

GLENELG CATHOLIC PARISH

Christmas & New Year

25th Dec 2022—1st January 2023



Is There Room in Our Hearts?

John Herd PP

The Christmas concert by Our Lady of Grace musicians, choir and readers was a real gift. If you haven't been to one of these concerts already, then I suggest you plan to attend next year. Kate Crocker, music director, put together a stunning uplifting selection of carols; some solos, some duets, some instrumental only, some full choir. The talent and depth of the performers is stunning, and the young people involved in the concert is a source of joy and hope. But most of all, the concert set the scene for our celebration of Christmas. The carols help us enter into the wonder of the event at Bethlehem so many years ago. One song I hadn't heard before was sung by Ben Ryan, written by Matt Maher, asked, "Is there room in your heart for God to write his story?" That's worth pondering.

During the year we have struggled to recover from the effects of COVID and the uncertainty it brings; we have been impacted by growing world violence and tension, especially the invasion of Ukraine; floods in Australia have come close to us in Adelaide; and we are coping with our own family tensions and issues. Our hearts might be full of worry and plans, and maybe tired and somewhat lost. Maybe our hearts know disappointment. "Is there room in your heart for God to write his story?" An important part of God's story is the birth of his Son at Bethlehem. This is a gift offered to us and it required that Mary and Joseph find room in their hearts in order for God to write his story and the story to be told. The birth of the baby at Bethlehem is a gift for us and calls us to allow God to continue to write his story in our hearts. Can we find room in our hearts for God to write his story in our lives?

We are not all accomplished singers or musicians but we all have a gift to give. I want to thank all who have given of themselves in service of the parish during the year. Sometimes we feel we have no gift to offer. I heard a story of a poor shepherd boy who arrived at the manger with no gift. Others brought delightful gifts and he stood there with empty hands. But just at that moment Mary turned to him and asked if would take hold of baby Jesus so she could step outside. The boy's empty hands meant that he had room to receive the special gift.

So many people have contributed to the life of the parish this year and it is wonderful to think that we all have a part. The gifts we bring are not the same but each is valuable. Thank you to our parish staff who have helped us in various ways: Marion, Peita, Jane, Jonas, Andrea, Melissa, Chanaka. And thank you for gifts and kind thoughts this Christmas. The office will be closed next week but please leave a message if you want me to contact you. Wishing you and your families the peace and joy of this Christmas season.

Please remember in your prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bob, Turnbull, Peter Millar, Bette Calman, Samuel Lira.

MEMORIALS: Bill Noonan, Margaret Brampton, Zaknich family, Maxwell family, Dall'Armi family, Michael Jones, John Lower, Quigley family, Fred Fahy, Zenaida Castro.

(Names listed for 1 month)

SICK: Henriette Greenfield, Veronica Paull, Murphy Novak, Nola Moore, Nora Bowman, Stefan Fischer, Sally O'Grady, Lucy Quix, David, Virginia Esteban, Nicky Brockman, Katic Seman, Diane Higgins, Ray, John Bijok, Mary Ryan, Angela Tsaliki, Anne Harkin, Francois Miller, Peter Gillard, Dawn Hill, Jan Wheatley, Anton Sylvester, Michael McCalkin, Catherine Baldwin, Robert Taylor.

Appeal for Aboriginal Catholic Ministry

We will be conducting the annual Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry with a special collection to be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

The Otherway Centre is the home of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry (ACM). Money raised from the appeal will help fund activities that bring the community together and provide vital healing and conversation opportunities to strengthen cultural and spiritual connections. Located at Stepney, the Centre has been supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the wider community for more than 30 years. We are invited to join in the spirit of Reconciliation in our land.

PARISH CHURCHES

Our Lady of Victories

13/15 High Street, Glenelg

Our Lady of Grace

36 Beadnall Terrace, Glengowrie

Sunday Masses, Glenelg

Sat. Vigil: 6.00pm, Sunday: 10.30am, 5pm

Sunday Mass, Glengowrie

9am

Weekday Services, Glenelg

Mass: Tues. 10 am. Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

12noon (Adoration on Thurs. at 11.30am)

Saturday Reconciliation: 11am

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Pope Francis

Pope Francis has asked us to keep the "noble and martyred people of Ukraine" in our prayers during Christmas. New Year's Day is a day of prayer for peace and we celebrate Mary, the Mother of God. Pope Francis reminds us that we called to walk together to build peace in our families and world.

OLOG Concert

The concert on Wednesday night was an outstanding production and a wonderful preparation for Christmas. \$1,475 plus donations of food was raised for Vinnies. Congratulations to Kate and all involved for the tremendous amount of work and committed which goes into presenting such a professional performance.

Liturgy Roster 1st January 2023

	6pm Mass	10.30am OLOV	5.00pm OLOV	9am OLOG
Sacristan	M. Noonan	T. Felici	J. Lee	Tracy Glover & Janet Videon
Special Minister Commentator	M. Noonan J. Coonan	L. Carnegie B. Patton	Z. Fudge J. Lee	C. Quigley P. Murdock J. Sherman
Readers	- M. Macfarlane	A. Wilson -	J. Byrne -	
Power Point	-	-	-	-
Children's Liturgy	-	-	-	-
OLOV Linen:	-	Counters:	Altar Servers:	
OLOV Altar Society:		Lawn:	OLOG Flowers:	



Liturgy Roster 8th January 2023

	6pm Mass	10.30am OLOV	5.00pm OLOV	9am OLOG
Sacristan	M. Noonan	T. Felici	J. Lee	Tracy Glover & Janet Videon
Special Minister Commentator	M. Noonan P. Hurley	A. Rohozinski B. Patton	M. Caston B. Brougham	A. Kay M. Good C. Ryan
Readers	M. Sellars B. Fernandes	A. Wilson B. Caldwell	M. Starrs R. Knolder	
Power Point	J. Coonan	S. Moss	P. McInemey	-
Children's Liturgy	-	-	-	-
OLOV Linen:	M. Wright	Counters:	K. Miller	Altar Servers:
OLOV Altar Society:		Lawn:	P. O'Malley	OLOG Flowers:

Masses

There will not be a Mass next Tuesday 27th Dec at Glenelg, but will begin on Wednesday at 12 noon. Masses for New Year's Eve and Day will be usual weekend Masses: Saturday 6pm; 9am at OLOG; 10.30am and 5pm at OLV.

The Parish Officer will be closed from 26th December till Tuesday 3rd January 2023. If you have urgent pastoral need during this time an emergency contact number is provided on the Parish answering machine. The staff at the Parish Office would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



✠ LITURGY—YEAR A ✠
24TH & 25TH DECEMBER 2022
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Rejoice, dear brothers and sisters; rejoice with the angels, who on this night sang praises to welcome the birth of our Lord and saviour, Jesus Christ.

1st Reading: **Isaiah 9: 1-7**
A son is given to us.

Psalm: **95: 1-3, 11-13**
Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

2nd Reading: **Titus 2: 11-14**
God's grace has been revealed to all people.

Gospel Acclamation: 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**
Today a saviour has been born for you.

Memorial Acclamation:
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Feast Days

Mon 26th Dec - St Stephen
Tues 27th Dec - St John, Apostle & Evangelist
Wed 28th Dec - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thurs 29th Dec - St Thomas Becket
Fri 30th Dec - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sat 31st Dec - St Sylvester 1

✠ LITURGY—YEAR A ✠
1ST JANUARY 2023
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

We are called to be like Mary and to ponder on the wonders God does for us. We can do this like the shepherds, in simplicity and joy, for Christ our Saviour has come.

1st Reading: **Numbers 6: 22-27**
They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

Psalm: **66: 2-3, 5, 6, 8**
My God bless us in his mercy.

2nd Reading: **Galatians 4: 4-7**
When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 2: 16-21**
The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The Creed is said.

Memorial Acclamation:
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Feast Days

Sun 1st Jan - Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Mon 2nd Jan - Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Tues 3rd Jan - The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Sat 7th Jan - St Raymond of Penyafort