

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS & NIGHT MASS- ST JOSEPH'S, 24TH DECEMBER
(6 pm & 9 pm)

Merry Christmas! Welcome to St Joseph's Church on this Christmas Eve and a special welcome to all visitors to our church today.

We deeply respect this land and its traditional custodians, the Bunurong and Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation and we re-commit ourselves to the ongoing safeguarding of the young and vulnerable in our community.

We are gathered here tonight to celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus, the light who has overcome darkness and came into our world. God entrusts this light to all communities around the world. As we are here to welcome our Saviour, let us also pray for our world, especially in places of wars, persecutions, broken families and for people who do not know God's love. Above all, let us give thanks to God for all the blessings we have received this year and the grace to know and celebrate Jesus, God's precious gift to humanity.

Our celebrant for this mass is.....

Please stand for our entrance hymn.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-7

The prophet Isaiah invites us to contemplate on the joy of deliverance from the darkness of the world. A light has shone in our midst. A child is born to us, Jesus the Christ. Let us rejoice.

(Commentator pause after the reading is finished)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(Commentator pause after the psalm is finished)

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

The Letter to Titus is an invitation and a challenge for us to live the Christian life with restraint and to practise holiness while reflecting Jesus in our lives and actions.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Sung

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS- ST THOMAS AQUINAS', 24TH DECEMBER (7pm)

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CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - ST JOSEPH'S 10:30 AM

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10

The prophet Isaiah speaks to us about the messenger who brings to the world the Good News of God's abiding presence among us.

(Commentator pause after the reading is finished)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(Commentator pause after the psalm is finished)

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-6

This passage, the opening of the Letter to the Hebrews, pays tribute to the Jewish tradition which prepared for the coming of the Messiah. It paints a grand picture of God's work in the world and of Jesus, God's Son.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Sung

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS - ST THOMAS AQUINAS' 9 AM

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CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY - 24th & 25th DECEMBER 2024

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

CELEBRANT: Dear friends, in the joy of this holy night/day, we open our hearts to the love of Jesus.

1. For Pope Leo, celebrating his first Christmas as our universal pastor, that he will draw us to the Christ Child with the joyful praise of the angels.

Let us pray to the Lord

2. For children and families, that honouring the love and care of Mary and Joseph for the Christ Child, they will be protected from harm and grow together in harmony and joy.

Let us pray to the Lord.

3. For the people of Bethlehem and across the Holy Land, that as they received Jesus at his birth, so there may be a rebirth of hope, justice, reconciliation and peace among them all.

Let us pray to the Lord.

4. May the memory of the poor shepherds, who received the message of the angels, bring hope to all people who are struggling at this time, so that good people will help them in their needs.

Let us pray to the Lord.

5. For those who are sick, especially those in the Alfred and all hospitals, in aged care facilities and the homebound. That the song of the Angels may lift their hearts with hope, so that they are able to also praise God amidst their challenges.

Let us pray to the Lord

6. We pray for all who have died in war and in poverty, for the victims of Bondi, and for our families and parish, especiallywho have died recently, andwhose anniversaries occur around this time. May they be taken by Jesus, Saviour of the world, into the everlasting joy and peace of heaven.

Let us pray to the Lord.

CELEBRANT:: Heavenly Father, you gave us your Son, Jesus, to be the Hope and Light of the world. Let this festival of Christmas draw us closer to Him. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN