# **SACRED HEART OF JESUS - NEWSLETTER**

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**Christmas Masses**

The Catholic Bishops have asked for parishioners to be reminded that the mystery of Christmas can be celebrated at any of the Octave Day Masses, with the same sense and joy of solemnity. Liturgically, each of the days from 25th December until the 1st of January is ‘Christmas Day. So for example, the prayers of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer throughout to the Nativity of the Lord Jesus; and despite having days within the Octave which are feasts, The Roman Missal also states that each of these days is still a “day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord”

This said, extra Masses will be held (subject to availability of Stewards). Please refer to the provisional times below.

19th December 5pm Daniel Powell RIP

20th December 9.30am People of the Parish

20th December 11.am Edwyn de Souza RIP

22nd December 6pm Michael Clarke RIP

23rd December 10am Wellbeing of Lily

**Christmas Mass times The Octave of Christmas**

Christmas Eve 5pm Children and family Mass (Live streamed)

The Children of the Parish

Christmas Eve 8pm Vigil Mass

De Palma family

Christmas Eve 10pm Vigil Mass (Live streamed)

Intention Gerald Murray

Christmas Day 9.30am Nativity of the Lord (Live streamed)

People of the Parish

Christmas Day 11am Nativity of the Lord

Holy Souls

Christmas Day 12 noon Nativity of the Lord

Personal Intentions

Boxing Day 26th 10am St Stephen’s Day (Live streamed)

Intention Stephen Trafford

Sunday 27th 9.30am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Live )

Wellbeing of Baby Henry

Sunday 27th 11.am The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

People of the Parish

Monday 28th 10.am The Holy Innocents

Intentions of Gerald Murray

Tuesday 29th 6.pm Saint of Thomas of Canterbury

Holy Souls

Wednesday 30th 10.am Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

Intentions of Gerald Murray

Thursday 31st 7.30pm Adoration – In thanksgiving at the end of the year

Thursday 31st 8pm Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity

New Year’s Eve

For all the priests and clergy of the Diocese

Friday 1st Jan 10am Mary, the Mother of God

Eddie Lunn RIP

All Masses are with a congregation. The Christmas Masses being Live Streamed are identified above.

# **Fourth Sunday of Advent– Year B**

### Entrance Antiphon.

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let clouds rain down the Just One;

let the earth be opened and bring forth a saviour.

**In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**C.** The Lord be with you

**All. And with your Spirit**

**All: I confess to almighty God**

**And you my brothers and sisters,**

**That I have greatly sinned,**

**In my thoughts and in my words,**

**In what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

**through my fault, through my fault,**

**through my most grievous fault;**

**therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,**

**all the Angels and Saints,**

**and you my brothers and sisters,**

**to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

**C:** Lord, have mercy. **All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**C:** Christ have mercy**. All:** **Christ have mercy.**

**C:** Lord, have mercy. **All:** **Lord, have mercy.**

**C:** Let us pray

**First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.’ But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ‘Go and tell my servant David, “Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.”

The word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-50,53-54 R. Is.61:10**

**Response: I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;

Through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,

That your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R**#**

‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your dynasty for ever

And set up your throne through all ages.’ **R#**

He will say to me: You are my father,

My God, the rock who saves me.’

I will keep my love for him always;

For him my covenant shall endure. **R#**

**Second Reading Romans 16:25-27**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

A**lleluia, alleluia**

I am the handmaid of the Lord:

let what you have said be done to me.

**Alleluia!**

**Priest:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your Spirit.**

**Priest:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to ….

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel Luke 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. He went in and said to her, ‘Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.’ She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, ‘Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God’s favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?’ ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you’ the angel answered ‘and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.’ ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord,’ said Mary ‘let what you have said be done to me.’ And the angel left her.

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man .For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Liturgy of the Eucharist:**

C: Pray, brethren….

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands**

**for the praise and glory of his name**

**for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

**C**: The Lord be with you **All:** **and with your Spirit**

**C**: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

**C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **All: it is right and just.**

**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.**

**Lord’s Prayer: Our** **Father**…

**C:** ……. And the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** **For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

**C:** Behold the Lamb of God…….

**All: Lord, I am not worthy**

**that you should enter under my roof,**

**but only say the word**

**and my soul shall be healed.**

***(Before the Celebrant receives Communion, he will elevate the Host and* then elevate the *Chalice. Holy Communion then follows the Concluding Rites.)***

**C: THE BODY OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

**C: THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. All: AMEN**

**Communion Antiphon.**

The Lord will bestow his bounty,

and our earth shall yield its increase.

**C: Let us Pray……….**

**C:** The Lord be with you

**All: And with your Spirit.**

C:May Almighty God bless you,

The Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

**Priest:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**