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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK: Masses are Saturday Vigil at 6pm and Sunday at 7.30am and 9.30am. Weekdays Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 10am. Wednesday and Thursday at 5pm. The Church is open every day from 7am to 6pm.

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BAPTISM ENQUIRIES: Celebrated at 11am on the first Sunday of month

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Presenters needed, except in the school holidays.

COLUMBA CARE: Convenor Shaun Maton admin.south.perth@perthcatholic.org.au

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RECONCILIATION or CONFESSION: Saturday 11:30am – 12pm.

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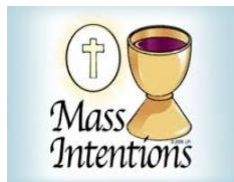
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MASS INTENTIONS: Masses for the faithful departed offered; 93-year-old mother of Fr. Albert Saminedi, Girrawheen Parish Priest, who returned to India to con-celebrate with his brother, also a Priest; Phillip Catling and Mark O'Loughlin, Mass offered; Kerina Gaye Shepherd who died in California, on September 25, 2022. Her husband Nathan and their daughters Katja and Sofia arrived this morning, Vigil Mass requested by their parents Bob and Patti O'Brien; Parishioner's intentions, 7:30am Mass today; Special intention of Maureen and Diamuid Halpin for their son Ben in Ireland, requested by Anna and Randolph Francis, 9:30am Mass today.



CHRISTMAS THANK YOU: I thank all who have made a wonderful contribution to our Advent and Christmas. For our acolytes, ministers of communion, readers and servers. To those who set up our beautifully restored Christmas Crib, especially John Curran. For the Advent wreath and Christmas flowers, I thank Maree Daws and Susanna Durston. To the Social Committee members, especially Anna Francis, for organising the Christmas Cheer. To all who have donated Christmas cake and drinks, I thank you. To those who assisted with the set-up of the Christmas Cheer and for serving, following the Vigil Mass, we thank you all. For those who set up the Altar on the oval for the Mass, especially Geoff Daws and Michael Fanio, our videographer, our guest guitarist, Rudi, his wife, Catherine and their daughter, who will lead the choir and for the the cellist – Joshua and his sisters as the instrumentalists, many thanks. *Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin, Parish Priest*

IRISH SCENE: We thank Parishioners Lindsey and Leo Barry for the 14 copies of the Christmas edition. Vice Chancellor of Notre Dame, Professor Francis Campbell reflects on the visit of now late Queen Elizabeth to Ireland in November 2011. Her majesty received praise and adulation that her opening words were in Irish. It was as though the difficulties of the last four hundred years were atoned for. Pages 56-67. Another article traces the contribution to WA of engineer-in-chief, Charles Yelverton O'Connor who was recruited by Sir John Forrest to design and build a railway tunnel through the Darling Ranges, Fremantle Harbour and the major achievement of 560km pipeline uphill to Kalgoorlie, which required pumping stations along the way. Extensions later provided fresh water to the agricultural areas. The owner and publisher of the daily paper was a constant critic. Pages 52-63. One copy per family and you may care to borrow and return.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Geoffrey McDermott, who regularly attended our Vigil Mass with his son Declan, is now in care at Bethanie, Como. I was to Anoint him and give him Holy Communion on Monday, but then Declan phoned me to say Geoffrey has COVID. John Catling received Anointing and Holy Communion and as Acolyte he took Holy Communion to Sue; Barry and June Curthoys, received Holy Communion after Mass last Sunday.



SEEKING READERS FOR 9:30AM MASS: If you are accustomed to reading in public, such as a teacher, please call Dina Robertson on 0403 951 355.

THE RECORD: The latest copy of the Record is now available. It involves an exclusive interview of Archbishop Costelloe talking to Pope Francis that 'The Church in Australia is still alive.'

CHRISTMAS:

The Shepherds said to one another, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened to us" (Lk 2:15)

What we receive at Christmas depends on how we get to know Jesus: as a *shepherd* or as a disciple. In the Christmas story, the shepherds only appear at night. After this brief appearance, we never hear from them again. They don't return to provide Mary with some basic necessities to care for her baby. They don't return to bring Joseph and his family some food. They don't return because they are devoted to their sheep. This commitment did not afford them many benefits. Most of the time they spent out in the cold and the heat, living with their sheep. Their work became their life.

Disciples are different. They are called to follow Jesus and they take up that invitation. Their lives are turned around and Jesus becomes the focus of their lives. The disciples' life takes him or her to many places. One is the Temple, Jesus was very familiar with his place of worship, not because he was obliged, but to be with people of faith as one.

Jesus can be found in many places, but it's important that we regularly meet Jesus with the rest of our family and know the peace and strength of being one. To enjoy a 'Happy Christmas', we can choose to be disciples over shepherds. Instead of a lamb roast, we will feast on the 'Lamb of God'. When we accept the call to be disciples of Jesus, we discover the fulfillment, peace and joy of Christmas, and the power to give up our angers.

Lord, help us to shed the disappointments and frustrations of Christmas to trust in your offer of peace and joy. Amen

-Fr. Sean Cullen – Parish Priest of Mittagong-Ingleburn, Wollongong, New South Wales



THIS WEEK'S READINGS:

Vigil Mass - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Year A:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us, and in the morning you will see his glory.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 119-124

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalms: 88, ***Response:*** For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Matthew 1:1-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

7:30am Mass -THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Year A:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages: and his reign will be without end.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 129 - 132

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 62:11-12

Psalms: 96, ***Response:*** A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Second Reading: A letter of Saint Paul to Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:15-20

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem: Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

THE NEW COMMUNITY BIBLE: Contains indents for each book, explanatory notes and commentary. Available for \$19.95 per copy. This Bible makes an ideal gift for those preparing for Reconciliation into the Church, or members of the RCIA.'

The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas 24th/25th of December 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: MARY 'WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A SON AND YOU MUST NAME HIM JESUS.' Tonight we celebrate the realisation of the angel's prophecy to Joseph. God is born of a woman Jesus' one of us for ever. From now on is a human being need be called 'Forsaken' or 'Abandoned' but rather 'God's Delight'. - St Paul's Missal

SAINTS OF THE WEEK: Monday: St Stephen; Tuesday: St John, Apostle Evangelist; Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs; Thursday: St Thomas Becket; Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

COLUMBAN CALENDERS: Are now available. They support the work of the Columban Missions, especially in Asia and Latin America. The retail price is \$10 per calendar. They make ideal Christmas gifts.

CHRISTMAS: "O Child who willed to have for your crib a manger; O Creator of the universe, who stripped yourself of divine glory; O Redemmer, who offered your vulnerable body in sacrifice for the salvation of humanity! May the radiance of our birth light up the night of the world ... You, Mary, who keep watch over your all-powerful Son, grant your eyes to contemplate him with faith: grant us your heart to worship him with love... O Holy Night so long awaited, which has united God and man for ever! You rekindle our hope. You fill us with ecstatic wonder. You assure us of the triumph of love over hatred, of life over death. For this reason we remain absorbed in prayer. In the luminous silence of your Nativity, you, Emmanuel, continue to speak to us. And we are ready to listen to you." (Saint John Paul II). The Bethlehem Star is featured, as seen from NASA's James Web telescope in deep space.



9:30am Mass -THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD Year A:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 132 - 137

First Reading: Prophet Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalms: 97, ***Response:*** All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Second Reading: A letter to the Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18

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!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

NEXT WEEK'S READING'S – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God – Year A:

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Sunday Missal, readings are on pages 142 – 145

First Reading: Book of Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms: 66, ***Response:*** May God bless us in his mercy.

Second Reading: A letter of St Paul to the Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Holy Gospel according to Luke 2:16-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever.

MISSION OUTREACH: The latest copy of Mission Outreach is now available. One copy per family. Is located on the back and side porches. It explores the concept of generosity, especially throughout the festive season. It also details information about their recent projects to Africa. Worth the read!