

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!

Gospel

Jn 1:1-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.

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.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Prayer against Coronavirus

O God, Healer of all our ills, to Whom we turn in this time of distress, grant we pray, in the power of faith, eternal rest to the dead and comfort to those who mourn, health to the sick and peace to the dying, strength to medical workers, wisdom to our leaders and a spirit of kindness to us all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Prayer for Renewal

Blessed are You, Father, who, in Your infinite love sent us your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that we may have life, and have it in abundance.

By the power of the Holy spirit, renew our Eucharistic communities. May they be places of encounter with the living Christ, centres of evangelisation and outreach to our community in love and mercy. Grant us the gifts of faith, hope and love to be faithful disciples of Jesus and radiant witnesses to the people of Sydney.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, Pray for us!

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Star of the New Evangelisation, pray for us!

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, pray for us!

Catholic Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Enmore

Archdiocese of Sydney

Serving the suburbs of Enmore, St Peters, Sydenham & Tempe

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Day – Year B 25 December 2019

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 9:5

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading

Is 52:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.

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.

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/**

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

In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.

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.



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MASSES AND SACRAMENTS

Masses Tuesday to Friday—9:15am
 Saturday—5:00pm
 Sunday—9:30am

No Mass New Year's Day and all mid-week days in January – Fr on holidays

Confessions Saturday 4:15—4:45pm or by appointment
Exposition Friday 7:30—8:30pm
Adoration Sunday 9:00—9:25am
Baptisms By appointment—about 1 month's notice required
Marriages By appointment—about 6 months' notice required

COLLECTIONS for last fortnight

1st collection	2nd collection	Envelopes	Candle offerings
\$263.90	\$157.60	\$115.00	\$457.40
(supports the expenses of priest)	(for day-to-day running of parish)	(part of 2nd collection)	

Masses were recently celebrated for: In Thanksgiving for everything that has recently happened, and that the family recognise that what happened was a blessing from God, dearly departed relatives: Elaine, Tom, Horace & Eugene Danford, Andrija Zovko (RIP).

Christmas Nativity Scene After Sunday Mass, if anyone could stay and help Fr Chris to put this away, it would be appreciated.

Holy Family Fridge Magnet Please pick yours up at church exits.

Christmas Cards for Action – Jesuit Refugee Service Australia

The Jesuit Refugee Service Australia would like to invite you and your community to take part in [Christmas Cards for Action](#). They are asking communities to wish their MPs a happy holiday by sending a Christmas Card for Action. They have prepared Christmas cards to send to your MP by email or mail to remind them that women, children, and men seeking asylum have been left behind during the COVID-19 pandemic. There are four cards to choose from - including one you can send to friends and family! Hadiyah and Rabia, both young women seeking Australia's protection, are the talented artists behind the original and intricate art work on these cards. If you would like to make a donation for these cards, it is a wonderful way to support people seeking asylum. All funds will go directly to support the people JRS serves, through specialist casework and employment support, emergency relief payment, life-saving medication and housing support. Hadiyah and Rabia will receive a percentage of the donations for the cards. **Join us in sharing season's greetings with a social justice twist!** For more information: <https://aus.jrs.net/en/take-action/christmas-cards-of-action/>

Summer Nights 2021 for 16-35 year olds. The Summer Schools of Evangelisation that have been running around Australia for over 30 years have responded to the challenge of Covid, and are combining to run a program for young people at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre in Varroville in January 2021.

There are two options (the retreat is run twice during the week):
 Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 January (3pm to 9pm) &
 Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 January (3pm to 9pm)
 COVID safe dinner is provided each day. The retreat will feature excellent quality talks and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship, drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass, adoration and reconciliation are available each day.

It will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat centre. A stage will be brought in to hold all the sessions. Run by the Disciples of Jesus Community. For more information and to register: www.summerschool.org.au

Father Chris' last Mass and day is Thurs 31 Dec. Fr Thanh will cover 3 Jan 2021. Mons. Vince will cover all other weekend Masses during Fr Chris' absence. Weekday Masses will resume Tues 2 Feb.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. *The Archdiocese has requested that this message be a permanent addition to parish bulletins.*

