

Sacred Heart Parish

NORTH ALBURY

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Christmas Day—25 December 2018

Feast of the Nativity of the Lord

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Mass Times

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6.00 pm

SUNDAY: 9.30 am

WEEKDAYS MASSES: This Week:

Outside Christmas Eve / Christmas Day

Wednesday & Friday 9.30am

NO Mass Thursday

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 5.15 PM-5.45 PM

BAPTISMS—By appointment

Preparation Course: 0411 883 661

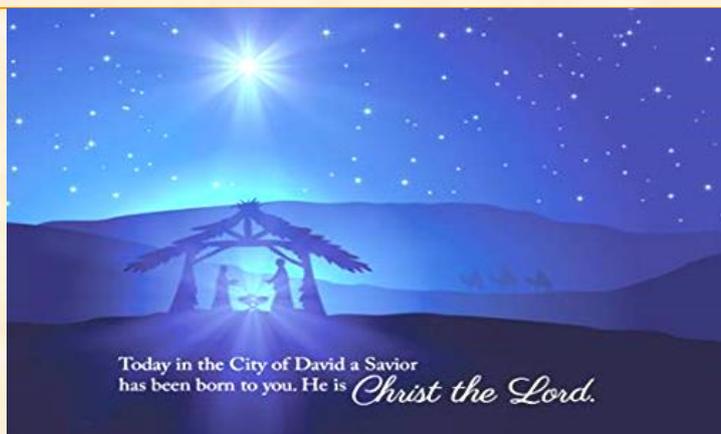
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Dear Friends, as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas, let us hear again the message of the angels who announced God's Good News for all people.

So let us read in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purposes from the first days of creation to the wonderful promises fulfilled in this Holy Child, and praise Him in our songs and carols.

But let us also remember to pray for the needs of the world—for peace and goodwill amongst all peoples, and for shared acts of justice, mercy and forgiveness.

We remember with respect the ancient peoples of this land, praying that reconciliation will continue to grow in the daily life of our nation.

And we pray especially for the homeless, the hungry and the oppressed; for those sick in body or in mind; for those who mourn the loss of loved ones; for the lonely and the unloved; for prisoners and refugees; the broken and injured and for all who are away from home and loved ones at this time.

We remember and give thanks for those who have gone before us in hope and faith, recognising that we are one with them in this celebration of God's gift to us at Bethlehem—Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. Wishing you a happy, safe and blessed Christmas.

Parish Community



We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith especially:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Jim Victory, Peter Bartlett, Margaret Power, Sr Marie Duffy, Leesa Hammond, Goldi Bovis, Tracey Robinson, Kit Clancy.

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Kevin Flanagan, Ross Smith, John Gawen, Nancy Gray, Dawn Robison, George Rossmann, Stanley Harrison, Tyson Baczynski, Miroslav Student, Bert Coyle, Trish Carmody, Scott Larkin, Robert Weissel, Maddison Palmer, Peter McKee, Matthew Gunning, Bill Ryan, Peter Rolfe, John Hallam, Catherine Glennon, John Warford, Joan Dougheney, Pat Smithenbecker, Bob Purtle, William Foo, Kit Telby, Barbara Robertson.

Gather our loved ones into your arms. Quiet our doubt and anger and send us your healing grace. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer for the Sick

We pray for all those who are sick. May they draw strength and healing from God's presence with them and from our prayers and thoughts for them.

May they have peace in their hearts and know they are greatly loved by all.

We offer our prayers believing that God's presence and power can do more than we can ever know. Amen

ROSTERS

Sat / Sun: 29th/30th December

Ministry	Vigil	9.30am
Commentator	Virginia Mitsch	Jane Murtagh
Lector 1	Barbara Godde	Gavin Dykes
Lector 2	Michael Byrnes	Cathy Nyhan
Eucharistic Ministers	Lyn Hamilton Pauline Mulquiney	MACE Sisters Sue Hayhoe Trish Parkinson
Cantor	John van Lint	Simon Goss
Musicians	Judy Foley	Val Hayes
Counters: Peter Toner & Gordon Bryant		Cleaning Group: Group 2

Prayer for Our Sacred Heart Parish

God of Love, Source of all hope and good things;

You call us in love, to share in the work and ongoing life of our Sacred Heart Parish.

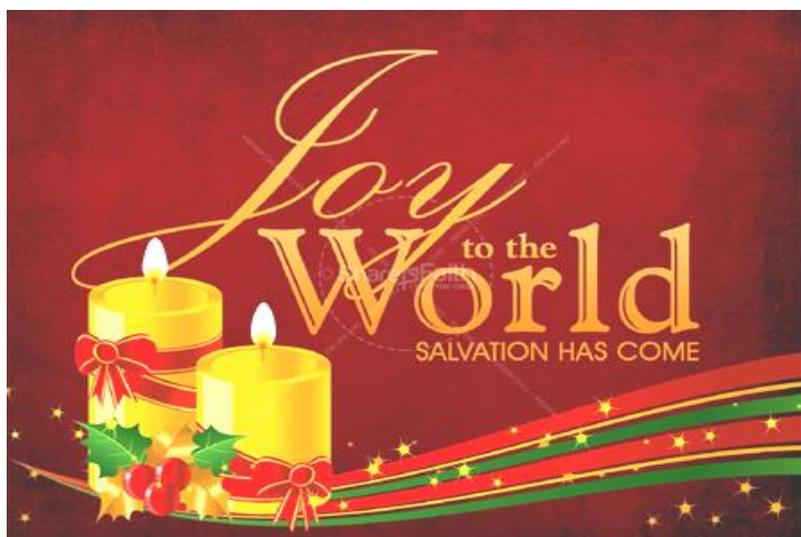
Bless this parish of ours and lead us to be confident and joyful in serving those around us, so that through us, the world may catch a glimpse of the love you have for each one of us.

Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter in our parish community, at home, at work and in our neighbourhood.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Each day may we come to know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Parish News



We welcome you to our Christmas celebrations. Christmas provides us with a unique opportunity to contemplate the mystery of God's love. That love finds its manifestation in us, our families and in our celebrating community. Christmas reminds us of the need to care for those who live on the margins of society - those who need to discover not our judgement, but God's mercy and hope.

May this Christmas lead you to discover and share the peace and happiness which only God can give and which is reflected by our journey of faith.

Thanks to all of you for continuing to live and share your faith within our Sacred Heart Parish community. A special mention needs to be made for those who walk that extra mile so that we might continue to proclaim Christ's presence in our midst with sure and certain hope. Your efforts are much appreciated and valued.

We welcome home to our local community many young women and men over the Christmas holiday season. You are a great blessing to the Church. May you continue to be aware of the presence of God's Spirit in you life's journey - a presence that is real, inspiring, challenging and comforting.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Many thanks to those who have already contributed to this appeal especially through the liturgies at St Anne's Primary School and Xavier High School. This year a leaving collection will be held at all Christmas masses, the proceeds of which will be used by our local St Vincent de Paul Conference to help those in need over the Christmas holiday period. ***(If you have already contributed to this appeal or other charitable requests, we do not expect a further donation.)***

This collection provides the opportunity for those who have not already had the chance to share what we have with those who have little.

Plenary Council 2020

Do you want a church that is

more pastoral, more spiritual, more inclusive, more listening, less clerical, less judgemental, less powerful, less exclusive?

Discussions regarding the Catholic Church of the future have only just begun and it is hoped that many more people will have the courage to share their vision of what needs to be done to ensure that the church remains relevant.

The Australian Bishops have admitted that the culture of the Church must change. We all share in that responsibility to make that change as positive as possible.

For further information please go to the plenary council website: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Responses can be forwarded to: plenary2020@wagga.catholic.org.au or mailed to: Plenary Council, P.O. Box 473, Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

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Christmas Day



Communal Prayer for Lighting the Four Candles of Advent

And the White Christmas Candle

Fr Martin: Today is Christmas Day, in which we recall the hope we have in Christ. Today we light again the candles of hope, peace, love and joy.

(Each candle will be lit as the reader speaks)

First Candle We speak of hope - because God keeps his promises to us.

Second Candle We work for peace - because Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace' and he calls his children to work for peace in his name.

Third Candle We show love - because Jesus gave everything for us and led us to know the forgiveness of God.

Fourth Candle We share joy - because the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and minds with the presence of God.

Last Candle (Christmas Day) Now we light our last candle to remember the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. As the prophets promised so long ago, you have come to us once again, and with the shepherds, we are filled with wonder and amazement.

(Light the white Christ candle now)

All: Lord, you come as a tiny, fragile baby, yet we know that you are God and you are with us. May the flame of this candle remind us that you are the light of the world and that if we follow you, we will never walk in darkness, but will have the true light of life.

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