



ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE NEWSLETTER

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

24TH & 25TH DECEMBER 2017

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MASS/SERVICE TIMES

MONDAY 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am Mass

ROSARY RESUMES BACK

8TH JANUARY 2018

TUESDAY 26th DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

WEDNESDAY 27th DEC.

9.10am Mass

10.30am Mass at

St. Thomas' Retirement

Village

THURSDAY 28th DEC.

No Service

FRIDAY 29th DECEMBER

10.00am Mass

SATURDAY 30th DEC.

10.00am Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

8.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

5.00pm Mass

Dear Parishioners,

CHRISTMAS REFLECTION

Christmas is about the mission of Jesus and of his body today as we bring hope to those who have none. This vision is beautifully expressed in a well-known poem by American theologian, educator and civil rights leader Howard Thurman:

*"When the songs of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins.*

*To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among sisters and brothers,
To make music in the heart."*

Christmas is about the mission of Jesus Christ and all who follow him to transform the world.

May the Infant Jesus shower many blessings upon you all this Christmas? And may 2018 bring you good health, much peace and happiness?

Fr Terry msc



We warmly welcome
Max Woolley
who will be Baptised into our
Parish Family this weekend.
*May the grace of God be with you
and your families always.*

Please remember the following in your prayers.....

Sick:

Mick Matthews, Claire Letham, Claire Tierney, Liz Murphy, Sr. Margaret Gray IBVM, Tamara Bobrovich, Genni Byrne, Marie Walker, Charles Fain, Jon Parkinson, Marie Dillon, Maree Fox, Frank Nolan, Antonio So Jr., Ashley Woods, Stella Hill, Wendy Lumby, Robert Fox, Malgosia Dziuk, Daisy Xu, Geoff Beams, Rosa Maria Santos, Patricia Duffy, Mietta Ulaan, Elaine O'Hea, Frank O'Hea, Chris Leach, Dao Le, Patricia Carey, Denise Wraight, Peter Babulo, Moira Healy, Tony Hill, Koula Tsepelidis, Norma Parker & Martin Broad.

Deceased: Patricia Rutzou

Anniversaries: George Hawkins; Leonarda Sim, Jose Sim, Joel Sim & Luis Sim; Michele & Vincenza Simone; Francesca & Antonina Gucciardo; Denver Spring, Michelina & baby Gianfranco Gucciardo and Giuseppe Gucciardo.

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Liturgy 4th Sunday of Advent- 24th December, 2017 -Year B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: cf Isa 45:8

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,
and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let
the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

FIRST READING: Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

The Kingdom of David will be established for
ever in the sight of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps: 88:2-5,27,29

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 16:25-27

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is
now revealed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lk 1:38

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Isa 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Liturgy -The Nativity of the Lord-Year B

CHILDREN'S MASS (VIGIL MASS) 6.00pm

GOSPEL: Luke 2:1-14

9.00pm MASS - MIDNIGHT MASS and 9.30am CHRISTMAS DAY LITURGY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Isa 9:5

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 97:1-6 Rv3

*All the ends of the earth have seen the saving
power of God.*

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-6

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

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: John 1:1-18

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: cf Ps 97:3

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

