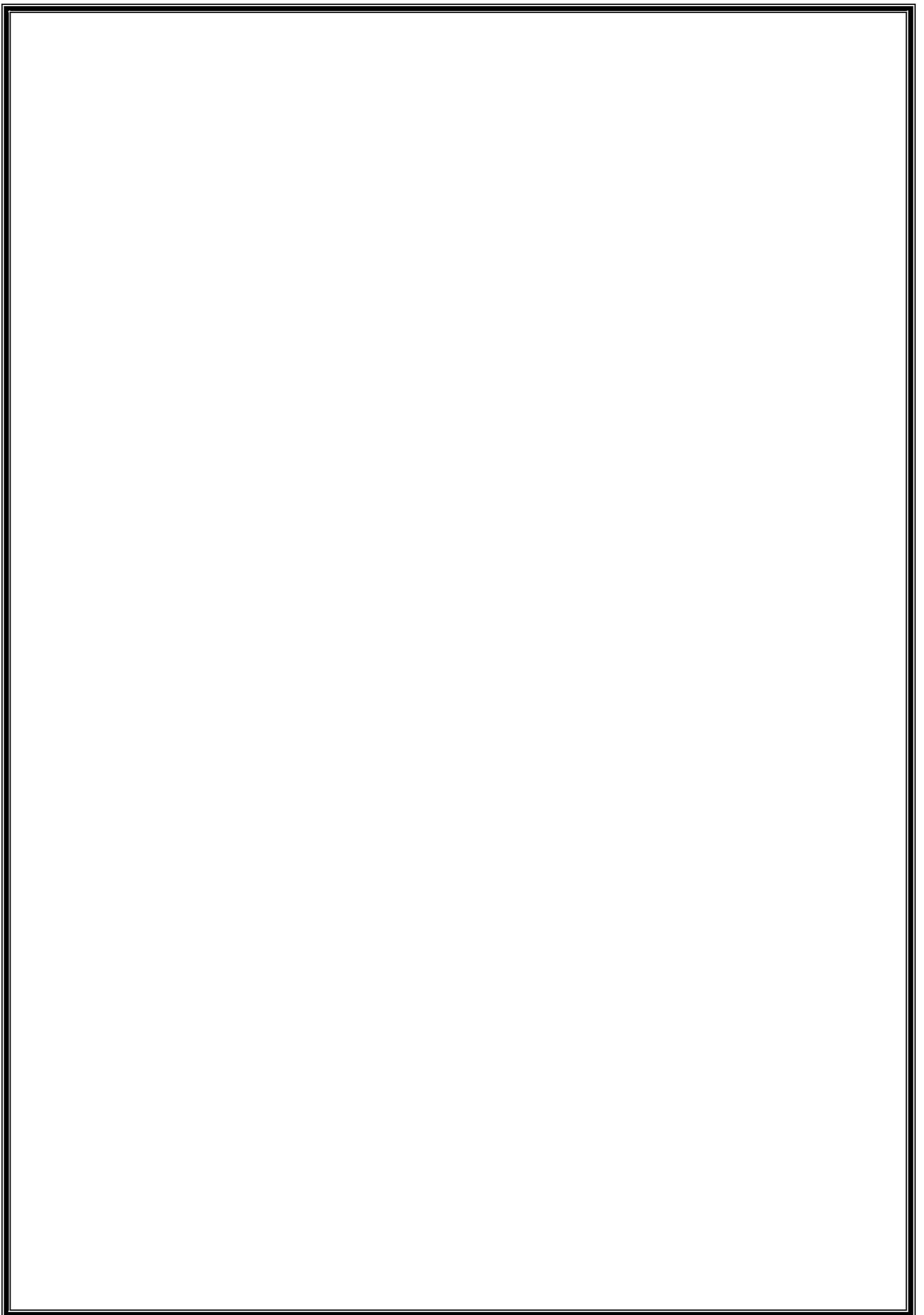


Parish of
St Matthew & St Vincent de Paul
South Belconnen



Christmas Eve
Children's Mass



ENTRANCE HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

1. Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O Come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him born the king of angels:

Chorus O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!

2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, glory in the highest:

3. Yea, Lord we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus to thee be glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:



THE INTRODUCTORY RITE

Opening Prayer: Father Simon

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, may the birth of Jesus bring us to a new life with you. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Galatians 4:4-5

Simon: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the right time finally came, God sent his own Son. He came as the son of a human mother and lived under the Jewish Law, to redeem those who were under the Law, so that we might become God's children.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-3, 5-6

Andre : Response: *Jesus the Lord is born for us*

Come, let us praise the Lord!

Let us sing for joy to God, who protects us!

Let us come before him with thanksgiving and singing joyful songs of praise

Response: *Jesus the Lord is born for us*

Tijana: For the Lord is a mighty God, a mighty king over all the gods.

He rules over the sea, which he made:

The land also, which he himself formed.

Response: *Jesus the Lord is born for us*

Rohan: Come let us bow down and worship him;

let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!

Response: *Jesus the Lord is born for us*

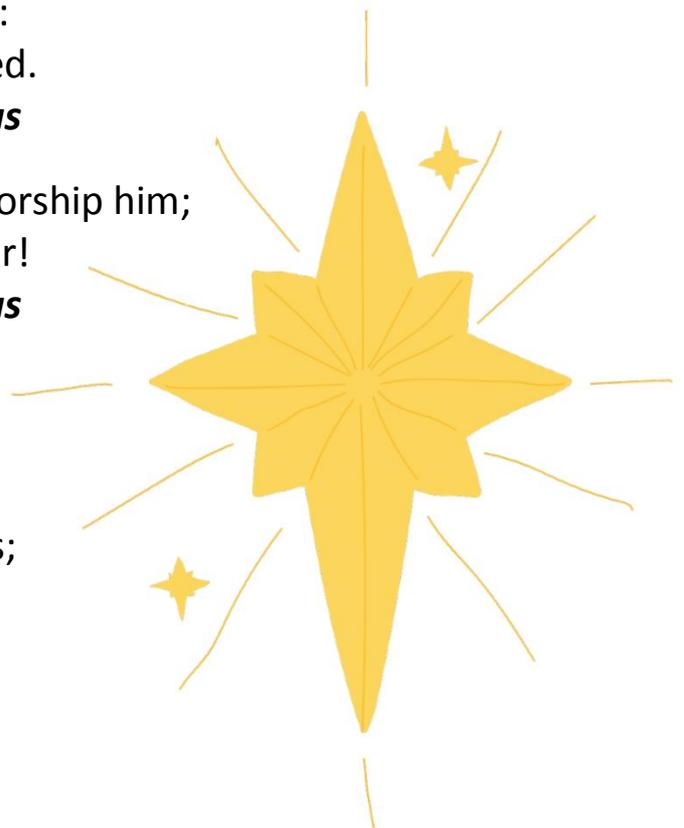
Gospel Acclamation: Aiden

Alleluia, alleluia (sung)

Childs: Jesus our saviour is born for us;

He is Christ the Lord.

Alleluia (sung)



Gospel- Luke 2:4-7

Fr. Simon

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke

At that time Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to the town of Bethlehem in Judaea, the birthplace of King David. Joseph went there because he was a descendant of David. He went to register with Mary, who was promised in marriage to him. She was pregnant, and while they were in Bethlehem, the time came for her to have her baby. She gave birth to her first son, wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger – there was no room for them to stay in the inn.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fr Simon

We are happy celebrating the birth of Jesus and know that God never forgets his people. Let us now pray to him.

Sarah

For our Church, Francis our Pope, Christopher our bishop, all the bishops, priests and deacons. We pray especially for Fr Simon and Fr Thomas. We give thanks for the many ways they support us and help us come to know your presence in our lives.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our Prayer

Blake

For the children in our community. We give thanks for the joy they bring to our lives. May they continue to grow in understanding of your love for them.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our Prayer

Olivia

For your Son, Jesus Christ. May Jesus' birth be a reminder of the joy, peace, justice, mercy and love in our community.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our Prayer

Leilani

For all people in our South Belconnen community. Help us to recognise the Holy Spirit at work this Christmas season in humble, quiet places, calling each of us by name to do your work in our community and environment.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our Prayer

Hunter

For the sick, the homeless, the hungry and the lonely. May Christ bless them, renew their strength and rekindle their hope this Christmas. May they find a place of welcome and comfort in our community.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our Prayer



Grace

For all those who have died, we remember our loved ones who have passed from this life. May they be surrounded by your light and love during this special time.

Lord, hear us.

All: Lord hear our Prayer

Fr Simon

Father, Mary gave birth to your Son in faith and trust. May she take our prayers to you, through Jesus who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**Offertory Hymn – Little Drummer Boy****Little Drummer Boy**

1. 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 honor Him, pa rum pum pum pum,
When we come.
2. 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 the King, pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum,
On my drum?

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,
rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum,

Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum
Me and my drum.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Communion Hymns – Away in a Manger and The First Noel

Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes,
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from on high,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.



The First Noel

1. The first Noel the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherd in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:

Chorus Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
born is the King of Israel.

2. When they looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far:
to seek for a king was their intent
and to follow the star wherever it went:

4. This star drew near to the north-west;
over Bethlehem it came to rest,
and there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.



REFLECTION

Reflection Hymn: *All children are invited up the front to sing*

Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy infant so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight;
glories stream from heaven afar,
heav'nly hosts sing 'Alleluia!'
Christ, the Saviour is born!
Christ, the Saviour is born!

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
radiant beams from your holy face
with the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth,
Jesus, Lord, at your birth.



Fr Simon

Father, may this communion give us strength, so that we may continue our journey in Your service. Keep those who are leaving our community safe and to grow in Your love. We ask this through your Son who is God with us. Amen

DISMISSAL

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World

Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;
let all their songs employ;
while fields and floods, rocks,
hills and plains
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy,
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteous and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.



*Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed
and joyful Christmas*