

Parish News

On behalf of the Parish, I would like to thank everyone of you who has helped the Parish and School Communities in many ways during the year 2018. May the Lord reward you for your wonderful generosity. I pray that you will keep on giving the Parish the best you have. May God's blessings visit your life and home and overshadow you with abundance this Christmas and New Year. Fr. John Khoái.

Christmas Time Masses:

24th Dec Monday:

6 pm. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord. * **No Nativity Play**
9 pm. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord.

25th Dec Tuesday Christmas Day Solemnity

9.30 am. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord
5.30 pm. Solemnity of Nativity of the Lord

26th Dec Wednesday

9.30 am Feast of St Stephen, the first martyr

EPTPOS facility is now available for all transactions with the Parish, such as donations, church collections, contributions towards sacraments' reception, purchase from Piety Store. This facility will be available at Parish Office working hours and at all Weekend Masses via Piety Store/Sacristy.

Weekly Diary : 27th —29th December 2018

From Thursday 27 to Saturday 29 : No Mass

Saturday 29th : 5.30 pm. : Feast Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph C
Sunday 30th : 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. : Feast Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph C

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of January will be on the 06th at 5.30 pm. : Epiphany Sunday Year C

Mass Duty Roster : December 29th/30th 2018

<u>Mass Co-ordinator</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Extraordinary Ministers of Communion</u>	<u>Servers</u>
5.30pm Pierrette & Rino Serra	Pierrette Serra Clive Broughton	Helen Topham, Rino Serra, Julie Dakin Jean Di Bendetto, Clive Broughton, Joe Dorego	Mia
7.00am Michael Nicholson	Michael Nicholson Bernadette Swindley	Bernadette Swindley, Rose Hessen Christine McDougall, Michael Nicholson	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Ronnie Wilson	Rose Lopez Lynne Adamson	Pam Nelson, John Lynch, Rose Lopez Ronnie Wilson, Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego	John & Matthew

Last Weekend's Thanksgivng Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 5 (31/12/2018)

<u>1st Collection</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>	<u>Piety Shop</u>	<u>St Anthony's</u>
\$	\$	\$	\$

**God is more moved by the offering of our heart, than by the gifts we bring to the altar.
Let's give with happiness and we will receive more in joy.**



Holy Family Catholic Parish
Runaway Bay



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LET'S BECOME WHAT WE BEHOLD

The greatest Christmas story in the Gospel is essentially a very confrontational story. Everything the world holds up as beautiful and worthy of attention is undermined: wealth, power, privilege, comfort. The icon of God is not the mighty Caesar Augustus, but the little child of Bethlehem, too weak to hold up his own head. Real power is love: there is the subversive message of Christmas.

Christmas story puts us in the presence of Caesar Augustus, the most powerful man in the world, the one whose armies controlled the Ancient World and whose thoughts and wishes determined the movements of millions. He's declaring a census of the whole world. His reach, his authority seem to know no bounds. Through the census, he can tax people more effectively. He can draft them. He can control them. This is a very worldly lordly figure but then Luke is telling us: In accord with this decree, a newly married couple from a tiny town of the mighty empire make their way to the Davidic village of Bethlehem. And there, as the Scriptures had predicted, the Messiah is born.

What does this teach us of God? Even the most powerful person in the world, even the mighty Roman emperor acts, mysteriously, according to the plan of God. The census appears to be an expression of the sovereign will of the ruler of the world, but in fact it was a chess move in the elaborate plan of God. No one or nothing is forcing the hand of the almighty; on the contrary, even the greatest power on earth is operating according to his designs and intentions.

Christmas is the most remarkable story of God's intimacy with us, showing us the way how to become divine. When the humble mother arrives in the city of David, she gives birth to a son, "*wraps him in swaddling clothes*" and places him in the manger which is the spot where the animals come to eat. The mighty power of God has descended upon the earth, and it appears as a tiny, helpless infant, powerless, utterly dependent, indeed tied up. The God who works through the cosmic power and through the greatest of earthly authorities allows himself to be wrapped in the swaddling clothes of our frail humanity.

The bands wrapped around the infant Christ foreshadow the burial cloths that will one day encircle his crucified body. The great Christmas story foreshadows the dying of Christ on the cross, the moment when he becomes, in the richest sense, nourishment for the world. God becomes a little baby, a baby who offers himself as food for the world. God deigns to feed the universe with his very self.

That's the good life. That's the real king. That's why he was most powerful. The true king is the one who is bound to the other in love, who becomes weak for the sake of the other, not the one who's well protected in his palace, but the one who's willing to become vulnerable in love.

The angel says: "*I've got Good News for you.*" The Good News is that God becomes a little baby, a baby who offers himself as food for the world.

I can point you to him, but I cannot give him to you. Go now and seek him and you will receive abundantly. "*Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.*" And let us become what we behold! What it's saying is the Baby Jesus is the King we must follow. And the choice that God wants you to make is to march with that Baby King.

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Reconciliation at 4.00pm
1st Saturday of the month.
Baptism Preparation at
7pm 1st Thurs of the month

LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:2-4.6-7 *A child has been born for us; a son given to us.*

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shone. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 96:1-2.3-4.11-12.13 *R. Lk 2:11 Today is born our Saviour, Christ our Saving Lord.*

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; Tell of his salvation from day to day. **R.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. **R.**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy. **R.**

Rejoice before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth. **R.**

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14 *The grace of God has appeared to all.*

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Luke 2:10-11 Alleluia, alleluia! Good news and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-16 *To you is born this day a Saviour, who is the Messiah.*

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:14 The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Barry Thomas Ralph, Lindsay Keith Lewis

ANNIVERSARIES: Nelson Rosales Dimatulac, Helen Mary Regan, Ross Bycroft, Tony Lawson

SICK LIST: Joy Gronow, Jevon Gronow, Val Mai McErlean, Theresa Pinto, Marie Jeanette Martin, Bill Walker, Aaron Murphy, Courtney Blount, Claire Mallon, Eileen O'Connor, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Val Wolfenden, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Patricia Ryder, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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