

**FIRST READING** Isa 52:7-10  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

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.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

**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.**

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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.

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.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

**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.

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.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



**TODAY IS BORN  
OUR SAVIOUR,  
CHRIST THE LORD!**

**THE SAVING WORD**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / A

25 DECEMBER 2022

**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**

Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13. R. 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!

**GOSPEL** Lk 2: 1-14  
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.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Mass Sunday's at 10am & 5pm

2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5pm LITURGY

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Sunday 4:00 - 4:30pm

Weekday

Tue 5pm Mass Adoration 4.30pm

Mass 10am on Thursday & Friday

Adaminaby

Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday \*8am

Nimmitabel

Mass 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

\*6pm Sat Vigil Mass

1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun- LITURGY Sat 6pm

Numeralla

Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> 5.30pm

LITURGY 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5.30pm

Berridale

Mass 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10am Mass

Mass 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10am

LITURGY OF THE WORD

1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Jindabyne

1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> LITURGY 6pm Sat

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 10am Mass

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 6pm Sat Vigil Mass

Josephite CALENDARS for sale at \$11 available at Church door

Please Pray for all our loved ones, family and friends;

June Kennedy, Bruce Tozer; Darcy Stewart, John Walker, Dorothy Gibson, Rosemary Canavan, Maree Dunne, Keith & Pat Hofman, Ken Jones, Marg Hassall, Robyn Ward, Robyn Battye, Leanne Miners, Noel Potter, Keith & Pat Lynch, Mary Boller, Des McCarthy, Keith Tozer, Debbie Tozer, Dorothy & Pat O'Dea, Mark Jaajaa, Brian and Christopher Collins, Les Stewart, Amos & Betty Blyton, Shirley Caldwell, Terry Redden, Terry Locker, Geoff Fitzgerald, Jim & May Mooney, Brian Mooney, Peter Swain, Maurice Fletcher, Mark Rick, Monica Davey.

Prayers for our Sick: "May they be comforted through the Spirit of healing, let us pray!"

ROSTERS 2023 have been prepared and available to collect or an email sent out on the 12<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022.

### New Year's Day Masses

Jindabyne Sat Vigil 6pm;

Bombala 5pm

Cooma 10am **Parish Farewell Morning Tea after 10am Mass for Fr. Mick goodbye**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 after 10am Mass, Please bring a plate to share.

### Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Christmas Collection

The 1<sup>st</sup> collection is to help the Priest of the Parish & assist Bishops & other Priest of the Archdiocese.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Collection including Eftpos donations

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection will be divided between the Parish & the Archbishops Christmas Appeal. This year's Appeal will again be split. The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2022 is conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

- Our support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in Ukraine, Syria, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe and assisting Congolese refugees in Kenya.
- Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Africa, Tamarassery, India and Bougainville in PNG. Within Bougainville, our contribution will support the expansion and overhaul of St Joseph's College, Mabiri, to meet and manage the needs of an envisioned increase in students, many of whom, must board away from home.

### Fr Mick's Farewell Message

I will be leaving the Snowy Monaro on Tuesday

3<sup>rd</sup> January for the Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, North Belconnen. I will live at the presbytery at Evatt, 1 Sharwood Crescent. I will keep the same mobile phone number - 0419 010 870 and the same email address, [mick.macandrew@cg.org.au](mailto:mick.macandrew@cg.org.au)

In leaving the Snowy Monaro I would like to thank you all for the love and the support you have given me. It has been my privilege to be part of your lives as priest and as a fellow resident in this most beautiful part of our land. We have together shared many moments of joy, sadness and wonder. We have helped each other to deepen our faith in our loving God. We have cared for each other and it is your compassion, faithfulness and generosity that have been the foundation for my time as priest with you. You have called the best out from me and together we have journeyed together as disciples of Jesus, caring for the vulnerable, the needy and those experiencing difficulties in life.

I'll treasure the many memories of laughter and fun we shared, the times of discovering in each other the depths of faith and the many tasks we have achieved in living our Catholic faith. May the Lord bless you always! Fr Mick

January 2023 Mass Times for Fr Mark Croker

Sunday	Cooma	Bombala	Jindabyne	Nimmitabel	Berridale	Delegate	Numeralla	Adaminaby
7/8 <sup>th</sup>	10am <u>Mass</u>  5pm <u>Mass</u>	9am Sun Liturgy	6pm Vigil <u>Mass</u>	6pm Sat Liturgy	10am Sun Liturgy	6pm Sat Liturgy	5.30pm Sun Liturgy	-
14 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	10am Liturgy Darren Steinke  NO 5pm	10am <u>Mass</u>	6pm Sat Liturgy	6pm Vigil <u>Mass</u>	10am Sun Liturgy	8am <u>Mass</u>	-	-
21 <sup>st</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am Mass Fr Stephen Hackett  NO 5pm	9am Sun Liturgy	6pm Sat Vigil <u>Mass</u>	6pm Sat Liturgy	10am Sun <u>Mass</u>	6pm Sat Liturgy	5.30pm Sun <u>Mass</u>	-
28 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am <u>Mass</u>  5pm Sun <u>Mass</u>	9am Sun Liturgy	6pm Sat Liturgy	6pm Sat Vigil <u>Mass</u>	10am Sun Liturgy	6pm Sat Liturgy	-	-

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