

CHRISTMAS GRACE BEFORE MEALS

Leader: Lord, you have made our gladness greater, you have made our joy increase. For you are called: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, the Prince-of-Peace.

ALL: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given. Alleluia!

All together: Dear Heavenly Father, we bow our heads as we honour your presence at this table. We will remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. We will celebrate the arrival of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords in a little stable in Bethlehem.

We thank you for each family member who has come to share this meal. We thank you for the delicious food that has been provided. Lord, listen to our prayers for those who don't have a place to celebrate Christmas namely the homeless, refugees, the sick, prisoners and those who are in quarantine and bless them abundantly. Let them know that we are with them in spirit. Finally, kindly help us to enjoy *all* of the blessings that you have placed in this Christmas day. *

Amen

Upcoming Feasts during the Christmas Season

- The feast of Holy Family (Sunday 27 Dec)
- The feast of Holy Innocents (Monday 28 Dec)
A special blessing to be given for Children during the 9am Mass

- The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy MOTHER of GOD

FRIDAY 1ST JANUARY 2021

9.00am	Morning Mass
5.00pm	The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7.00pm	The Recitation of the Holy Rosary
7.30pm	The Holy Mass



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Sunday Masses: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sunday 9.30am & 5pm
Live-streamed Mass: Sat Vigil 5pm. You can participate from your home online
& receive the Spiritual Communion.

Weekday Masses: 9am Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri (or Fri 9.15am school Masses)
Tuesday evening 7.30pm

Saturday 8.00am Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday 8.30am Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 3.30 – 4.30pm

Adoration: Mon & Fri 6-9pm, Tues 5.45pm – 7.15pm,

Sat 3.30 - 4.30pm, Italian Cenacle: Mon 9.30am

Holy Hour & Cenacle: Wed after 9am Mass, Fri 9.30am

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at 11.30am by appointment.

Weddings: by appointment. Contact Parish Office.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, 25 DECEMBER 2020



My Dear parishioners

Today we recall with joy the birth of a Saviour.
St. Luke says

“For today in the city of David a Saviour has been
born for you who is Christ and Lord”.

The name ‘Jesus’ means “God Saves”.

I pray that God may save all of us from the COVID-19 pandemic and let us enter into the new year trusting in God who has the power to turn everything to our good.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all of you for being with me and Fr. Brian Egan who retired from his ministry last November. I thank Fr. Brian for his guidance and fatherly care extended to me while serving here as his assisting priest.

Administration of a parish is not an easy task. Both Fr. Brian, the former Parish priest, and I have received excellent support from our parish support staff. I thank Nicky Antonio and Megan Harris who have made a significant contribution to the success of the parish. I value their presence and their work.

My sincere thanks go out to all of the Reverend Sisters of the parish who work silently for the mission of the parish. I wish all of them good health, happiness and peace of mind.

I appreciate all the volunteers for their good will and generosity.

On behalf of all our parishioners I thank Mr. Sean de Mello and his family for the yeoman service rendered by livestreaming the Sunday masses during the time of the pandemic without any interruption.

Lest I forget the assistance of Daniel and Andrew who also volunteered to livestream the masses on a few occasions.

I also thank the members of the interim parish Finance Committee for their guidance and expertise.

Last but not least, I thank each and every parishioner for their exemplary faith, loyalty to the Church and the parish and also for all their monetary and non-monetary contribution made during this year.

Let us work together and pray for one another so that our parish may become ***“a place of encounter with the living Christ, a centre of evangelization and outreach to our community in love and mercy”*** (Archbishop Fisher, 2020).

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Blessed New Year.
God Loves you and so do I

Fr. Chaminda WANIGASENA, Parish Administrator

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE
FOLLOWING FOR WHOM MASSES WILL BE OFFERED**



Recently Deceased: Patricia Mountford

Anniversaries: Lorraine Noyes, Peter Nguyen, Alexander Steuerwald, Francesca & Gaetano

Please pray for the sick especially:

Scott Dickson, Denise McCaffery, Dr Bede Muller, Joe Abbate, Patricia Christosi, Dalton James Bonnici, Maria Manno, Joseph Borg, Yuan Sheng Ye, Veronica Rutherford, Paul Dovico, David Bagnato, Angela, Rosaria Natalina Patamia, Felice Minutillo, Charlie Rossini, Kelly & Ursula, Giuseppina Algozzino, Viru, Esther Tully, Rosa Mastro, Tanya Greenaway, Gianna, Matthew, Luisa, Zia Pina, Grace Comare, Elizabeth Esguerra, Juliet Walsh, Barbara Wayne, Marilyn Deguara, Elijah, Adrian Vanzella, Matthew Chan, John Rodrigues, Belinda Nicholls, Nan Peters, Carmela Smigliani, Shinta Widzaza, Alan Borg, Rosa Maria Santos, Bhupinder Tamber, Rebecca Sinclair, Marina Arasaratnam, Teresa Domalewski, Adel Abraham, Anne Vassily, Gloria Clark, Kim Long, Bob & Marion Merrell, Stacey Spencer, Joanne Ford, David, Celia and Gomes Family, Warwick Cook, Louise, James Anthony Manassa, June Corcoran, Rosina Morson, Celina Shaw, Laurence O’Connell, Sam Carroll, Robert Carey, Mario Bianco, Rochelle Rodrigues, Kevin Desouza, Pat Toohey, Charmaine Yu, Anne Collins, Anna Viteznik, Adrian Walker, Lauren Wedd, Peter Weinfroe, Ivy Ross, Dr Siri Kannangara, Maria Rosa de Angelis, Frank Zappia, Cecily Culligan

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or call (02) 9390 5810 or You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

