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The Nativity of the Lord | Year A | 24/25 December

Peace in Christ!

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

This is a wonderful time of the year! Gathering and celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus in the manger is a humble act of God in welcoming us all, regardless of our status in life. The magi and shepherd were guided by the star in leading them to the LIGHT of the world, the locus of our everything - Jesus! May our celebration of Christmas continue to remind us of God's never-ending love, assurance and reassurance of being with us - EM-MANUEL!

As one community of the Inner North, let us continue to traverse the path of unity, hope, and peace. May we continue to be enlightened by the Eucharist that we are sharing, that every time we gather at the table of this celebration, we always go back to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. May we be a Bethlehem, the House of Bread, welcoming Jesus in our hearts, and giving witness to others the presence of the Eucharistic Lord - word made flesh.

Pope Francis, in his apostolic exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, announces that "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." May we continue to encounter Jesus in our community through the Sacraments we are celebrating and sharing the Gospel translated in our daily endeavours and bringing the Joy of enfleshing the charism inspired by our Eucharistic Spirituality. As St Peter Julian Eymard taught: "Jesus in the Eucharist is everything, leading to true love, service for the poor, and a life transformed by His presence."

On behalf of the Blessed Sacrament Community of Canberra, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a grace-filled New Year! "Let us bring Christ's light to those in need this season and may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and homes this Christmas."

One in Christ,

Fr. Renoir Oliver, SSS

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR TIMETABLE

	Blackfriars, Watson	St Brigid's, Dickson	St Joseph's, O'Connor	St Patricks, Braddon	St Thomas More, Campbell
Mass					
Christmas Eve Christmas Day	5.00pm/ 9pm Vigil 10.00am	7.30pm Vigil 10.00am	6.00pm & 9pm Vigil 9.00am	8.00am	6.00pm Vigil
Fri 26 Dec Sat 27 Dec	9am 5pm (Vigil)	9am 9.00am 6pm Vigil	9.15am 8.30am 6.00pm (Vigil)	- -	11.45am -
Sunday 28 Dec	10am/5pm	9.30 am	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
Tuesday 30Dec	9.00am	9.00am	9.15am	-	-
Wednesday 31 Dec	9.00am	9am/7pm(Vigil)	9.15am	-	
Thursday 1 Jan	9.00am	9.30am	8.30am	-	10am
Fri 2 Jan Sat 3 Jan	9.00am 5pm Vigil	9am 9.00am 6.00pm (Vigil)	9.15am 8.30am & 6pm (Vigil)	-	-
Sunday 4 Jan	10.00am 5pm	9.30am	8.30am	8.00am	10.00am
Reconciliation - weekday times cancelled					
Saturday 27 Dec Saturday 3Jan	4.00 - 4.30pm As above	9.30 - 10.00am 5.30 - 5.50pm	5.15 - 5.45pm As above	-	-
NORMAL TIMETABLE RESUMES SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2025					

Entrance Antiphon Ps 2: 7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

First reading - Isaiah 9:1-7

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 - Psalm 95(96):1-3,11-13

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R**
Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.
Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad **R**
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**
With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth.
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R**

Second reading - Titus 2:11-14

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

cont...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 - Lk2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
I bring you news of great joy:
today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord.
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
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.'

Communion Antiphon - Jn 1: 14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

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