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are our letters
from home*



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Office Hours: Monday 10am – 4.30pm

24th & 25th December 2019 **Christmas Masses**



CELEBRATIONS: 26th December 2019 – 1st January 2020

Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	9.15am	Reconciliation
Saturday	6.00pm	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family Yr A
Sunday	8.00am	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family Yr A
	10.00am	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family Yr A
Monday	9.00am	Mass of 6 th day in the Octave of Christmas
Tuesday	4.30pm	Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel
	5.00pm	Mass of 7 th day in the Octave of Christmas
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass of the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, New Year's Day



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

● HAPPY CHRISTMAS & THANKS I wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas.

This is my first Christmas at Dromana and I am sure it will be a happy and memorable one.

Let's keep in mind those who are in the midst of trauma at this time especially those engulfed with the bushfires around our nation, and those suffering the devastation of drought and the disaster of the White IsP eruption. May they know the peace of Christmas and may Christ be a light of hope for them. In the words of the prophet Isaiah: *"The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone"* (Is 9:1). May that light shine more brightly for them as we do all we can to support them through these traumatic times. We pray that we may grow as a nation as we reach out again to help each other. We pray for an end soon to the bushfires and drought.

In all we do may the angels' song of praise ring true: *"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to to men who enjoy his favour."* (Luke 2:14) ✠ **Fr Joe**

● THANKS to everyone who has sent me cards or given me presents. I thank you for your best wishes, cards and gifts; they make Christmas so special for me. I hope we can all continue to share our gifts and talents with each other to the glory of God here in Dromana Parish. ✠ **Fr Joe**

● Buy a Ticket: in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars**. Tickets are **\$2** each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Books of tickets can be taken to sell to friends, relations, colleges etc. Buy a ticket, support our Parish. ✠ **Fr Joe**

➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you are the radiant light of God's glory.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**

⌘ Christ Jesus, you sustain the universe with your powerful word.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you are the true light of the world.

Glory to God. All: **Glory to God.**



➤ **FIRST READING:**

Vigil Mass 6.00pm: *Isaiah 62:1-5,*

Midnight Mass: *Isaiah 9:1-7,*

Morning Mass 10.00am: *Isaiah 52:7-10*

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

℟ Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. *℟*

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. *℟*

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad, let the sea and all within it
thunder praise, let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord for he
comes, he comes to rule the earth. *℟*

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. *℟*

➤ **SECOND READING:**

Vigil Mass 6.00pm: *Acts 13:16-17.22-25*

Midnight Mass: *Titus 2:11-14*

Morning Mass 10.00am: *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:**

Vigil Mass 6.00pm: *Matthew 1:1-25*

Midnight Mass: *Luke 2:1-20*

Morning Mass 10.00am: *John 1:1-18*



Please pray for those who are sick especially:

Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

Please pray for those who died recently, for Colin Matthews and Peter Fay whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

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PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe: The Lord be with you

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

All: **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.**

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he 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 shall 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**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
(ALL STAND) now:

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Comm. Antiphon: (Used only when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday:

Feast of the Holy Family, Year A

1st Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12 - 14**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 127:1-5**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 3 :12-21**

Gospel: **Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of the Midnight & Dawn Masses Gospels:

Lectio: The first chapter of Luke's Gospel has set the scene for Christ's birth – the foretelling of John the Baptist's birth, the Annunciation, the Visitation and the birth of John the Baptist. Nine months have passed since the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary as she consented to be the Mother of God and Jesus was conceived at the Annunciation. Luke now recounts the timing and the events surrounding Jesus' birth.

Read **Luke 2: 1 - 20**

Meditatio: What town or community do I belong to; what are my origins? How important is family to me? How have I celebrated the birth of a child? When and where have I seen the glory of God? What is important to me about Jesus' birth? What would have been my reaction to finding the new born Jesus in a manger with Mary and Joseph? What family moments do I treasure in my heart? How do I give glory and praise to God?

Oratio: Pray for families at Christmas. Pray that children may have parents who love them. Pray that the joy of Christmas may be shared by everyone. Pray that Jesus' birth may be a sign of hope to the world. Pray that we will give praise and glory to God every day, not just at Christmas.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Spend time with your family and share and listen to everyone's story. ✍ Fr Joe

Coming Events in 2020

2020 – Plenary Council Year

● Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud – Saturday 18th January 2020. A **new roster** is in the church foyer if you can help with this Parish Fundraiser.

● 26th January (Sun.) – Australia Day BBQ Lunch

● 26th February – Ash Wednesday

● 12th April – Easter Sunday



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