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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

*Please don't forget to wish Jesus  
a Happy Birthday*

*Go Make Disciples,  
The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney*

**Please pray for the Faithful Departed:**

**Recently deceased:** Julie Laporte and Ethel Donohue

**Anniversary:** Mary Cauchi, Joachim Lau Ing Ping, Maureen O'Brien, John Donovan,

Louise & Xavier Micallef,

Som Lukes, Francise, Anna-Maria Chovan, Robert Franke and Margaret Swainbourne.



**Special Prayer at Christmas Time**

Please pray for those who experience sadness instead of happiness at this time.

*We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.*



**Happy Birthday Jesus**

**Christmas Wishes**

*Fr. Laurie and Fr. Paul would like to wish you  
and all your loved ones  
a Happy and Peaceful Christmas*



**WHAT ARE THOSE CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES FOR?**

The money from those envelopes goes to a Central Fund that attends to the needs of the priests of the Archdiocese. These include: sick priests, priests in special works, migrant chaplains and priests undertaking further studies. Some of these priests are often "out of sight, out of mind" but they do need to be supported.

*Please give them some thought especially at this time.*

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food & Toy Appeal**

**A BIG THANK YOU** to everyone in our parish who donated so generously to the Christmas Appeal. You have made Christmas for so many local families just a little bit brighter this year.

**New Year Mass Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**

**Matraville 9 am**

**Malabar 10 am**

*Let's start the New Year honouring Mary for bringing Jesus among us.*

**St. Agnes' Feast Day will be on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> January**

There will be **Mass at 9.00 am** at Matraville on that day.

*All welcome to come and celebrate.*

**Parish Outing: Wednesday, 17th February 2021** – Outing by coach to the Sydney Tramway Museum Loftus (National Park). \$50 p/p includes Coach Fare, Museum Entry & Ride, Morning Tea at the Tramway Museum and Lunch at the Gynea/Miranda Bowling Club.

Full payment by Sunday, 17th January 2021.

Please contact Kathy Sullivan (9311-1749) or Marie Jennings (9311-7186) if you are interested.

**St Agnes's and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe**

**Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.**

*Please observe signs on the pews.*

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation,  
please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

## MASS DURING THE DAY

**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.

**RESP 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.**

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

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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.

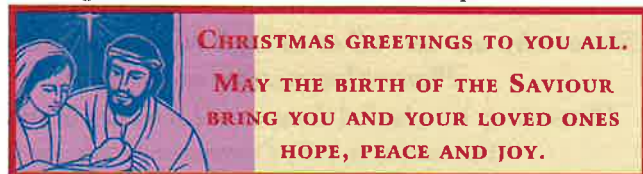
A man came, sent by God. His  
name was John. He came as a  
witness, as a witness to speak for  
the light, so that everyone might  
believe through him. He was not  
the light, only a witness to speak  
for the light.

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.



# THE SAVING WORD

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD / B

25 DECEMBER 2020

## 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.

**RESP PS** 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** Tit 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.