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CHRISTMAS - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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Closed - see details
on back page

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Mass Times

Tuesday	9.30am
Wednesday	9.30am
Thursday	9.30am
Friday	9:30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass
and Wed 6:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesdays
10am-7.15pm Adoration
6.00pm Rosary
6.35pm Vespers
7.00pm Benediction

Contact for Adoration

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Dear sisters & brothers in Christ,

After a such a fruitful Advent, we come prepared for the great feast and celebration of the incarnation, God becoming like one of us, fully human yet divine, without sin.

He came into the world which did not know Him and His own people did not receive Him. Not much has changed as the world continues to reject Him, mocks Him, giving Him scant regard. Will the world ever acknowledge God and in particular the Son of God? What does it take for human beings to turn to God?

This year so full of the plague throughout the world, with so much suffering endured by so many, would be enough for us to search for God for healing and peace. This has always been historically so when plague, war and famine have struck the land. Yet I have not heard one leader of any country suggest we pray for an end to this virus. Have you? And yet we continue to face the huge onslaught of suffering especially overseas.

May our celebration of Christmas have Christ at the centre. May we see more than just an opportunity for 'party time' an escape from the burden of the year's hardship and loss of freedoms. In this country we have got off lightly compared to others for which we can be truly grateful. May that be an act of prayer in itself this Christmas, for truly all our churches should be full to capacity in gratitude and humble petition for others.

With all still struggling and for those who continue to serve the sick and for those among them, doctors and nurses who have made the ultimate sacrifice, we can do something. Christmas this year cannot and must not pass without keeping in prayer all who are suffering throughout the world.

We have opportunity for this especially throughout Christmas, which like Easter is never a one-day event. I urge you to at least keep the Octave of Christmas with the mindfulness of a small sacrifice, a reparation we can make as Christians who know the power of prayer, especially in the Mass. Mass times are as usual.

May you have a happy and holy Christmas.

Fr Phillip Alstin OP

PLEASE TAKE THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER HOME WITH YOU. THANK YOU.

NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE TIMES

The Parish Office will be CLOSED from
Monday 21 Dec 2020—Friday 8 January 2021

And will RE-OPEN

Tues 12 Jan - Fri 15 Jan 9am - 12pm
(Temporary change of time for this period only)

As of 19 Jan 2021

Tuesday - Friday 1.45pm - 4.30pm

**Have You Been Away from the Church
for a long time?**

**Do You Want to Know More About
the Catholic Faith?**

Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?

Here at St Anthony's Parish we welcome and support those who would like to know more about the Catholic faith or who have been away from the Catholic Church for a while but would like to reconnect.

We have a Parish Pastoral Council that warmly welcomes anyone seeking to know more. We invite you to non-judgmental, cordial and friendly conversations to explore those areas of the faith that you wish to discuss.

Our Parish Priest, Fr Phillip Alstin, will support you and will gladly walk with you in your faith journey. Together with Fr Phillip, a faith formation mentor will be partnered with you to allow easy access to faith formation information, Catholic resources and complete support in your search for truth and to discover the vast rich faith tradition that is found in the Church Christ founded.

For more information or to establish a connection with the parish, please direct all enquiries to our Faith Formation Team by emailing
parishteam.stanthony@gmail.com

Would you like to have free access to FORMED.ORG ? Thanks to the generosity of St Anthony's Parish, here's how:

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish/Organisation"
4. Find St Anthony's Parish by entering "Edwardstown" or Postcode "5039"
5. Enter your email, you're in!



BOOKINGS FOR MASS NO LONGER REQUIRED AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

You simply need to register your name, contact number and time of attendance when you arrive

OR

register using the QR Code provided at the entrance.

The QR CODE is displayed at the church and hall entrance for those with smartphones. This assists greatly with contact tracing in the event of a coronavirus outbreak.

PLANNED GIVING and OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Choose one of the following options that suits you best-

1) Contact the Parish Office to receive a Stewardship number unique to you for easy reference of your contribution.

2) Through the Adelaide archdiocese website- Go to <https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation>. Follow instructions on the site. You will need to select EDWARDSTOWN PARISH. Then in the drop down box, choose General; for Parish collection (2nd Collection) and for the Priests of the Archdiocese. (First Collection).

3) Use internet bank for direct deposit into Edwardstown Parish bank account using the following details-

ACCOUNT NAME: CCES Edwardstown Parish

BSB: 085 005 Account: 48973 5300

If using direct deposit, please remember to add description, i.e. donation, ACN items, books etc.

FAMILY SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

We invite you to send your expressions of interest to enrol your child/children for the St Anthony's Parish Family Sacramental Program commencing 2021.

This program is a family and community-based program that values the role of parents as the first educators of faith and family as the basic building block of communities.

To find out more about our new program, the Parish Sacramental Program Team will hold an information session in early 2021. Dates and times to be confirmed soon. Please send your expressions of interest to the Parish Sacramental Program Coordinator - Grace Juanta - email - **parishteam.stanthony@gmail.com**

**"HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"**

The Mysteries of Christ's Life

Concerning Christ's life the Creed speaks only about the mysteries of the Incarnation (conception and birth) and Paschal mystery (passion, crucifixion, death, burial, descent into hell, resurrection and ascension). It says nothing explicitly about the mysteries of Jesus' hidden or public life, but the articles of faith concerning his Incarnation and Passover do shed light on the whole of his earthly life. "All that Jesus did and taught, from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven", is to be seen in the light of the mysteries of Christmas and Easter.

According to circumstances catechesis will make use of all the richness of the mysteries of Jesus. Here it is enough merely to indicate some elements common to all the mysteries of Christ's life (I), in order then to sketch the principal mysteries of Jesus' hidden (II) and public (III) life.

The Christmas mystery

Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty, heaven's glory was made manifest. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night:



The Virgin today brings into the world the Eternal

And the earth offers a cave to the Inaccessible.

The angels and shepherds praise Him

And the magi advance with the star,

*For you are born for us,
Little Child, God eternal!*

To become a child in relation to God is the condition for entering the kingdom. For this, we must humble ourselves and become little. Even more: to become "children of God" we must be "born from above" or "born of God". Only when Christ is formed in us will the mystery of Christmas be fulfilled in us. Christmas is the mystery of this "marvelous exchange":

O marvelous exchange! Man's Creator has become man, born of the Virgin. We have been made sharers in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share our humanity.

Catechism of the Catholic Church 512, 513, 525, 526

Pope Francis' Prayer for Protection during the Coronavirus Pandemic



O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the LORD your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
4. Honour your father and your mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:29-31

www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism

We wish you joy and peace as you celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God bestow upon us and our loved ones His abundant blessings during this Christmas season and throughout the new year. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS EVE

INTROIT

T^{II} HE Lord said unto me: You are my Son, today

I have begotten you.

1. Why do the *nations conspire*, *
and the peoples plot in vain?
They arise, the kings *of the earth*; *
princes plot against the LORD and his Anointed.

Glory Be to the Father...

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

To-day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord.

COMMUNION

A^{VI} -midst the splendors of the heaven-ly sanctu-a-
ry, from the womb, before the morning star, I have be-
gotten you.

1. The LORD's revelation to my LORD: †
"Sit at *my right hand*, *
until I make your *foes your footstool*."

Glory Be to the Father....

CHRISTMAS DAY

INTROIT

U^{VII} N-to us a child is born, * unto us a son

is gi-ven. Dominion is on his shoulder and his name

shall be called the Angel of Great Counsel.

1. O sing a new song *to the LORD*, *
for he has *worked wonders*.

His right hand and his *holy arm* *
have brought *salvation*.

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ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down from earth from heaven,
who is God and Lord of all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall;
with the poor, and mean and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood,
day by day like us he grew;
he was little, weak, and helpless,
tears and smiles like us he knew;
and he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love,
for that child so dear and gentle
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

O Little Town of Bethlehem
how sweet we see thee lie.
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
the everlasting light;
the hopes and fears of all the years
are met in thee tonight.

O morning stars, together
proclaim the holy birth,
and praises sing to God the King,
and peace to all on earth;
for Christ is born of Mary;
and, gathered all above,
while mortals sleep the angels keep
their watch of wond'ring love.

How silently, how silently
the wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
the blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming;
but in this world of sin,
where meek souls will receive him,
still the dear Christ enters in.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
descend to us, we pray;
cast out our sin, and enter in,
be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
the great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
our Lord Emmanuel.

COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful,
joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
come and behold him
born the King of Angels.

Refrain

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

God of God, Light of Light,
lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
very God, be- gotten, not created: **Refrain**

See how the shepherds,
summoned to his cradle,
leaving their flocks,
draw nigh with lowly fear;
we too will thither
bend our joyful footsteps: **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God in the highest: **Refrain**

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

THE FIRST NOWELL

The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay,
keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep:
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

They look-ed 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:
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

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
where-ever it went:
**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.**

SILENT NIGHT

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.

Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight;
 glories stream from heaven a far,
 heav'nly host sing 'Alleluia!'
 Christ the Saviour is born!
 Christ the Saviour is born!

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

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high,
 sweetly singing o'er the plains;
 and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous
 strains;

Gloria in excelsis Deo**Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
 Why your joyous strains prolong?
 Say, what may the tidings be
 which inspire your heav'nly song?

Gloria in excelsis Deo**Gloria in excelsis Deo**

Come to Bethlehem and see
 him whose birth the angels sing;
 come, adore on bended knee
 Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo**Gloria in excelsis Deo**

See him in a manger laid,
 whom the choirs of angels praise.
 Mary, Joseph, lend your aid
 while our hearts in love we raise.

Gloria in excelsis Deo**Gloria in excelsis Deo****HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING**

Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King;
 peace on earth, and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!"
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
 join the triumph of the skies;
 with th'angelic host proclaim,
 "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
 Christ, the everlasting Lord,
 late in time behold him come,
 offspring of a virgin's womb.
 Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
 hail the-incarnate Deity!
 Pleas'd as man with men to dwell,
 Jesus, our Emmanuel.

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the newborn King!"**

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,
 ris'n with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give us second birth.

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
 "Glory to the new**