



St Kieran's Parish - Osborne Park

25th December 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 9: 1-7

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.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13

*Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.*

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *R.*

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. *R.*

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.*

With justice he will rule the world, he will judge the peoples with his truth. *R.*

SECOND READING:

Titus 2: 11-14

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,

PARISH SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY	
8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)
SUNDAY	
8.00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11.15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 nd Sunday)
TUESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
WEDNESDAY	
8:00am	Mass
THURSDAY	
7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass
FRIDAY	
8:00am	Mass
BAPTISM	
1 ST & 3 RD Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
CONFESSION	
Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/ by appointment	
WEDDINGS & FUNERALS	
By appointment	
PARISH CONTACTS	
Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti
Deacon	Gionata Pagani
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Pat Richards Margaret Leonard
Safeguarding Officer	Rose Arto
Parish Hall bookings	Judith: 0437908793
PARISH OFFICE HOURS	
Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm
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Mass intentions		
Tues	6:30pm	Michaela Scafidi (Birthday)
	7:30pm	
	9.00am	Cesare Passereto Christopher Human (42 yrs Anniv) Michael Fegan (1-month Anniv)
Readers		
Tues	6:30pm	Adriano Sanzone &
Wed	Midnight	Mac Callisto & Kathy Stewart
	9:00am	Anne & Greg Diamond & Margot Harness
Servers/Acolyte		
Tues	6:30pm	Elyssa, Michaela, Sebastian & Demarco, Carlos & Gian Brad
	Midnight	
Wed	9:00am	Thineth & Grace Eugene & Pedro Giovanni
Hospital		
By appointment		

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Our Plan-giving is an essential part of the parish financial needs. Talk to either Phil, Eugene or Judith Tresham to know more about it and be part of our plan-giving. You can either contribute weekly or monthly through our parish online accounts. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

The Birth of Jesus

The Nativity or birth of Jesus Christ is found in the biblical gospels of Luke and Matthew. The two accounts agree that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in Roman-controlled Judea, that his mother, Mary, was engaged to a man named Joseph, who was descended from King David and was not his biological father, and that his birth was caused by divine intervention. Some scholars do not see the two canonical gospel Nativity stories as historically factual since they present clashing accounts and irreconcilable genealogies. The secular history of the time does not synchronize with the narratives of the birth and early childhood of Jesus in the two gospels. Some view the question of historicity as secondary, given that gospels were primarily written as theological documents rather than chronological timelines. The Nativity is the basis for the Christian holiday of Christmas and plays a major role in the Christian liturgical year. Many Christians traditionally display small manger scenes depicting the Nativity within or outside of their homes, or attend Nativity plays or Christmas pageants focusing on the Nativity cycle in the Bible. Elaborate Nativity displays featuring life-sized statues are a tradition in many continental European countries during the Christmas season. The artistic depiction of the Nativity has been an important subject for Christian artists since the 4th century. Artistic depictions of the Nativity scene since the 13th century have emphasized the humility of Jesus and promoted a more tender image of him, a major change from the early "Lord and Master" image,

Christian Churches celebrate the Nativity of Jesus on Christmas, which is marked on December 25 by the Western Christian Churches, while many Eastern Christian Churches celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord on January 7 (in 20th and 21st century). This is not a disagreement over the date of Christmas as such, but rather a preference of which calendar (Gregorian or Julian) should be used to determine the day that is December 25. In the Council of Tours of 567, the Church, with its desire to be universal, "declared the twelve days between Christmas and Epiphany to be one unified festal cycle"; at this time, the disagreement was caused by using lunar calendars in Eastern provinces of the Empire. The liturgical season of Advent precedes, and is used to prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Customs of the Christmas season include completing an Advent daily devotional and Advent wreath, carol singing, gift giving, seeing Nativity plays, attending church services, and eating special food, such as Christmas cake. In many countries, such as Sweden, people start to set up their Advent and Christmas decorations on the first day of Advent. Liturgically, this is done in some parishes through a hanging of the greens ceremony.

PARISH EVENTS

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact **Eugene Treshman** on **0420 936 988** to arrange.

ST JOSEPH'S CHAPEL @ ST KIERAN



We are in the process of building a chapel for St Joseph and child Jesus inside the church- directly opposite the Mary (Annunziata) chapel. The statue of St Joseph is being carved overseas right now.

We encourage the parishioners to help us in this next addition to our beautiful church. If you would like to donate towards the St Joseph statue and refurbishing of this chapel, please talk to Fr Wilson or Judith.



TAP TO DONATE

The parish has tap machines for you to donate to the parish & presbytery Accounts. Many of us don't walk around with cash any longer, only cards; The machines will be at the entrance of the Church. Please help our parish by supporting it with your contributions.

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.

All: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 2: 10-11

Alléluia, Alléluia ! Good News and great joy to all the world today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alléluia!

GOSPEL Lk 2: 1-14

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.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



Merry
Christmas
&
happy
NEW YEAR