

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

## DAWN MASS

**FIRST READING** Isa 62:11-12

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

This the Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Look, your saviour comes, the prize of his victory with him, his trophies before him.'

They shall be called 'The Holy People', 'The Lord's Redeemed'.

And you shall be called 'The-sought-after', 'City-not-forsaken'.

■ The word of the Lord.

**RESP PSALM** Ps 96: 1, 6, 11-12

**R. A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.**

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, / the many coastlands be glad. / The skies proclaim his justice; / all peoples see his glory. **R.**

2. Light shines forth for the just / and joy for the upright of heart. / Rejoice, you just, in the Lord; / give glory to his holy name. **R.**

**SECOND READING** Titus 3: 4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

■ The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 2: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Luke 2: 15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# THE SAVING WORD

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MASS DURING THE NIGHT / DAWN MASS

25 DECEMBER 2024

**MASS DURING THE NIGHT**

**FIRST READING** Isa 9:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

95:1-3.11-13 R.v. Lk 2:11

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

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



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

3. 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.**

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

**SECOND READING** Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus

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, 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.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 2:10-11

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

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## ST PATRICK'S PARISH FAMILY THREE PARISHES TOGETHER



Baptism Request forms can be located on Parish  
 website/at Parish Office, Fr Mark will be available  
 to celebrate during mass on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

[CatholicMarriagePrep.com](http://CatholicMarriagePrep.com)  
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St Patrick's Cooma Mass  
 Mass Sunday's at 10am  
 Cooma Reconciliation available as  
 requested following Mass  
 Adoration - Fridays 5.30-6.30pm

St Patrick's Weekday  
 Mass: Tues, Thu, Fri 10am  
 Except Third Friday of Month for  
 Nursing Home Masses 18<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 9.30am Yallabee Lodge  
 11am Sir William Hudson

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 Next date = TBA

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 Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 \*5pm Sat Vigil Mass  
 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 5pm

Numeralla  
 Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5.00pm  
 LITURGY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 5.00pm

Berridale  
 Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month  
 Vigil Mass Saturday's at 3.30pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy  
 of the Word 10am Sunday

Jindabyne  
 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> =Vigil Mass 5pm Sat  
 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Liturgy 5pm Sat



Please Pray for our Recently Deceased,  
 "We have all our dearly loved family and friends, let us not forget them in death":

Shirley Blyton, Anne Bottom, Ned Freebody, Lorraine Ryan, Tim & Brian Ferguson,  
 Eileen Bingham, Michelle O'Neill, Glen McRitchie, John Rudd OAM, Bill Russell,  
 Tania Giuliani, Beryl Neal, Graham French, Barry Lollback, Mary Tozer, Carol Jones, Tim Ferguson,  
 Gloria Sellars, Brian Ferguson, Greg McGufficke, June Reichenback, Stuart Fletcher, Cathy French, Clare  
 Nowland, Margaret Gennings, Jara Gregor, Norma Shorten, Michelle O'Neill, Betty Mattner, Fran Rolfe, Bill  
 Smith, Enid Trethewey, Maree Dunne, Wolfgang Beitzl, George Barry, Joan Duffy, Tom Duffy, Brian Mooney,  
 Brian Pendergast, Don Phillips, Mary Phillips, Katleen Fraser, Frank Pusswald, Maurice Fletcher,  
 Laurie & Nancy Norton, Leanne Miners, Phillip Russell, Daphne Bell, Warren Hinds, Greg & Mary Russell,  
 Vonnie & Colin Crowe, Bert Potter, Pat McDonald, Danny Nassar, Kevin & Pat Green, Mary Green,  
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 Robyn Battye, Keith & Pat Lynch, Frank & Mary Boller, Des McCarthy, Agna Muddle, Gino & Pierina Revelant,  
 Franco Mondolo, Mark Williams, Marg Hassall, Pat & Dorothy O'Dea, Marie Goodwin & Frances Goodwin,  
 Mark Jaajaa, Milled Issa and family, Hanna Chouiaifaty and family, Norma Jaajaa and family, Tanous family,  
 El Chaar family, Mousa Jaajaa and family; Alan Field; Sally & Lloyd Reed, Pat & Keith Hofman,  
 Ross Johnson, Geoff Fitzgerald, Terry Redden, Christopher and Brian Collins Les Stewart, Darcy Stewart, Joy  
 Ryan, Percy & Patty Stewart, Amos & Betty Blyton Terry Locker,, and for all of our loved ones we pray.

Prayers for our Sick: "We pray for the sick: may they feel the healing power of Christ and find comfort  
 and hope in His constant presence" Colin McMillan, Joel Stone, Walter Neumeayer-Germany

### FR Mark's Christmas Message:

When Pope Julius I authorized December 25 to be celebrated as the birthday of Jesus in A.D. 353, who would  
 have ever thought that it would become what it is today. When Professor Charles Follen lit candles on the  
 first Christmas tree in America in 1832, who would have ever thought that the decorations would become as  
 elaborate as they are today. It is a long time since 1832, longer still from 353, longer still from that dark night  
 brightened by a special star in which Jesus the king was born. Yet, as we approach December 25 again, it gives  
 us yet another opportunity to pause, and in the midst of all the excitement and elaborate decorations and expensive  
 commercialization which surround Christmas today, to consider again the event of Christmas and the person  
 whose birth we celebrate. **Brian L. Harbour.**

Yes, Christmas is here again! One commercial on television sings about it being the happiest time of the year.  
 Having a full knowledge of what the feast is about and the true reason for the season, it should be a time of  
 celebration! It is time to put on our best face, our best behaviour and a time to make sure those on the fringes get  
 a glimpse of what the Good News is about. We should respect too, it may not this year be the happiest time of  
 the year for some. Many deal with hardship and with can only see darkness. In the lane of optimism, I hope you  
 can be face of Christ to someone in search of help and a touch of love. Living in a world where communications  
 are so instant we can gather an insight to areas of the world who suffer greatly. Rather than be desensitised by  
 such news and strong images, we should gain insights to the deeper meaning of our social conscience. Stretch  
 our hearts a little to those areas which suffer great unrest including; Ukraine: The deadliest war in 2024, with  
 67,000 reported deaths, Palestinian territories: 35,000 deaths were reported in Gaza and the West Bank. How  
 many survivors have lost loved ones or been forced to flee earning the title of unplaced people. As Jesus was a  
 refugee from the time of his birth so are these innocent people. Throw in the areas of natural disasters including  
 the latest in the not too far away area of Vanuatu which has been again rocked with an earthquake. Brought home  
 to our own communities there are those in our own districts those young and old who are no longer with us.  
 These are lonely hearts on many levels who cry silently to be heard. Enjoy the blessing of the seasons with open  
 hearts to be inclusive of all!

Archbishops Christmas Message:

<https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/archbishop-prowse-christmas-message-2024/>

What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs? Anything you want, he won't be able to hear you  
 What's every parents' favourite Christmas carol? 'Silent Night'  
 Why did the gingerbread man visit the doctor? He felt crummy  
 Why is it getting harder to buy advent calendars? Their days are numbered  
 What comes at the end of Christmas day? The letter 'Y'  
 How did the snow globe feel at Christmas? A little shaken  
 Why is it so cold at Christmas? Because it's Decembrrrr

Roster	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 6pm Vigil	Christmas Day 10am (Please assist)	Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> DEC
<b>Acolyte</b>	Darren Steinke	Richard Crunt	Kaitlyn Bosco
<b>Usher</b>	Mary Bennett & Lauren Sullivan	Terri Rick	Carol Byrne
<b>Reader/Commentator</b>	Liam Unwin Angela Unwin	Jeremiah Abrok	Kevin Dunne Susan Tighe
<b>Special Minister</b>	Shirley Sullivan	Leah Baker	Mike Introna
<b>Mass Servers</b>	.....		.....
<b>Linen</b>			School holidays
<b>Church Care</b>			Gaie Mooney
<b>Hospital</b>			5 <sup>th</sup> Jan Bilish family

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**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped  
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 celebrations. You continued support is very much  
 appreciated by all who utilise the Church, especially at  
 this special time. A very HUGE Thank You again!

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