



Bombala-Delegate Catholic Parish



Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil

25 December 2020

First Reading Is 62:1-5

The Lord takes delight in you.

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand
of the Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 R. see v.2

(R.) *For ever I will sing the goodness
of the Lord.*

1. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through
all ages.' (R.)
2. Happy the people who acclaim
such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of
your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their
bliss. (R.)
3. 'He will say to me: "You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me."
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.' (R.)

Second Reading Acts 13:16-17. 22-25

Paul spoke of Christ, the son of David.

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel, and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.'

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose". To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

Gospel Acclamation Mt 1:1-25

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Tomorrow the wickedness of the
earth will be destroyed:
the Saviour of the world will be
our king.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 1:18-25

(or Longer Form Mt 1:1-25)

Mary will give birth to a son and you will name him Jesus.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The glory of God and profound peace reaching out to embrace the whole of humanity are dynamically related in the baby in the manger. This is the song of the angels, and it is our privilege to join in that song at this Christmas Mass.

Every baby is a promise of a new future which fills one with hope. But *this* baby is unique. *This* Jewish boy baby is the body language of God. *This* baby is the sonburst of God entering our dark world. *This* baby shows us that God is not impossibly remote but, rather, God is as intimately close as a vulnerable infant.

And *this* baby fulfils all the yearning of the human heart. We want to love to the utmost. We want to be loved to the utmost. *This* baby enables both because he is without any finite boundaries or restraints: He is in-finite love reaching out to us.

Can we grasp all this? Probably not. So, like the little lambs nuzzling up to the manger, we just follow some deep intuition which says: 'I must kneel in adoration, it is good to be here.' We could pause for a moment to pray for the resolve to do our bit to echo the angel's message: 'I bring you good news of great joy to be shared by all peoples.'

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**WE WELCOME YOU TO ST JOSEPH'S DELEGATE CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS
A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS**

THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Come they told me, Pa rum pum pum pum, A new born King to see, Pa rum pum pum pum.
Our finest gifts we bring, Pa rum pum pum pum.
To lay before the King, Pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
So to honour Him Pa rum pum pum pum, When we come.
Little baby, Pa rum pum pum pum, I am a poor boy too, Pa rum pum pum pum.
I have no gift to bring, Pa rum pum pum pum,
That's fit to give our King, Pa rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Mary nodded, Pa rum pum pum pum, The ox and lamb kept time Pa rum pum pum pum,
I played my drum for Him Pa rum pum pum pum, I played my best for Him, Pa rum pum pum pum
pum, rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum
Then He smiled at me Pa rum pum pum pum, Me and my drum.

HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1:Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King: peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies; with
th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

R: Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

2:Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb: veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity, pleased
with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. *R:*

3:Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness! Light and life to all he
brings, risen with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth. *R:*

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

1: Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains. *R: Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*

2: Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be,
Which inspire your heavenly song? *R: Repeat 1*

*please
join us*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS IN
ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL CENTRE FOLLOWING MASS**



MASS TIMES

MASS TIMES THIS WEEKEND: 26 & 27 December 2020

Delegate Saturday 6pm - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
Bombala Sunday 9am - Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Thank You

**WE THANK FR MICK, FR ADRIAN,
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ST JOSEPH'S DELEGATE**

