

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 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

THE SAVING WORD



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.



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Nativity of the Lord (25 Dec 2025)
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
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- ▶ Fr Michael Sullivan OSA
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm, or by appointment.

ANointing / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 25th December 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve	10.00am Mass 6.00pm Family Mass 8.30pm Carols 9.00pm Night Mass	7.00pm Family Mass
Thursday 25th December Nativity of the Lord	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Friday 26th December Boxing Day	10.00am Mass	NO MASS
Saturday 27th December St John	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	NO MASS
Sunday 28th December Holy Family	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 29th December St Thomas Becket	NO MASS	NO MASS
Tuesday 30th December	10.00am Mass	NO MASS
Wednesday 31st December New Year's Eve	10.00am Mass	NO MASS
Thursday 1st January Mary, Holy Mother of God New Year's Day	10.00am Mass	9.00am Mass

ST AUGUSTINE - THE GRACE OF GOD



For what greater grace could God have made to dawn on us than to make his only Son become the son of man, so that a son of man might in his turn become son of God?

Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace. (Sermon)



THE HOLY YEAR CONCLUDES

The Jubilee Year which began on Christmas Eve 2025 concludes on 6th January 2026.

CLOSING OF THE PARISH TIME CAPSULE

We are closing the time capsule on 28th December after the 10:30am mass to celebrate the end of the Jubilee Year. You are all invited to attend this milestone event.



Christmas Offering

Envelopes are available at the church doors to offer a Christmas gift to your parish clergy on the collection plate.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 13th January 2025 at 9am. If you have any urgent matters that need attending to please contact one of the Augustinian Priests at the Priory – Tel. 98274689



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mito Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Andrea Dreher., Greg Sutton.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

✦ June Cochrane

Anniversaries

- ✦ Fr John Barry OSA
- ✦ Steffi Pantea
- ✦ Vera Makaling
- ✦ Eileen Bramich
- ✦ Victor Castellano
- ✦ Joyce Dennis

2025 CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE IN CONJUNCTION WITH SJOS

This year we are again collecting food gifts and money or vouchers for the food store visitors. The gifts will be collected after each mass for distribution through the SJOS food store.



PARISH QR CODE

Scan this QR code for a direct link to our parish website to access bulletins, the latest news and information.



WISHING YOU A BLESSED AND PEACE-FILLED CHRISTMAS



On behalf of the Augustinian Community and parish staff, we extend to you and your families our heartfelt greetings for the festive and holy season of Christmas and New Year. We hope that you find the opportunity to celebrate with family and friends and thank you all for your support through the past twelve months. A merry Christmas to all!

ST THOMAS' HOLIDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Apart from New Year's Day & the usual 9am Mass on Sundays, there will be **NO WEEKDAY Masses** at St Thomas Aquinas until Tuesday 13th January.

THE SCRIBBLE & AUGUSTINIAN MAGAZINE

Please take your copy of the parish seasonal newsletter, and The Augustinian Magazine, both available from the church foyer.