child of Bethlehem bless you all.

**Father Peter Lamont**

**Father Pio Yang**

## MYSTERY OF ST MICHAEL AND SECRETS OF ST FAUSTINA: A SERIES OF LITURGICAL GATHERINGS IN AUSTRALIA, 6-13 JANUARY 2023

Parishioners are warmly invited to join Fr Peter Prusakiewicz CSMA, in a series of liturgical gatherings from **January 6-13** across dioceses in New South Wales. Fr Peter from Marki, Poland, is a well-travelled international speaker for over twenty years and has spoken at many conferences, retreats, and parish missions all over the world. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to join Fr Peter for Holy Mass with Eucharistic Healing Service through the intercession of St Michael the Archangel and Individual blessing with a relic of St Faustina with a devotion to Divine Mercy. Details on Parish Notice Board.

## A THANK YOU ON FANTASTIC RESULT OF CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As president of the Rydalmere Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul I have been overwhelmed by your generous support to the Christmas appeal which surpassed all previous appeals. The combined support of the parishioners, St Patricks College Dundas, St Marys School Rydalmere and the Lee Malkoun team yielded the following outcome:

- Parishioners' contribution. \$6,379
- St Pats College. \$2,100 (\$460 gift Cards) + \$1,500 Food
- St Mary Rydalmere \$900
- Lee Malkoun's team \$1,530 (cash & gift cards)

**Total \$10,909**

With the current economic environment of high inflation, increased cost of living, rising energy costs this record appeal result reflects the great generosity of our Parishioners, Students and supporters. On behalf of the clients of the Saint Vincent de Paul I extend grateful thanks to everyone who truly supported those less fortunate at Christmas. On your behalf in the last few days, we **distributed 75 hampers and gift cards** to a total value of \$6,480. And transferred a large quantity of surplus groceries to the Vinnies Hub at Harris Park. Many, many thanks for your limitless generosity which truly reflects the spirit of Christmas. Wishing you and your family a safe, Holy, and peaceful Christmas. God Bless Ron Della Vedova

## SUNDAY ROSARY

The Rosary prayer booklet together with the list of the people who are rostered to lead the Rosary every Sunday before the 10am mass can be found in the Sacristy. Those who would like to participate in leading the prayer can register their names on the list located next to the prayer request book.



## SACRED CONNECTIONS RETREAT

**Beginning 12 February**, Jamberoo Abbey are hosting a series of online retreats pondering the values of Silence/Listening, Reverence and Community, which are integral to both Aboriginal and Benedictine Spirituality. All videos and texts from the retreat sessions will be available on the Jamberoo Abbey website. The cost of the retreat is \$300. Register at [jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats](http://jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats). Enquiries & registration, contact [online retreat@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:online retreat@jamberooabbey.org.au).

## BISHOP VINCENT'S 2022 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Please visit the below link to hear Bishop Vincent's 2022 Christmas message:



<https://catholicoutlook.org/bishop-vincent-longs-christmas-message-2022/>

## FAITH & FORMATION SESSION FOR CATHOLIC HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

You are invited to a faith & formation session for those who work & volunteer in the health care ministries of the Church on **Saturday 11 February**, from 9am to 10.30am at the All Saints of Africa Centre, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown. Join us afterwards for the World Day of the Sick Mass at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown. Please **RSVP for catering purposes by 6 February** to [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org). For enquiries, please contact Michael.Tan@parracatholic.org

## FEAST OF THE WEEK

### Thursday, 29 December – St. Thomas Becket

Born in London in 1118, St Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, was murdered on this day in his cathedral in 1170. A deacon when he was appointed chancellor of England, he became a close friend of King Henry II. His ordination as bishop brought an abrupt conversion of his life and led him to oppose the king over Church rights. After 6 years refuge in a French monastery, he returned to his diocese, but careless words from the king inspired 4 knights to assassinate him. Immediately acknowledged as a martyr, he is remembered for his courage in defence of the rights of the Church.



*"Let it be your consolation, then, that God's enemies, however honourable and exalted they may have been, shall nevertheless fade away like the smoke." St. Thomas Becket*