

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Thursday 24th December 2020

First Reading

Is 62:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord takes delight in you.

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

This is the word of the lord

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:4-5. 16-17. 27. 29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'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.'

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'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.'

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading

Acts 13:16-17. 22-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David.

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak: 'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out. Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these

"I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

This is the word of the lord

Thanks be to God

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 1:18-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Mary will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

Christmas Day Friday 25th December 2020

First Reading

Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

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 raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of 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 is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-6. R. v.3

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

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.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

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.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading

Heb 1:1-6

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son. 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,

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.

This is the word of the lord

Thanks be to God

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us. And we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Holy family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year B 26th-27th December 2020

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.
The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**This is the word of the lord
Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of the Jacob he chose.

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading

Col 3:12-21

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.
You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has

now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**This is the word of the lord
Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 2:22. 39-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

**The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 24TH, 25TH, 26TH & 27TH DECEMBER 2020



*Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.
Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) 0437 576 730 and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)*

Please remember these people in our prayers

Anniversaries:

Sr Rose Daly ; Bryan Dillon; Neville Walsh; Monica Leahy; Kevin Code; Fr Pat Bushell; Karen Kearney; Richard Nolen; Peter Ryan

Sick: Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; ; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil; Peter MacIntosh; Gai Thi Tran



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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS Fr Anthony & Cay

We'd like to take this time to wish all our parishioners a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Your presence in our faith community is what makes St Mary's a wonderful parish. We look forward to 2021 and celebrating with you all in our great Parish community.

Christmas Appeal 2020: Bishop Paul has said that our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the Diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance. A special collection will be taken after communion for the Christmas Appeal at Christmas Masses. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Parish Finances & CDF Pay: Many thanks for your continuing support of our Presbytery and Parish during these unprecedented times. Parishioners wishing to contribute to the Presbytery/ Parish finances, please deposit to the Parish account - Westpac: BSB: 033250 Account number: 870747.

St Mary's Parish has joined with CDF (Catholic Development Fund-Ballarat) and **CDF Pay** where you can electronically make a one of payment or set up a regular payment. You receive an electronic receipt for any payments made.

Parish Mass schedule:

Robinvale

Saturday 26: 6:00pm

Underbool

Sunday 27: 9:00am

Ouyen

Sunday 27: 11:00am

Manangatang

Sunday 27: 9:00am (LAYLED Mass)

COVID SAFE PLAN:

St Mary's Robinvale & St Patrick Manangatang

- ◆ 1.5m social distancing at one time.
- ◆ Please wear mask when you are not able to keep the social distance.
- ◆ Record your details in the book.
- ◆ Sanitise your hands and sanitise your contact surface.
- ◆ Please avoid interactions in the indoor space before or after the service.
- ◆ If you are sick or unwell, do not attend, get tested & please contact Parish Office or Mary Knight 0438 627 920

