



CHRISTMAS 2020

Holy Family Parish Como-Kensington

DECEMBER 2020

**Welcome to our Celebration of Christ
– Our Home, Our Wisdom, Our future**

**When love comes to town in a chaotic
culture**



I am keenly aware this Christmas Eve that the **“rifts and chasms between good people** today sometimes seem impossible to bridge.” (Richard Rohr) Just think of the obvious ones: male versus female, rich versus poor, Liberals versus Labour, “Pro-Choice” versus “Pro-Life,” straights versus gays, first nation people versus second nation people, citizens versus refugees, whites versus people of colour.... and on and on it goes.

This reality reminds me of the exasperation the Apostle Peter felt when Jesus told him that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to get into heaven. Like me, Peter gasped, “Then what are we to do, Lord?” To which Jesus said, “Dear friend, with people **some gaps are impossible to mend, but with God ALL things are possible.**” Christmas is about trusting the Lord to mend all the gaps and fears and overcome divisions and wounds.

“When God gives of God’s self, one of two things always happens: either flesh is inspired or spirit is enfleshed. This seems to be the way God works and I am somewhat amazed that more have not recognized this simple pattern: God’s **will is incarnation.**” God overcomes our divisions; God bridges our chasms and God fills our emptiness.

The Christmas miracle wasn’t a mistake – or part of some sentimental fable or myth – for it seems that the love and power of God in the Christian tradition is **always hidden in powerlessness.** From the cradle to the Cross and beyond, God touches our hearts and bridges the great divide with vulnerability and tenderness. “In a weak and little child, God is perfectly hidden and perfectly revealed – fully lovable – and this is the mystery we celebrate tonight.” (Rohr)

Christmas is an invitation to fall in love with God again so that what is impossible might come to pass in our broken, frightened and confused lives and world. I know that today I am ready to fall in love with God again and embrace the Christ Child... maybe you are, too. And so we sing together this love song...



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR OSSIE

Dear parishioners and friends,
I am very glad to have this opportunity of sending to you my warmest and heartfelt greetings for this wonderful Feast of the Birth of our Saviour.

It's interesting to note that even though Covid -19 has negatively impacted our economy and social life, it has not been able to destroy our Christmas Cheer. This is because we dare to believe that Christ is with us, EMMANUEL! So when we are Afraid, Lonely or Confused, let us not forget to Believe, Accept and Claim this Christmas Promise of EMMANUEL, GOD-IS -WITH-US.

A Very Happy and Holy Christmas and a Peace-filled New Year!

God bless,

Fr Ossie Lewis PP



The Parish of Holy Family

Here at Holy Family:

We are devoted to:

- 1) Serving God through a deep commitment to Jesus and His Mission.
- 2) Creating a strong, faith-filled, Catholic
- 3) Community – that spreads the Gospel by witness, word and action.
- 3) Building a network to care effectively for one another.
- 4) Reaching out to all in the region, especially those in need – sharing our time, talent and treasure.
- 5) Growing strong in our knowledge and appreciation of our Catholic Faith so as to accept fully the challenge of Christian Love.



Parish Community Groups work in many areas as we seek to address these goals.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please note there will be **NO** adoration from Thursday 24th December until the end of January 2021.

Adoration will return Thursday 4th February 2021.



MASS OFFERING (at all Masses)

Betty Jones

POWER OF PRAYER

Jan Watts, Ethel Murdoch, Margaret Salter, Kathleen Plese, Mary Devereux, Mary Kolbe, Mona Jones, Jean Seman, Renate Kirkby, Dragutin Markovic, Ivan Giddens, Betty Bennett, Maureen Galligan, Ceri Williams, Reamae David, Carolyn Gonsalves, Stella, Alia & Jason, Patricia Glazner, Gwen Woodruff, Peter & Heather Jordan, Jarlath Jones, Barbara, Simone, Ethan, Colin, Fr Carroll, Anicka, Jill McGimpsey-Evans, Barbara Todd, Rose, Adelene, David, Fitzgerald Family, Grace & Marek, Arthur Silver, Joy & Reg Groutsch, Pauline, Andrina, Ng Chai Hong, Norah Langshaw, Judith Schmitzer, Jeremy & Stephanie, Colin & Fiona, Frank & Stephania, Barbara Morrow, Ros MacPherson

WELCOME BACK

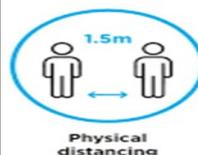
You may have been away from the Church for a short time or many years. Just be assured that our Parish cares about you and are willing to make your return easier. These have been turbulent years where we have seen the underbelly of the Church Community. If you would like to talk about matters concerning the Church or know more about the Parish, please contact Fr Ossie through the Office on 94505921, Rose Hart 0451191944 or Tony Pires on 0418900046.

CRAFT GROUP IN RECESS

Please be advised the craft group will be in recess over Christmas & New Year, returning Wednesday 13 January 2021



PLEASE BE COVID SAFE



The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday 24th December until Tuesday 5th January 2021. For anything urgent please call Rose on 0451191944 or email como@perthcatholic.org.au

Liturgy of the Word - The Nativity of the Lord

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52: 7-10

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 raised their voices, they shout for 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.

This word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Hebrews 1: 1-6

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

Luke 2: 1-14

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 every one 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 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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

CHRISTMAS DAY

The Roman Emperor Augustus ordered a count to be made of all the people in the land. This meant that Joseph and Mary had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, because Joseph had been born there, The journey was long and difficult, and the time was coming for Mary to have her baby.

LET US PRAY...

Dear Lord Jesus, on this Christmas morning, may our hearts and homes be filled with the peace and love you shared with the world.



Christmas Nativity Word Search



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 Worshipped Bethlehem Saviour Mary Joseph
 Donkey Stable Angel Baby King

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