



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Merry Christmas to everyone!
Our time of waiting and watching is over. Christmas is here!
The gifts and presents we give each other are unwrapped and enjoyed. But Christmas is also a time when we unwrap God's Christmas present to us. God decided not to give us more things which He knows we will not satisfy us, instead He gives us a baby, baby Jesus.

Why is baby Jesus so special?

In the first Christmas, for Mary and Joseph, baby Jesus can be experienced as the most inconvenient gift to them. Baby Jesus can also represent an obstacle between their love for one another, as Joseph was not His biological father. But Jesus became the centre of their lives and not just their lives, but millions of lives who came to believe in Jesus. Why is baby Jesus so special?

Baby Jesus is special because He is the Present that goes on giving forever! He has no expired or use by date. Within this Present, God give all other presents. There is a secret which I want to reveal to you my friends, there is a secret to be successful in life and in love. You are guaranteed to be a winner all the time since God wants you to win all the time. This secret is revealed each year at Christmas and confirmed at each Easter.

No one knew the true identity, origin and potential of this baby until He reveals His glory at the age of 30 years old. What we have in baby Jesus is God Himself, the perfect life and love to its full potential 100%. Some say even for the most intelligent person, only 10% of our brain capacity is used, I wonder how much potential of our heart is been exercised? 5% , 20% ? I think if we can use our hearts to the same potential as our mind, the world would be a much better place for everyone.

What we have in baby Jesus is the start God's plan to bring about our salvation and redemption in the fullness of time. As Jesus grows bigger and stronger into a man my friends, he becomes a life and a love force stronger than anything the world has ever witnessed. He is the very life and love of God made flesh! In order that we may behold His glory and believe in it, live according to His way, His truth and life.

Right now, we do well as just to hold baby Jesus in our arms, to love him, adore him, kiss him and cuddle him. But Jesus will prove himself and challenge us to what is life and what is love. He will prove that in Him alone is the Truth of life and love. Jesus will encounter strong opposition to his teachings and way of life. But no matter how strong the opposition, Jesus' love, peace and joy never diminishes. It proves itself to be dependable, indestructible even in death and will never disappoint us. This is our joy and our Merry in Christmas. That God, eternal life, love, peace and joy has become flesh in a baby and is amongst us!

Each of our lives are called to experience the very life of Jesus.
To be part of it, serve and contribute to it.
Do you believe in eternal life and love?
Do you believe in Jesus Christ, who is eternal Life and the Love?
Merry Christmas everyone.

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Tue, Wed, Thur, Frid
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Mass Times
Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)
Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm
Mon - Thur: 9.15am
Frid - Sat: 12 Noon

Family Mass with Children's Liturgy: Sunday 10.30am

Sacraments Reconciliation
Sat 11.30am - 12 noon
4.45pm - 5:15pm

Baptism
2nd & 4th Sun of the month at 12 noon

Marriage - Sat & Sun
1.30pm - 3pm (at least 6 months notice is required)

Devotions Cenacle
Every Monday 8am

Daily Prayer
Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

Rosary & Prayer
Monday 8.30am
Thurs & Saturday 11.30am
Sat Adoration 11am-12noon

Holy Hour of Mercy
Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Adoration, Prayer's and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY MASS 24 DECEMBER 2017
Normal Mass times at 9am & 10:30am celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent, followed by Christmas Vigil Masses below.

CHRISTMAS MASS CELEBRATIONS
Sunday 24th December 2017
Carols 5pm & 7:30pm
Mass 5:30pm (with children) & Mass 8pm
Midnight Mass 12am
Christmas Day Monday 25th December
Mass at 9am & 10:30am
Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December 9:15am
New Years Day Monday 1 January 9:15am

SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2018 RECONCILIATION Year 3 and older.
Enrolment Date Saturday 5th May 2018 at 4pm. **Sacrament Date:** Thursday 28th June at 6:30pm.

CONFIRMATION
Enrolment Date Sunday 6th May at 4pm.
Sacrament Date: Saturday TBA June 10am & 2pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
Enrolment Date Saturday 4th August 2018 at 4pm.
Sacrament Dates: September Sat & Sun weekends 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd.

RECONCILIATION Year 2 and older.
Enrolment Date Saturday 27th October 2018 at 4pm.
Sacrament Date: Thursday 29th November 6.30pm.

ROSTERS
The new extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the sick, and cleaners rosters are now available for collection at the entrance of the church under the Pope Francis photo. Please collect your new rosters.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK
Will be with Derick Chaves, 83 Portland St, Enfield.
Please call Derick on 9747 5168 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

PRAYER GROUP
Prayer group resumes Wednesday 24th January 2018.

HEALING MASS CHOIR PRACTISE
Will be held Friday 29th December 7:15pm.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO THE PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS OF ST JOSEPH'S ENFIELD

And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:10-11



JANUARY HEALING MASS
Friday 5th January 2018
Celebrant: Fr. Yacub Barkat
Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7-8pm,
Prayer & Praise 7.30pm, Mass 8pm
Exposition (after Mass)
Prayer Ministry available after Mass.
For more information contact Rose 0412 115 961.

ARE YOU A DOCTOR, NURSE OR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL?
Please sign this open letter against the legalisation of assisted suicide. Proposed legislation to legalise assisted suicide and euthanasia will be debated in the Parliament of New South Wales on 16 November. Similar bills are expected to be introduced in other states in the near future. Let your members of parliament know that you support increased access to better aged care and mental health services, disabilities assistance and excellent palliative care, rather than the legalisation of assisted suicide and euthanasia which would place the most vulnerable patients at risk as well as undermining the relationship between patients and healthcare professionals which is based on trust and mutual respect. Visit <http://www.healthprofessionalsayno.info/> for more info and to sign.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY APP
The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free - search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.



Week 5 - 30/31 Dec	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Allen	Tom	Richard	Chris
1 st Reader	Elizabeth	Kate	Sabrina	Julia
2 nd Reader	Henry	Marianne	Vesna	Josephine
EMHC	Rose C & Jenny	Sue & Rose T	Silvia & Marie-Ange	Sonia & Carla
Music (Please advise the parish office)	Heather & Choir	Justine & Choir	To be advised	To be advised
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters	Pat Gerardis & Thomas Au			
Ministers to the Sick	Carla/Lucy Touma Sr. Helena Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays			
Church Cleaning 25-31	Sue Chidiac, Gladys Touma, Miriam Fernandez, Mary Falcone			

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



School Motto
Live Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with Our Loving God.

For all new enrolments please call 9744 2811, or email school at info@stjenfield.catholic.edu.au

Principal Mrs Maria Maiorana

With St Joseph we pray ...

- For the sick**
Lee Tilliam
Eddie Morris
Derrick
Fedorowicz Family
Sokolowski Family
Sharon Holliday
Sarah Holliday
Zachary Marsh
Sue Brancatisano
Bishop Geoffrey
Nikranicz Family
Waslowicz Family
Michael Abou-Antoun
Douglas Edwards
Helen Bache
Lan Fon Yu
Anna Pezzuto
Sonia Grigoriou
Chris Dimitriadis
Barbara Mitchell
Lina Grande
Michael Tucker
Antoniette Serci
Sean Da Silva
Alfonso Costantini
Joseph You
Martin Fleming
Sam Shepherd
Patrick Morris
Rocob Shi
Haishong Andy Shi
Theresa Lee
Urban Fernandez
Beatrice Fernandez

- For the Souls of**
Angela Indo-Garigali
Thomas Flanagan Galway
Gregory Panasiuk
Domenico Calabretta
Maureen Di Nola
Martin Maher
Lorna Maher
Guiseppa Di Nola
Maria Di Nola
Sid Cowan
Mary Cowan
Des Maher
Emily Barron
Mary Rose Raffaela
Anthony Raffaele
Giuseppe Nicotina
Giuseppe Portelli
Giuseppe Chisari
Agata Raiti
Arthur Peters
Patrick O'Neill
Souls of the unborn children:
All Holy Souls in Purgator

Recently Deceased
Dr George Martinus
Claudio Spinetti

Special Intentions
Zamperetti Family
Faccin Family

VIGIL MASS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ex 16:6-7

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

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5

RESP PSALM Ps 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord

SECOND READING Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia Alleluia!
Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed:
The Saviour of the word will be our king.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-25

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we look forward, O Lord, to the coming festivities, may we serve you all the more eagerly for knowing that in them you make manifest the beginnings of our redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Cf. Isa 40:5

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may draw new vigour from celebrating the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, by whose heavenly mystery we receive both food and drink. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

MASS DURING THE NIGHT

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 2:7

The Lord said to me: You are my Son. It is I who have begotten you this day.
or

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendour of the true light, grant, we pray, that we, who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 9:1-7-5

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13

R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord

SECOND READING Titus 2:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia Alleluia!
Good news and great joy to all the world: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2:1-14

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the oblation of this day's feast be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we may be found in the likeness of Christ, in whom our nature is united to you. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 1:14

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honourable way of life become worthy of union with him. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

MASS DURING THE DAY

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Isa 9:5

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.

Greeting, Penitential Act, Gloria – see front page

COLLECT

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 52:7-10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-6

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

SECOND READING Hebrews 1:1-6

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

Profession of Faith – see front page

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Make acceptable, O Lord, our oblation on this solemn day, when you manifested the reconciliation that makes us wholly pleasing in your sight and inaugurated for us the fullness of divine worship. Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 97:3

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O merciful God, that, just as the Saviour of the world, born this day, is the author of divine generation for us, so he may be the giver even of immortality. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Solemn Blessing – see front page

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25 DECEMBER 2017

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the Son of God and the Son of Mary: Christ have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Word made Flesh, the splendour of the Father: Lord have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father, / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT see back page for respective Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in



Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I, II OR III OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

see back page for respective Mass

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

SOLEMN BLESSING

P. May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this most holy night (day), drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

R. Amen.

P. May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of his Gospel.

R. Amen.

P. And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favour and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

R. Amen.

P. And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

R. Thanks be to God.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO YOU ALL.
MAY THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOUR
BRING YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES
HOPE, PEACE AND JOY.