



# THE SAVING WORD

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25 DECEMBER 2018

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.

### 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.

**RESP PSALM** 97:1-6.R.v.3  
**R.** All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

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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.**

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** All  
**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 1:1-18

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.

### MIDNIGHT MASS

**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** 95:1-3.11-13 R.v. 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:



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**PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Sacred Heart Church Inverell**

**SATURDAY:** 6:00 pm (5:30 pm Months of May to August)  
**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am

Monday, Tuesday and 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 9:30 am  
 Wednesday, Thursday and (1<sup>st</sup> Friday Anointing Mass) 12:00 noon  
 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Adoration and Benediction 12:30 pm

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**SATURDAY** 4:30 to 5:30 pm  
**SUNDAY** 8:00 to 8:30 am

McLean Retirement Village **FRIDAY (except 1<sup>st</sup> Friday)** 11:00 am

**TINGHA** St. Francis' Church **Saturday** 5:00 pm  
**ASHFORD** St. Patrick's Church **Sunday** 10:30 am

**BUNDARRA** St. Mary of the Angels' Church **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** 8:00 am  
**YETMAN** St. Joseph the Worker's Church **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday** 10:00 am

Nota bene: You may contact the Parish Priest on 0412771516



**PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK**

**\*\*\* NEW YEAR MASSES \*\*\***

Monday 31st December ..... 6:00PM  
 Tuesday 1st January ..... 9:00AM

OSTER/ DATE	Dec 29- SAT 6.PM	Dec 30 - SUN 9am	January 5- SAT 6pm	Jan 6 - SUN 9am
<b>GREETERS</b>	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	P.CONSTABLE, VOLUNTEERS
<b>PROJECTOR</b>	JO KELLY	D.BRYANT	N.TURNER	VOLUNTEER
<b>READERS</b>	S.HOLLIS, D.DASEY	M.ROBINSON, R.LONG	F.RENNIE, D.DASEY	D.HANNIGAN, G.JOHNSON
<b>COMMENTATOR/</b>	P.MATHER	M.WALES	J.KELLY	J.SAINT
<b>GIFTS</b>	M.AITON, C.COTTELL	GASCON FAMILY	JIM AND KAY HARMON	GASCON FAMILY
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>	T.NEWBERRY, J.GREEN, A.MICHAEL, VOLUNTEER	J.HARRIS, J.RAINGER, D.HANNIGAN, BOB McGRATH	S.HOLLIS, SR. CORAL, A.MICHAEL, VOLUNTEER	M.WALES, VOLUNTEER G.JOHNSON, R.LONG
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	H.HOLLIS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
<b>MUSIC MINISTRY</b>	D.GIBSON GP	A.TUBB GP	C.McCOSKER GP	TBA
<b>CANTOR</b>	G.GIBSON	A.TUBB		
<b>COLLECTION</b>	A.MICHAEL	B.DEMPSEY	A.TALAMPAS	P.CONSTABLE
<b>MORNING TEA</b>				
<b>COUNTERS</b>		REDONDO & GASCON GP		LANGSANG AND TALAMPAS GP
		J.FRATER, T King D.HANNIGAN,		G.CHIE, G.FLEMING, M.SCHOFIELD, C.HOYT

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Mary Porchedda, Denise Taveira, Terry Manuel, Margaret Kahler, Elsie Marie Tan, Gregory Stephen, Joanne Essey, Hayley Michael, Bob Kneipp, Terry Kelleher, Margaret Goldman, Graham Tom, Peter Stieger, Fred Boight, Bob Sullivan, Rodney Parry, Mary Jordan, Agnes Hannigan, Len Fidler, Rebecca King, Tony Seitz, Veronica Ticehurst, Rose Kennedy, Brett Romer, Dolores (Tootie) Rolfe, Margaret Polock, David Sanders, Anthony Simpson, Irene Dasey, Gwen Zemit, Brian Barker, Mary Schembri, Anne Di Costanzo, Edwin Valencia, Wilfreda Gascon **and all the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

**We Pray for the Recently Deceased**

Fr Tom Shanahan, Dale Hayes, Patrick Ashe, Lyn Schliebs, Mary Jurry (sister to Pat Mather) Ronald Noel Seaton, Win Kent, Anita Szalanski, Gordon Kitching, Peter Kelleher, Jeanette Smyth, Patsy Perrett, Patrick "Pat" Clancy, **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord .... May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**FOR THE RECOVERY OF THE SICK members of our parish. For the repose of the SOULS of:** Myra & Douglas Ramsay, Anthony Thomas Moylan, Stephanie Jean Moylan, Joseph Shehede Hanna, Anthony Hanna, Betros Maroom, Martha Betros Maroom, Shehede Hanna, Ruley Shehede Hanna, Pat Clancy, Pat & Kevin Clancy,

**The Parish Memorial Benefactors.**

**NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS.**

**INTENTIONS OF PAT COLEMAN**

**All the travelers.**

**OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:** We as a PARISH, try to live out our **VISION:** To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through **SERVICE** in peace, justice and love.

**MISSION:** To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**

Merry Christmas  
 and may Gods  
 grace be with you.  
 Make merry not just on  
 this wonderful holiday  
 but all through the year!



**GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY**

**TO ALL THE WORLD:**

**TODAY IS BORN**

**OUR SAVIOUR,**

**CHRIST THE LORD**



**Healing Prayer**

Heavenly Father, I call on you right now in a special way. If it is through Your Power that I was created. Every breath I take, every morning I wake, and every moment of every hour, I live under Your power.

Father, I ask you now to please touch me with that same power. For if you created me from nothing, You can certainly re-create me. Fill me with the healing power of Your Spirit. Cast out anything that should not be in me. Mend what is broken. Root out any unproductive cells. Open any blocked arteries or veins and rebuild any damaged areas in my body. Remove all inflammation and cleanse any infection.

Let the warmth of Your Healing Love pass through my body to make it anew, and so my body will function the way You created it.

Heavenly Father, restore me to full health in mind, body, and soul; that I may serve You more fully for the rest of my life. Amen

**A very Happy Christmas To All Our Parishioners And Friends, And In Extension To Our Dearly Ones At McLean Care ... Joy To You At Christmas**



We announce the death of **Fr Tom Shanahan.**

He served as curate in this Parish in the 60's. May his soul rest in peace .... Amen.

The funeral will be held at 11:00am Wednesday 2nd January, 2019 at Saint Nicholas Church, Tamworth.

Christmas Dues can be paid anytime now. If you do not have a Dues envelope, a plain marked envelope will do.

Christmas Dues are used in the support of our priests.

You generosity will be most appreciated. Remain Blessed

**CHRISTMAS TREE—BAUBLES:**

Baubles are available for you to choose and place on the tree, in memory of a loved one or for any special intention. Cost is a gold coin donation. Funds will go to Mercyworks as part of our annual fundraising for their cause.

**“Come home this Christmas. Come home to your parish family. The doors of our churches are wide open to you.”**

Thanks to all who helped to organise this season. We appreciate your cards and gifts to us in this Christmas. Wishing you all, a Holy and Blessed Christmas. From your Priests; Fathers Roel, Thaddeus and Vince

The Sacred Heart Parish acknowledges the Kamilaroi people, the traditional owners and custodian of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon this land. And we pray that peace and harmony prevail.

**GOD BLESS AUSTRALIA.**



**Are you new in our Parish?**

**Let the Sacred Heart Parish community welcome you...**

Kindly register on our "New Parishioners" book and we will set a date to officially welcome YOU. Thank you and welcome to your new parish.

