

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE

Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang



YEAR B SATURDAY 25TH AND SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER, 2021

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

Recent Deaths:

Glenys Upton



Anniversaries:

Neville Walsh; Monica Leahy; Kevin Code; Fr Pat Bushell;
Karen Kearney; Richard Nolen; Peter Ryan

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Basilio Alcodia;
Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Gai Thi Tran; Louise Manna;



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St Mary's, 19 Watkin St. Robinvale
St Patrick's, 33 Pioneer St. Manangatang

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- ◆ **Blessed Christmas & Happy New Year:** Fr Anthony and Parish Leadership Team wish all parishioners and friends & families beyond - blessings of Christmas joy and peace, and for all to have a very happy and blessed New Year.
- ◆ **Thank You:** Thank you to the members of all ministries and visitors who have generously made contributions to the life of our Parish through works, time and donations. It is gratefully appreciated.
- ◆ **Bishop Paul's Christmas Appeal:** At Christmas Masses a special collection will be taken up to support Bishop Paul's Christmas appeal.
- ◆ **Thank you** to Sebi for his beautiful Star and the lights on the crib at Manangatang Church.
- ◆ **Manangatang Christmas Carols** were very successful. There was a large crowd gathered on our Church lawn for an enjoyable night. A big thank you to the Price family who led the Carols.
- ◆ **Masses this week:**
8pm Friday 24th Christmas Eve Vigil
11:00am Saturday 25th Christmas Day Mass
6pm Vigil Mass, Saturday, 25th December – Holy Family;
6pm Vigil Mass, Friday 31st December - New Year & Mary, Mother of God
6pm Vigil Mass, Saturday 1st January – The Epiphany of the Lord
11am Mass Sunday, 2nd January - The Epiphany of the Lord
- ◆ **Fr Anthony is Available:** Now the restrictions are eased, Fr Anthony is available to visit your home for a prayer/blessing; visit to the sick. To make an appointment please call the parish office 50 263 068.
- ◆ **Looking Forward Gathering, 5pm, Wednesday, 19th January 2022**
This gathering will discuss the future of our parish and proposals for the sharing of resources with other parishes in the Sunraysia region including priests sharing the weekend Mass roster in these parishes.



Friday 24th Dec 2021

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS VIGIL)

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.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 R. see v.2

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 words, "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".'

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.

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

Saturday 25 Dec 2021

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day

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.

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, 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 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 Jn 1:1-5. 9-14

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.

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

COVID Staying Safe Rules

- Use the hand sanitizer
- Keep your distance
- **Wear a face mask FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY ONCE AGAIN**
- Use the QR Code
- **If you are feeling unwell please stay home**



Sunday 26 Dec 2021

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

FIRST READING Sm 1:20-22. 24-28

A reading from the first book of Samuel

For the whole of his life, Samuel shall be lent to the Lord.
Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'
When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.' There she left him, for the Lord.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 83:2-3. 5-6. 9-10. R. v.5

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise. They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer, gave ear, O God of Jacob. Turn your eyes, O God, our shield, look on the face of your anointed.

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

SECOND READING Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

A reading from the first letter of St John

He calls you his own children, and that is what you are.
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we

are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2:41-52

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

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

FINANCES

Presbytery : \$NA

Parish: \$NA



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