

*Wishing You and Your Loved Ones a Blessed Christmas*  
from  
**HOLY TRINITY PARISH**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**

**25 December**

**First Reading Is 52:7-10**

*All the ends of the earth shall see the saving power of our God.*

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.

**Responsorial 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 music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. *(R.)*

**Second Reading Heb 1:1-6**

*In our own time, God speaks to us through his Son.*

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.

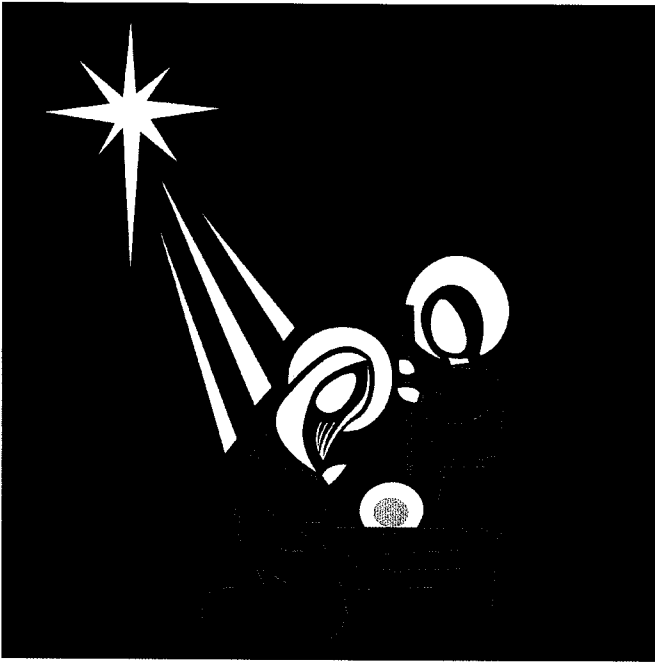
**Gospel Acclamation**

*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

(or Shorter Form Jn 1:1-5. 9-14)

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us, and we saw his glory.*

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.

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.

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The glory of God and profound peace reaching out to embrace the whole of humanity are dynamically related in the baby in the manger. This is the song of the angels, and it is our privilege to join in that song at this Christmas Mass.

*Every baby is a promise of a new future which fills one with hope. But this baby is unique. This Jewish boy baby is the body language of God. This baby is the sonburst of God entering our dark world. This baby shows us that God is not impossibly remote but, rather, God is as intimately close as a vulnerable infant.*

And *this* baby fulfils all the yearning of the human heart. We want to love to the utmost. We want to be loved to the utmost. *This* baby enables both because he is without any finite boundaries or restraints: He is in-finite love reaching out to us.

Can we grasp all this? Probably not. So, like the little lambs nuzzling up to the manger, we just follow some deep intuition which says: 'I must kneel in adoration, it is good to be here.' We could pause for a moment to pray for the resolve to do our bit to echo the angel's message: 'I bring you good news of great joy to be shared by *all* peoples.'

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# HOLY TRINITY

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Holy Family      Our Lady Star of the Sea      Holy Trinity  
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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS:      Saturday Vigil 6:00pm  
Sunday 9:30am, Mass for  
St Mary's Syro-Malabar  
Community (Malayalam  
language)

OCEAN GROVE:      Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF:      Sunday 11:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass,  
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

### BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

## The Nativity of the Lord

(Christmas Day)



**Anniversaries 25<sup>th</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> December:** Patricia Kane, Jack Allison, Jean Fauvel, Rose Mary Lorenz, Michael Gillian, Dulcie Duffy, Nora Ellis, Maria Bernes, Joan Shapter and Michelangelo Gatt.

**Please pray for those who are Sick:** Elly Anwyll, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne Caruana, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Gloria & Ron Forbes, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Gary Kingsbury, Hilda Koertjes, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Picc, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, David Selva, Pauline Shannon, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Aldo Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Michelle Williams, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

### ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,  
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

**COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM),  
WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)**

**OCEAN GROVE: 1<sup>st</sup> January at 9:00am:**

(C) Geraldine Rainey (L) Peter Dickinson (SM) Janine Fitzpatrick, David O'Connor (W) Margaret Donovan, Diane Gent.

**COUNTERS: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 10:00am:**

Ken Caffyn and Greg Carey.

### **SAFEGUARDING UPDATE**

**If you are a volunteer in our parish, have you:**

1. A current Working With Children Check?
2. Signed a Parish Code of Conduct?
3. Done the *Safeguarding Essentials* 30-minute online training?
4. A National Police Check (for counters and collectors only)?

**To make it easier, instead of online training, a group training session is being planned for early February next year.** To register your interest, please contact Jennie Ryan via email: [Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au](mailto:Queenscliff.Safeguarding@cam.org.au)

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR MORE UPDATES!**

[www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/](http://www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/)

*We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

### **\*\* NEWS & EVENTS \*\***

**If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.**

**Parish office closure over the festive season:** the parish office will be closed from 1:00pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2022 and will reopen at 10:00am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

**Columban Calendars 2023** on sale at all churches. \$10.00 each.



**Ocean Grove Hospitality after 9am Mass on New Year's Day:** offers of morning tea (perhaps left overs from the night before) would be welcome. Ring Josephine on 0413 426 716. This is a great chance for visitors, as well as locals, to celebrate the New Year together. Activities provided for the kids.

**Trinity Aid for Refugees** will be recommencing grocery collections in January 2023, starting with Barwon Heads then rotating monthly across our Parish. Thank you to our generous supporters this year. If you would like to support the Refugee Families in Geelong through December you could donate online to Wesley Church Welcome Place BSB 633 000 Account: 160 305 066. Or contact Shirley 0409 424 243 or email [shirleyhurley@inet.net.au](mailto:shirleyhurley@inet.net.au).

**Photos of Our Lady Star of the Sea School Concert 2022:**



**Photo of St Aloysius School Concert 2022:**



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**LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December – St Stephen (Feast)**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December – St John (Feast)**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Innocents (Feast)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of Christmas**

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Feast)**

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 7<sup>th</sup> day in the Octave of Christmas**

6:00pm Mass at Holy Family, Barwon Heads

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January – MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD (Solemnity) NEW YEAR'S DAY**

9:00am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

11:00am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff



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