

**DAY MASS****FIRST READING** Isa 52:7-10**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

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.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

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

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

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

2. 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. **R.**

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

4. 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. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Heb 1:1-6**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.**

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.****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!



**TODAY IS BORN  
OUR SAVIOUR,  
CHRIST THE LORD!**

**GOSPEL**

Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

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. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. 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.

John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.'

Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**■ The Gospel of the Lord.****THE SAVING WORD****THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / A****MASS DURING THE NIGHT / DAY MASS****25 DECEMBER 2025****MASS DURING THE NIGHT****FIRST READING** Isa 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.

**■ The word of the Lord.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13. R. Lk 2: 11

**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** Titus 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.

**■ The word of the Lord.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 2: 10-11

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

**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.'

**■ The Gospel of the Lord.**

25 December 2025

The Nativity of the Lord -

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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24 December - 6 PM

Christmas Day, Thursday 25 December - 9 AM.



**Please note: No evening mass in Tamworth on Christmas Day**

### Christmas Eve Mass:

Readers: N. Pullman, S. Brown

Eucharistic Minister: V. Griffiths

Gifts: Volunteers

### Christmas Day Mass

Readers: R. Paull, G Clout

Eucharist Minister: M. Vella

Gifts: Volunteers



### CHRISTMAS EVE (NIGHT) MASS

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

**COMMUNION** The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.  
**ANTIPHON:**

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

**ENTRANCE** A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.  
**ANTIPHON:**

**COMMUNION** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
**ANTIPHON:** Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

**WEEKDAY MASS: Friday, 26th Dec: 12noon (St Stephen)**

### ROSTER FOR: 28/12/25

**Vigil:** R: J. Moloney, P. Bamford

**Gifts:** J & P Bamford

**9am Sun:** R: S Brown, A. Sartori

**Gifts:** A & S Vueti

**5.00pm Sun:** R: Volunteer

**Gifts:** Volunteer

**Counting Team:** G & M Thrift

**Altar Linen:** E. Smyth

**Fri Cleaning** S. Brown, V. Griffiths

We acknowledge the First Nations people who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of First Nations people to this land and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.



## WELCOME TO ALL THOSE JOINING US AT ST PATRICKS.

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - YEAR A

### CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

#### The light that dispels the darkness

"I'm so glad that Jesus was born in a stable, because my soul is so much like a stable - it's poor and unsatisfactory condition. And yet, I believe that if Jesus can be born in a stable, maybe He can also be born in me". (Dorothy Day). If Jesus were born one thousand times in Bethlehem and not in me then I would be lost.

In this holy Christmas, let us prepare our hearts filled with love and light to receive baby Jesus. Many of us decorated our homes with Christmas lights. The shining lights represent the Light of Christ.

This Christmas is an invitation for us to embrace the light of Christ. "The light that shines in darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it." This gives us hope, no matter how overwhelming the darkness in our lives, fear, uncertainty, grief or anxiety - it can never diminish the light of Christ. This is the power of the Light of Christ in our lives. His light does not just illuminate our paths; it transforms our perspectives. It enlightens our hearts to see the truth about God, who we are, the hope that God gives, no matter how dark our lives are. Let the Light of Christ guide our paths.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year

Fr Saji Kappikuzhi, RCJ. Administrator

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Daphne Sweeney, Laurie Brodbeck, Barry Borham, Eric Chua.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Richard Bowler (1/12), Perce McInnes (2/12), John Paul Vella (4/12), Mary Sampson (2/01), John O'Brien (3/01), Pamela Davy (06/01), Rod Kelly (20/01), Lawrence Vella (23/01).

**DECEASED:** We pray for our loved ones now in God's care, William Grima, Paul Zammit, Hugh & Dalis O'Brien, Margaret Hudson, Barry Lane, Norma Simmonds, Vincent Pendergast, Phil Eather, John Galloway, Patrick McBrearty, Justin Blanch.

**SICK:** Sienna Baker, May Press, John Betts, Norma O'Brien, Elaine Murray, Shane Davidson, Sr Cecilia Pistacchio, Judy Murphy, Monica Austin, Brian Rodway, Lisa Bond, John Ryan, Yvonne Tarrant, Bill Dennis, Barry McNamara, Jeanette Whale, Carmel Koppman, Barbara Brennan, Eileen Hudson, Rose Pace.

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