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## SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER 2024

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## YEAR C

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm  
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

### SUNDAY

8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

### MONDAY

7:00pm Mass

### TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

### WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass (every First  
Wednesday includes Novena to  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

### SATURDAY

9:00am Mass  
Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing  
with his Relic  
9:30am Sacrament of Penance  
5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

### RECONCILIATION (Confession)

#### Tuesday – Friday

Before & after Mass (*depending on  
priests' availability*).

### BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Minimum  
booking time: two months in  
advance.

### FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

7:00pm Mass, Adoration starts  
3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet  
9:00am Saturday Mass

### YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass,  
then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

### FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

### BISHOP VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR 2024

Dear sisters and brothers,

St John, the evangelist, in one simple  
sentence describes the deepest  
meaning of Christmas: "God so loved  
the world that God gave his only Son."

That catches the heart of the story. It  
is because God loves the world, and  
loves human beings, that God did this.  
If we think about that over and over,  
then we discover something about God, and a great deal about this world  
and about human beings. Imagine. Christmas expresses how much God  
loves the world!

It's not God loving us "from a distance." It's God loving us and becoming  
part of this whole cosmos, and because of that, everything is different.

Not only did God visit us. God became part of the human family, and God  
is still part of the human family, and God will be part of the human family  
forever.

At the birth of Christ, the manger was full - he was lying in a manger as a  
baby boy. At the resurrection of Christ, the tomb was empty. It's not as  
though human nature was a costume God wore, and when he was finished  
with it, he left it behind and went back to being God. Christ became one of  
us, and when he rose from the dead his human body was still with him.  
That's why the tomb was empty. He still stayed one of us and is still part of  
our family today. The child who was in that manger lives on as a human  
being, one of us, today. That's what we celebrate at Christmas.

Yet, very often in these tumultuous and violent times – with war and  
chaos breaking out everywhere - from the horrors and destruction in the  
Middle East and Ukraine to the floods and frightening climate change  
events – it can be tempting for us to become despondent.

But take heart from the words of the angel to the shepherds: "Do not be  
afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for  
all the people. For today in the city of David a saviour has been born for  
you who is Messiah and Lord."

There is a movement within us all, within the human race, toward  
goodness, toward fulfillment. And it can't be taken away, for the Word



became flesh and dwells among us. This is what we celebrate on this holy night.

God's greatest revelation is not through power, majesty, wealth and splendour. Rather, he made himself the poorest, the most vulnerable and despised of all. The birth of Jesus signals God's alignment with those who are at the edges of society. This Christmas, as we contemplate the Christ child in the manger, let us commit ourselves to pray and work for justice in all its manifestations so that God's reign will come in our world.

May the Christ child bless you and your families with a peaceful and holy Christmas!

*Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv  
Bishop of Parramatta.*

***We wish you and your family a  
blessed Christmas  
and a wonderful  
New Year 2025.  
God Bless.***

***Fr. Johnson M. Joseph CRS, Fr. Sheldon  
Burke CRS and the Parish Team***

## **NOTICES**

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE ADORATION AND MASS**

End the year and start 2025 with Jesus in Adoration and Mass!

When: Tuesday 31 December:  
Adoration from 11pm-midnight,  
followed by Mass. Please let others know about it



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### **PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE**

The office will be closed from Christmas Day and reopens on 21 January 2025.

### **FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION**



**When: Friday 03 January 2025**

7pm: Mass followed by the All-night Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

3am: The Divine Mercy Chaplet

9am: Mass & Novena to St. Padre Pio.

*Come and spend time with Our Lord.*

*The sign-up sheet is on the Welcome Table.*

## **IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDING NOTICE ABOUT PHOTOGRAPHY/FILMING AT THE NATIVITY CHRISTMAS PLAY**

Parishioners are requested not to take photos/videos of the children during the Nativity Play on Christmas Eve. Parents of the children are allowed as long as they focus the camera on their own children, keep photos/video for own family use and be mindful what to upload. Strictly no uploads of images of other children. Thank you for your co-operation!

## **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS**

*You are cordially invited to join Fr Johnson, Fr Sheldon &  
St. Padre Pio Parish Catholic Community at Christmas celebrations*

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

#### **Tuesday 24 December - Children's Mass**

5:30pm Nativity Play & 6:00pm Mass

*The children are invited to dress as a nativity character for this Mass.*

#### **Tuesday 24 December - Family Mass**

9:00pm Mass

#### **Wednesday 25 December - Solemn Mass**

12:00am Mass **Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day  
Mass**

8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

*Please note: No 7pm Mass on Christmas Day*

**Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation and  
Catholics are expected to attend Mass**



### **LITURGICAL CALENDAR:**

**Wednesday 25 December: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
Christmas & Holy Day of Obligation**

**Thursday 26 December: St. Stephen, the First Martyr**

**Friday 27 December: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

**Saturday 28 December: The Holy Innocents, Martyr**

**BASTION**  
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