

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors
through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 2: 16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib . . . When the eighth day came, they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD / A

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

The Octave of Christmas concludes by honouring Mary as the Mother of God continuing the long and rich tradition that goes back to the Council of Ephesus in 431. The formula that Levites and priests were instructed to use when blessing the people of Israel has a special resonance when applied to Mary. She could surely say that she had been blessed in the gift of Jesus, that God's face had shone upon her, and that God had been gracious to her in ways that she could never have anticipated or imagined. Her positive response to the words of the angel Gabriel opened a pathway for all humanity.

In the letter to the Galatians, we get a glimpse into Paul's wonder at the mysterious ways of God knowing that our ability to cry out in the Spirit 'Abba, Father' would not have come about if Jesus had not been born of Mary. He describes this birth as taking place in the fullness of God's time. Jesus was born as a member of the people of Israel, but this is only a part of his identity and role in God's saving plan that extends to all creation.

The first witnesses to the birth of Jesus in Luke's Gospel were the shepherds who were informed that a Saviour had been born in Bethlehem, the city of David whose own career as king started humbly as a shepherd. In a similar way, Jesus' humble beginnings in a manger will lead to blessings for all of us. Like Mary, we are called to treasure all this in our hearts.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Num 6: 22-27

A reading from the book of Numbers.

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 66: 2-3, 5, 6, 8. R. v. 2

R. May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **R.**



2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **R.**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R.**

SECOND READING

Gal 4: 4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians.

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave anymore; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

■ The word of the Lord.



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am, 10.00am, 6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

The Nativity of the Lord YR A

01 Sun: Mary the Mother of God
02 Mon: No Mass

03 Tues: Tues before the Epiphany

04 Wed: Wed before the Epiphany

05 Thu: Thurs before the Epiphany

06 Fri: Fri before the Epiphany

07 Sat: Sat before the Epiphany/Vigil of The Epiphany of the Lord YrA

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.30pm


For Baptisms & Weddings


Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

 **Notre Dame Catholic Primary**
360 Daly Street, Cloverdale WA 6105
6272 7100 | www.nds.wa.edu.au

 **St Maria Goretti's Catholic School**
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
6279 2000 | www.smg.wa.edu.au

Parish Events

Masses in the Parish

As of Friday 4th November 2022, the State Government announced that WA was no longer in a State of Emergency, however some restrictions will still apply.

Sunday 4th September 2022, 'The Sunday Obligation' for the faithful was re-instituted by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe. This means that you are required to attend Sunday Mass, unless you are unwell. Although Mask-wearing is no longer mandatory in places of worship, it is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to continue to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. If you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better.

Mass at Home available on CH10 6am Sunday morning or go www.massforyou.com.au

Pilgrim Statues

If you wish to have one of 'Our Lady's' statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138. **December 31st: M Sann 282 Daly St Belmont & C Neville 27 Revelli Cres, Seville Grove.**

New Year's Wishes

Dear Parishioners, I would like to wish everyone in our parish a Happy New Year for 2023. Thank you to all that attended our Christmas Celebrations for 2022. Thank you all to those that served in the ministries at all the masses. Thank you also to ushers, flower arrangers & choirs. Without you all our celebrations could not go ahead. Also thank you to those that have given their time and talents to the parish during 2022.

I hope that everyone has a good start to the New Year and we all keep safe and well. God Bless.

Fr Michael Quynh Do

Funeral Details for the late Mrs Yvonne Roach

Tuesday 3rd January in Notre Dame Church, **Rosary at 10am** followed by **Requiem Mass**.

Bonnie was a long serving member of the Legion of Mary at Redcliffe/Belmont.

Morning Tea – 1st January 2023

In the Parish Centre after the 8am & 10am Masses. All are invited to attend.

Christmas Cracker Joke

There was a Fork, Spoon & Knife in a race – Who won? None of them, they ended up in a drawer.



Photo: Frank Jones 2014/12/25

Around the Archdiocese

The Archbishop's Appeal for LifeLink 2022

It is not too late to donate to the Archbishops Appeal for Lifelink. Place donation in the Second Collection. You may also donate securely online by credit card: www.lifelink.com.au

WA Young Salesians Summer Camp

9 -13 January 2023 Ages 11-1/2 – 15 yrs. Contact admin@wayoungsalesians.com or 0418 979 600
Or see noticeboard for more details.

The Record Magazine – December 2022 Issue

Please take a copy, Free to all good homes.

Notre Dame Community

St Columban Calendars On Sale

At the school side entrance to the church. \$10.00 each.

Parking around the Church and School

Please be aware of the parking signs in Daly St & streets surrounding the church and school. Park in designated parking spots and areas. Remember to remove or hide all valuables in your car and lock before coming into church. Not everyone practices the commandment of **'thou shall not steal'**.

Containers for Change

The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.



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In Our Prayers...

In Memoriam

We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially: *deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Ernesto & Luigia Rocca, Domenico & Caterina Murace and recently deceased Yvonne (Bonnie) Roach.*



Parishioners who are unwell:

Peter Butcher, Deacon Al & Aileen Atkinson, Anne Redmond, Maureen Daly, Ravi Ratnayake, Fran Carter, Elizabeth Allen & Glen Arathoon.

Happy New Year to all!