



ABERFOYLE PARK CATHOLIC PARISH CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY



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Tuesday 10:00 am.-3:00 pm.

Thursday 10:00 pm.-3:00 pm.

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School of the Nativity

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Principal: Mr. Greg Haynes

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Mass Time:

Saturday -Vigil 6 pm

Sunday 9 am

Weekday Masses:

Tuesdays 12 pm

Wednesday 9:15 pm

Thursday 9:15 am

Fridays 12 pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday

5.15 pm. -5.45 pm.

Other days: On request

DEVOTIONS:

***Rosary:* Tuesday 11.30 am.**

Friday 11.30 am

Saturday 11am

***Adoration:* Last Friday of the month 11-12 pm. No Rosary.**



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus,

Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

Christmas brings great joy to the whole world and double of that to our community as our parish bears the name of the Nativity.

We look ahead to 2021 longing to leave behind these unprecedented times. We wait in hope longing for a renewed sense of safety and stability. How fitting, then, that we should end this year with the season that brings joy. This joy flows from our faith and the opportunities it offers for social bonding and this was hit the hardest in 2020. Now that vaccines are announced and so is hope are renewed, we salute all those who stood bravely from all spheres of life displaying their love and offering hope to a pained humanity.

What better time to look ahead in eager anticipation of a new-found sense of freedom and peace? What better way to take stock of things and again find our centre in our God?

We pray that the joy and hope of Christmas and God's love, revealed in Jesus Christ, will fill your heart and shape your life in the year to come. May we find that quiet time with God to become the centre of our lives and draw strength from God this Christmas to share JOY in fellowship with our community and loved ones.

We invoke God's blessings on each one connected to this parish, Children, young, old, sick, families, those living alone and many volunteers that keep powering this community. Merry Christmas! And have a safe, happy and blessed New Year!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Santiago Fernandes

Notices

Christmas Day 25/12

The word was made flesh and dwelt among us. In Jesus, the Son of God did not simply become like a human being or take only the visible form of a human being. God became a human being and pitched his tent among us. Christ, true God and true man, continues to dwell among us in his word and sacrament, and in all who make up his body.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION RESCHEDULED

Eucharistic adoration of this month on Friday this week being Christmas day is rescheduled on New Years Day at 11 am before midday mass.

CHRISTMAS MASS ON CHANNEL 44 ON 25TH FRIDAY AT 11AM.

A short carols service and the midnight Mass will be aired from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Channel 44 on Friday, 25th December at 11am. We hope this will bring joy to those who will not be able to attend services in person. Please share the news with family and friends or anyone you know who would regularly tune into Mass on Channel 44.

APPEAL FOR ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC MINISTRY – 24TH/25TH DECEMBER

The annual Christmas Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry will take place with a special collection at all Christmas Masses.

THIS YEAR IS DEDICATED TO ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has declared that this year is dedicated to St Joseph. This year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870. The year begins Dec 8, 2020 and concludes on Dec 8, 2021.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND ANY SERVICE IF YOU ARE UN WELL.

**PLEASE LISTEN TO COVID MARSHALLS THEY ARE ON DUTY
TO KEEP US SAFE**

- ◇ **TICK MARK YOUR NAME ON BOOKING SHEET, SCAN QR CODE OR SIGN IN**
- ◇ **SANITIZE YOUR HANDS, KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE AT ALL TIMES**
- ◇ **PLEASE COME EARLY TO FIND A PLACE FOR YOU TO SIT AND SIT ON THE INNER SIDE OF THE BENCH IF YOU TURN UP FIRST.**
- ◇ **DO NOT SING (ONLY CHOIR CAN SING).**
- ◇ **FAMILY MEMBERS CAN SIT TOGETHER, LARGER FAMILIES CAN USE RESERVED SIDE PEWS.**
- ◇ **PLEASE DISPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN AFTER USE.**

Booking for Mass

After Christmas all Mass times will resume and you will no longer be required to book, as we do not expect to exceed our capacity. However late comers may be expected to sit in the foyer. It is still compulsory to register on arrival and sanitise your hands on entry. There is to be no socialising before or after mass, either inside or outside the church.

We must maintain a 1.5m social distancing at all times.

Last Mass of the year,
New Years Eve Thursday 31st December
9:15am

New Years Day Friday 1st January
Eucharistic Adoration 11am
Mass 12pm

All weekday Mass and weekend Mass times will follow as usual from Tuesday 29th December.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas: A message from Archbishop

Patrick O'Regan

When we think of the first Christmas, we sometimes think of the *Silent Night Holy Night* type, where all is calm all is bright. Yet the first Christmas was entirely chaotic and dangerous. It was winter; two travellers, one heavily pregnant, make an inconvenient trip of about 150 km. Getting there was only part of it, when they arrived, as we know, it was Mary's time and there was no room for them. You might think that God might have got things better organised. It is as if God actually doesn't mind a little chaos! This year we all have experienced the unwelcome and sudden chaos and uncertainty that COVID has bought into our lives. It has all taken its toll on us.

And now we find ourselves celebrating Christmas. It's a reminder that the kind of God we have is a God who first comes to us; a God who is not only God for us, but God with us; a God who reminds us that we are not alone, especially it seems in chaos and uncertainty. Our joy at Christmas is not simply the celebration of another birthday. It celebrates that we have someone who is our light; One who can show us the path of life; One whose light accompanies us, especially in the darkness.

If Christ is that for us then Christmas also challenges us to become that light in our world. This is my first Christmas in Adelaide, and I thank you for your welcome. I know strongly that despite all the challenges that this year has presented, we are not alone. May Christmas 2020 be a time of great peace, trust and forgiveness, for you and your families and friends. May we rediscover Jesus Christ, our true light. God is good, good indeed.

It's Christmas.....

'It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.' - Mother Teresa

Office Hours

Please note that the office will be closed and re open Tuesday 19th, January. Emails and phone will be checked.

Please pray for:

Special Intentions:

COVID-19 Pandemic



Sick: Margaret Pfeiffer, Pauline Walker, Phil Matalone, John Piekarz, Robbie Wright, Peter Watts, Jenny Telford

Recently Deceased:

Gilbert Read (brother of Frnaces Piekarz)

Anniversaries:

Death: *Erica Hughes -1 year*

CALENDAR 2020/21

Booking is compulsory for all Christmas masses.

Dec 24 — 5.30pm and 7.30pm
Family Mass and 10pm Vigil

Dec 25 — 9am Christmas Day Mass

Dec 27 — The Holy Family

Dec 31 — 9.15am Mass

Jan 1 — 12pm Mass N. Y Day

Adoration from 11am.

Jan 3— The Epiphany of the Lord

Jan 10— The Baptism of the Lord

Jan 17— Second Sunday of Ordinary
Time

Jan 26— Australia Day



Our Parish is a Child Safe Organisation

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and young people. Contact the Child Protection Unit on 8210 8159.

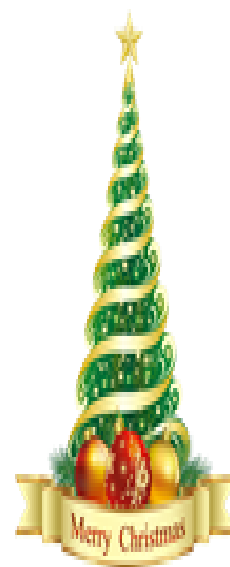
Child Protection Contact

Person in our parish:

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**A BIG THANK YOU
TO ALL THOSE WHO
SUPPORTED THIS GOOD WORK,
THE DONORS AND THE VINNIES
VOLUNTEERS.**

The Word of God

First Reading Is 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3. 11-13

(R.) Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *(R.)*
2. Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. *(R.)*
3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice, all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he comes, he comes to rule the earth. *(R.)*
4. With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. *(R.)*

Second Reading Ti 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must

be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:10-11

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Gospel Lk 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
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 everyone 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 you 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.'