



25TH DECEMBER 2016
THE HOLY FAMILY- YEAR A

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*The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers,
 because the shining splendour of that name
 causes God's word to be proclaimed and heard.*

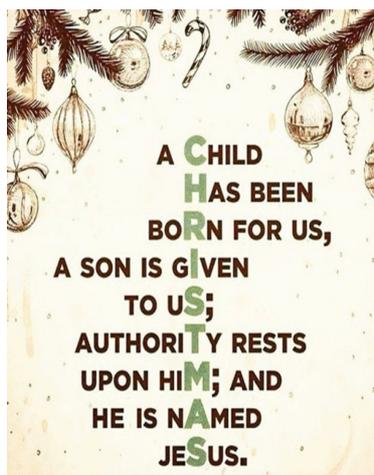
GOSPEL REFLECTION

Despite the fact that many of the themes of Christian faith are fading, Luke's gospel account of the Saviour's birth resonates in the awareness of most Australians – the Child in the manger, the shepherds and the angels' song of "Peace on earth". We believers are challenged to own what the story has to tell a struggling world - beyond commercial trivialisation and the sentimental attractiveness of a new born babe.

The second readings of the liturgies of Christmas Day point beyond these superficialities, inviting us to share in the wonder and joy brought by the Saviour's birth: the dawn of salvation for the whole world! "God's grace (saving power) has been revealed" bringing "salvation for the whole human race"; "in these last days God has spoken through his Son".

For a renewed Christian faith, all things are moving towards the consummation of God's designs for creation. With the coming of this dawn, God's plan has reached its great climax. Blessed with faith in Christ, we rejoice as we hear Isaiah giving expression to the messianic expectations of old Israel, because we recognise their amazing fulfilment in the story of Jesus, the son of David, the "Prince of Peace", bringing to the human family the "good news" – "Your God is King!"

- From a homily on the Gospel by Fr John Thornhill sm



Gathering Hymn	Choir selection (will be on overhead)
Psalm Response	Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Recessional Hymn	Choir Selection (will be on overhead)

MASS TIMES



ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park

Mon 26th Dec NO MASS
Wed 28th Dec NO MASS
Sat 31st Dec 5.15pm Reconciliation
 6.00pm
Sun 1st Jan 7.30am, 9.00am

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

74-76 East Street, Jimboomba

Thus 29th Dec NO MASS
Sun 1st Jan 5.30pm

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Sun 1st Jan 7.30am

ST. PAUL DE CHARTRES CHAPEL

12-16 Fedrick Street, Boronia Heights

Mon 26th Dec 9.00am
Tues 27th Dec 9.00am
Wed 28th Dec 9.00am
Thurs 29th Sept 9.00am
Fri 30th Dec 9.00am

Sun 1st Jan 2017 11:00am

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th December
 The Holy Family—Year A

Monday 26th December
 Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 27th December
 Parish Office Closed



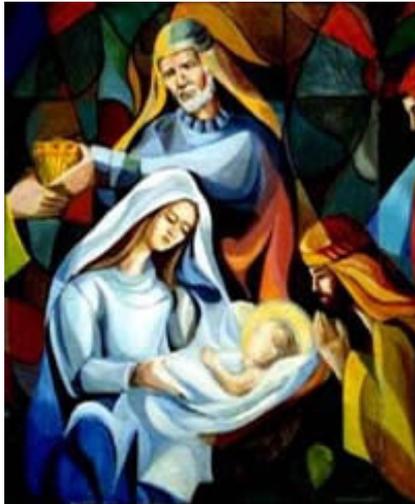
Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Amos 8:4-7	Numbers 6:22-27
1 Timothy 2:1-8	Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 16:1-13	Luke 2: 16-21

21st Dec 2016: The Pope addressed the pilgrims gathered in the Vatican Paul VI Hall for the weekly **General Audience**.

His catechesis on **Christian hope** focused on these last days of **Advent** and on how we prepare to receive the message embodied in the nativity. Reflecting on the fact that a catechesis focusing on Christian hope is more than appropriate during the time of Advent, Pope Francis recalled the words of the prophet Isaiah, "the Lord himself will give you a sign: the young woman, pregnant and about to bear a son, shall name him Emmanuel" and also "a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom." He said that the sense of Christmas transpires in both of these verses: "God fulfills his promise by coming in the flesh, (...) and He gives his people a new hope for humanity: eternal life". The Pope said this hope is realistic and reliable, it is a hope that redeems and saves, for Christ, by coming in the flesh, has opened the way for us to ascend to the Father. He also said it is especially visible in these days preceding Christmas. "When we prepare the Christmas crib in our homes and churches, he said, let us be attentive to the message of hope it embodies".

And with our gaze on the nativity scene that takes us to the little town of Bethlehem, the Pope said we can see revealed God's love for each of us, however small or lowly. We see it in Mary, who trusted in God's word: "She is the Mother of Hope". Next to Mary is Joseph. He too, the Pope said, is the man of hope, who gave Jesus his name, which means "God saves". In the crib, he continued, we see the joy of the shepherds who represent the humble and the poor who were awaiting the Messiah. They were the ones, he said, to receive with joy the peace proclaimed by the angels.

"Dear brothers and sisters: every time we say 'yes' to Jesus a bud blossoms into hope. May we trust in this bud of hope" and open our hearts to the Good News of the birth of Jesus who came to save us".



PARISH NOTICES

Please note there will be no Wednesday Morning Mass during the school holidays.

Legion of Mary - meetings resume on Tuesday 3rd January 2017, 10.00am in The Hut. New members always welcomed.

Prayer group - No Gathering on Monday 26th December. New members welcome

Flame of Love Prayer Group - will meet on Tuesday 27th Dec at 7.00pm. New members welcome

A Farewell message from Fr John

After my brief time here at St Bernardine's, St Catherine's and Our Lady of the Assumption, as Parish Administrator, it is time for me to say farewell. I have felt very welcomed. I have been supported by your prayers and have appreciated your generosity of spirit.

My last day at the parish will be Christmas morning after Mass.

Fr John Conway has been officially appointed by the Archbishop to be Parish Priest effective from late February 2017. Before Fr Conway arrives, Fr Hyacinth Udah will be in residence as the Parish Administrator.
Yours in Christ

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - GIFTING TREES 'Help Complete Their Christmas'

St V d P - St Bernardine's Conference and St Catherine's Conference extend their heartfelt Thank You to all parishioners who generously supported the Gift Giving Tree, buying baubles (in memory of their loved ones) and the many monetary donations, including all donations from St Bernardine's School - all items have been distributed to families in the local area. Our volunteers have had the pleasure of distributing the hampers and gifts and seeing the Joy it has brought to families who are doing it tough.

Wishing you a Joy-filled and Peaceful
Christmas

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Retreat - January - February 2017

Discover & Discern God in My Life

January 2017

Residential retreat with [John Reilly sj](#)

2, 4, or 6 days

This is a silent retreat individually- directed in the Ignatian tradition to recognise God's action in your life, and respond to this more personally. It offers space each day to be alone and for prayer, for Eucharist and meeting with your director. Held at Santa Tresa Archdiocesan Spirituality Centre in Ormiston.

Date: Friday 27 January 6pm to Thursday 2 February 3pm, 2017.

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington Street, Ormiston.

Accommodation & Meals: \$150 per day

Suggested donation for direction: \$50 per day

A Prayer Pilgrimage in daily life. - guided by a Faber Spiritual Director. The Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola are grounded in the life of Jesus. They are a practical means of discovering God's unique love and desire for each of us revealed in the context of our daily lives. For this journey a person needs generosity and a readiness to pray for an hour at least five days each week, make a daily review or examen, and meet each week with the one giving you the Exercises.

This retreat normally run from mid-March to mid-October. Enquires/applications for 2017 by 28th February 2017.

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The festive season, closing 3.00pm on Friday 23rd December 2016
And re-opening at 8.00am on Monday 9th January 2017. For urgent enquiries during the period,
Please contact our Operations department on 07 3297 0911 or operations@harveystowing.com.au

Harvey's wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to working with you in 2017

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The Birth of Jesus

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7 (KJV)
Puzzle is based on Luke 2:1-20



- ACROSS
1. An infant or very young child
 5. The place where Mary laid the baby Jesus
 6. A person who takes care of sheep
 7. The city where Jesus was born

- DOWN
2. Heavenly being that told the shepherds about Jesus' birth
 3. The savior of the world
 4. The earthly father of Jesus
 5. The mother of Jesus

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