



# St Nicholas of Myra Catholic Parish



## The Nativity of the Lord 25 December 2024



“The Word was made flesh.”

John 1:14

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### PARISH PRIEST CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

*“But the angel said to them, ‘do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.’  
(Luke 2: 10-11)*

The first Christmas came during turbulent times. Jesus’ people endured poverty, wars, and political oppression under Herod the Great. Yet, their unwavering faith in God gave them hope, strength, and perseverance. Their example reminds us to remain steadfast in faith, no matter how uncertain our circumstances may feel.

Today, we too face significant challenges. In Australia and around the world, skyrocketing house prices, the rising cost of living, inflation, and unemployment weigh heavily on many families. As people struggle to secure affordable homes and meet daily needs, it is vital that we come together as a community to support one another.

Meanwhile, global concerns like artificial intelligence reshaping industries, climate change threatening our environment, and conflicts in places like Israel-Palestine and Ukraine remind us of our shared responsibility for the well-being of others and our planet. These challenges call for prayer, wisdom, and action. Let us turn to God, trusting Him to guide us through uncertainty and inspire us to work for peace, justice, and sustainability.

Amid these challenges, our parish has been a beacon of faith, unity, and love. The 9-day **Simbang Gabi** dawn Masses at 5:00 am from **December 16th to 24th** were a beautiful testament to the strength of our parish family. Coming together in the early hours to pray, reflect, and celebrate as a community brought hope and joy to many hearts. It is moments like these that remind us of the true meaning of Christmas—Emmanuel, God is with us.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributes to our parish’s vibrancy. **To the Parish Office team, Liturgy team, and the Choirs, Acolytes, Ministers at the Altar, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers, Commentators, Altar Servers, AV operators, Wardens, Banner Team, Florists, Counters and all Volunteers— especially St. Vincent De Paul and parishioners,** who distributed 120 Christmas hampers to the needy. You all are the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

I also thank each parishioner for your prayers, support, gifts, and encouragement throughout the year. Your kindness and generosity reflect the love of God in action.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember those struggling to make ends meet and those who feel the weight of the world’s challenges. May this season inspire us to reach out to one another with compassion, to advocate for a fairer society, and to place our trust in God’s plan.

May your Christmas celebrations be filled with love, humility, laughter, and the blessings of Christ’s presence. May the **New Year** bring renewed **hope, peace, and joy** to you and your loved ones.



With gratitude and prayers,

Fr. Joe Manjaly, PP



## PARISH NEWS



Wishing you a Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year

from Fr Joe, Fr Rojan & Fr Zvonimir, Deacon Willy Limjap and the Parish Office Staff.



Parishioners and visitors are reminded that the carpark off Higgins Lane is a private carpark for patrons of the New Fortune Palace Chinese restaurant and **SHOULD NOT** be used for parking during mass times.

### PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Michael Wade

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Mullins, Deanne Marie Clarke, Antonia del Monte, Johanna Gutwein, Vilo, Faaiu & Ioane Tuliatu, Arthur Cram, Terry Bannon, Antonia del Monte, Joseph & Maria Bugeja

**DECEASED:** Tania Felice, Margaret Mary Sullivan, John Nettar, Margaret Donnoley, Paul Borg, Theresa Lee, Grant McLean, Jean & Joe Culhane, Duncan Crozier, Patricia Dickson, Andrew Graham, Joseph Goh, Anthony Chia, Anna Lee, Therese Chua, Allan Johnson, Gavin, Tony, Dorothy

**SICK:** Robert Turner, Alice O'Hare, Josephine Magro, John Cluney, Debbie Dunn, Mark Cluney, George Try, Louise Godierie, Kyla Aggar, Carmel Stein, Joe Farrugia, Betty Keavy, Norman Samuelu, Theo Fitzgerald, Rome Michael Valentino Smiroleo, Ralph Beck, Bryan and Kay McInerney, John Cluney, Arren Samia, Cheryl Clark, Zeny Oringo, Noel Bernardo, Christine Court, Baby Harold Francis Eastman Reid, Michael Nolan, Bernadette Tecson, John Slater, Cliff, Carmela Talos, Venus and Shan Cabacar, Ursula Gomez, Michelle Zotz, Aiden Campbell, Mick C, Olive Gyford, Raymond D'Lima, Stanley Mascarenhas, Pam Pizzuto, Jose & Norma Calabetto, Claudia & Alfredo Cabrera, Ric Limjap, Elsie Pajeta, Karen Goderie, Connie Farrugia, Eneliko Tuliatu, Jim Fullerton, Nathan Martin, Wilfredo Alcantara, Susan Voros, Bob Wrightson, Roseanne Shirley, Fr David Catteral, AJ, Eric Nepomuceno, Sabbir Siddique, Thomas Zotz, Peter Gill, Isabella Agius, Karan Bradburn, Aiden Burke, Elwyn Geerin, Susan Wheelahan, Marios Pericleous, Ivan Brear, Connie Xerri, Maria Nyss, Nympha Miller, Robert Galino, Theresa Jordan, Nad Coder, Herve Rochecousta, Ariane Robert, Billy Downes, Heather Whitborn, Michael Vella, Trevor Rowe, Nicholas Agius, Baby Capri Marshall, Melisa Maiseeh, Tracy Mulla, Lou Doyle, Norm Heffernan, Lisa Sperineck, Margaret Bell, Antonio Malicdem, Jenet Arellano, Marianne Brigden, Nancy Galon, Peter Farrugia, Tadeus Gwiazda, Danielle Kazare, Ting Cecilia, Moises Millena, Olga Kiss, Sydney Morris, Thanda Manjaly, Adelia Delapaz, David Wakeling, George and Lena Caruana.

### HEALING MASS

On the 1st Saturday of each month at the 9am Mass, we have an anointing of the sick and prayers for healing. Please come and join us on **Saturday, 4th January**

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

These envelopes are available on the pews and at the church doors, please place in any collection basket or bring to the parish office.



### Long Service Leave

Our beloved parish priest, **Fr. Joe**, will be taking a **well-deserved long service leave** from **January 20th to May**. During this time, he will travel to **India** to spend much-needed time with his **ailing mother** and also engage in **spiritual retreats** for renewal and reflection in La Salette community.

Fr. Joe has expressed how much he will **miss all of you**, his parish family, during these months. He is deeply grateful for your love and support and promises to **carry you in his prayers** while he is away.

In his absence, the **Bishop will appoint a new administrator** to care for our parish until his return.

We kindly ask you to **keep Fr. Joe, his mother, and their family in your prayers** during this time. Let us entrust them to the loving care of **Our Lord and Our Lady**.

### PLANNED GIVING

*We are grateful for your stewardship during these difficult times*

**FIRST COLLECTION goes to the Clergy Foundation**

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**SECOND COLLECTION goes to the support of the Parish**

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## PARISH NEWS

### Mass Readings for 4 / 5 January The Epiphany of the Lord

<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 60: 1 - 6
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 71: 1 - 2, 7 - 8, 10 - 13
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Ephesians 3: 2 - 3, 5 - 6
<b>Gospel</b>	Matthew 2: 1 - 12

### Mass Readings for 11 / 12 January The Baptism of the Lord

<b>1st Reading</b>	Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 9 - 11
<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Psalm 103: 1 - 2, 3 - 4, 25 - 25, 27 - 30
<b>2nd Reading</b>	Titus 2: 11 - 14, 3:4 - 7
<b>Gospel</b>	Luke 3: 15 - 16, 21 - 22

### END OF YEAR ADORATION AND MASS

There will be an end of year Adoration at 7.00pm on Tuesday 31 December, New Year's Eve followed by Mass. There will be a **9.30am mass on 1 January** for the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God.

### MASS SCHEDULE: SUMMER HOLIDAYS From 26 December 2024 - 31 January 2025

Mondays - Friday	9.30am <b>ONLY</b>
Saturday	9.00am mass followed by adoration and reconciliation
Saturday	5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	7.00am, 8.30am, 10.00am, 6.00pm

### Parish Office Hours over Christmas / New Year

Closes 5.00pm Tuesday 24 December 2024  
Re-opens 9.00am Monday 6 January 2025  
In an emergency please ring 4732 3039  
or contact the priests.



Fr Rojan will be on holidays from **7 to 29 January**. We wish him safe travels as he catches up with family and friends.

The Parish will be taking photos during major liturgical celebrations and other events to promote the Parish mission and may use these photos in the Parish Bulletin, Facebook page or website. If you have any concerns please contact the Parish Office.

## CALENDAR

Mon 30/12 6th Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	Tue 31/12 7th Day of the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord	Wed 1/1 Mary the Holy Mother of God Solemnity	Thu 2/1 Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen Memorial	Fri 3/1 Friday before the Epiphany	Sat 4/1 Saturday before the Epiphany	Sun 5/1 The Epiphany of the Lord Solemnity
9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass 7.00pm Adoration followed by Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.00am Healing Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 11.00am Our Lady of Penafancia Mass 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass
Mon 6/1	Tue 7/1	Wed 8/1	Thu 9/1	Fri 10/1	Sat 11/1	Sun 12/1 The Baptism of the Lord
9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.30am Mass	9.00am Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation 5.00pm Reconciliation 6.00pm Vigil Mass	7.00am Mass 8.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

## PARISH ROSTER 4 / 5 JANUARY

*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.*

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Margaret Cobden Joseph Buttigieg	Lucas Besa	Christine Besa	Natasha Joseph	Lyn Olander Allan Linga	CD	Josephine Linga
7.00am	Alan Barnes Anthony Ruzgas	<i>Not required</i>	Sherica Valladores	Stuart Paterson	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	No Music	Jose Valladores
8.30am	John Jordan Craig Walsh	Claire George Pio George Vincent George	Rose Walsh	Peter Nematalla	Ramon Bru Orlan Nugpo Helen Wakeling Peter Wheller Carol Wright	Victoria Sebi	Ursula Gomez
10.00am	Remy Wood Jun Relunia	Marco Credo Manuel Credo	Louise Gal	Maria Varua	Evette Isaaks Mary Knox	Jane Chifley	Sharon Clarke
6.00pm	Aish Sebastian Jose-Elmer Simeon	Angelo Aish Francis Obama	Cheryl Clark	Maria Baltazar	Lynda D'Lima Kathryn Wrightson	CD	Rodney Howard

## PARISH ROSTER 11 / 12 JANUARY

*IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFIL YOUR MINISTRY PLEASE ORGANISE A REPLACEMENT.*

	Acolyte MATA	Altar Servers	Community Rep	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	AV
Vigil	Joseph Buttigieg Jenny Hogan	Ann Naceua Llyla Tiamson	Freda Fernandez	Connie Limjap	Jim Fullerton Lee Scully	CD	Sharon Clarke
7.00am	Elenita Sajonia Robert Sajonia	<i>Not required</i>	Margaret Scicluna	Sherica Valladores	Louise Davie Mary-Stella Sultana	No Music	Brian Rees
8.30am	Caitlin Nepomuceno Craig Walsh	Jostick Joseph Jacob Barratto	Peter Nematalla	Victoria Sebi	Ramon Bru Evette Isaaks Kathleen Pemberton Peter Wheller Carol Wright	CD	Philip Margerison
10.00am	Margaret Cobden Jun Relunia	Amelia Ross Andrew Johnson	Olga Kiss	Liza Alimangohan	Lillian Martinez Carmen Vella	CD	Mark Johnson
6.00pm	Rodney Howard Rachel Conteh	Angelo Aish Francis Obama	Daniel Whalen	Carolyn D'Mello	Nina Nepomuceno Emma Clark	CD	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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