

Processional Hymn CWB 232

Come, O long-expected Jesus,
born to set your people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
in your heart our rest shall be.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope to all you shall impart;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born, your people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a king,
born to reign in us for ever,
now your gracious kingdom bring:

By your own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by your all-sufficient merit
raise us to your glorious throne

Liturgy of the Word

King David wanted to build a fine temple in which God would dwell among the people. But God did not choose a building made of stones and mortar for a dwelling place but the womb of the virgin Mary. God continues to dwell among us in Mary's son. Jesus Christ, whose body is the Church. Let us pray for a deepening of faith this Christmas that we, like Mary, may continue to give Christ to the world.

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Psalm Response

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
May his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

Preparation of the Gifts CWB 414
Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Servant of the Word, handmaid of the Lord,
Blest are you, O Mary!
Mother of God's only Son,
Chosen as the holy one;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Bearer of God's Son, woman of great faith,
Blest are you, O Mary!
Docile to the will of God,
Holy Mary, heart of love;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Mary full of grace, woman truly chaste
Blest are you, O Mary!
Mother of the Word made flesh,
Guide the Church to holiness;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

Christ, by all adored, is your Son and Lord;
Blest are you, O Mary!
Best the fruit of your own womb,
Jesus risen from the tomb;
pray for us and lead us to the Son of God.

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Preparation of the Gifts CWB 247
10am Sunday Mass

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
"Rejoice!" the angel said, "The Lord is with you"
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

"Be not afraid, for you shall bear a child;
by him shall we to God be reconciled.
His name shall be Emmanuel, the long-foretold",
Most highly favoured lady' Gloria!

Then gentle Mary humbly bowed her head;
"To me be as it pleases God," she said.
"My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

"And so," she said, "how happy I shall be!
All generations will remember me,
for God has kept the promises to Israel."
Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born
in Bethlehem upon that Christmas morn,
and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:
'Most highly favoured lady, Gloria!'



Recessional Hymn CWB 416

Refrain: Ave, ave, ave Maria!
Ave, ave, ave Maria!

Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you;
his pow'r and his mercy, his grace giv'n to you. Refrain

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be. Refrain

To you, by an angel, the Father made known
the grace of his Spirit, the gift of his Son. Refrain

Most blest of all women, you heard and believed,
most blest in the fruit of your womb then conceived. Refrain

May our dead enjoy eternal light

Recently deceased
Bro Christian Moe FSC Steve O'Donnell
Anniversary of death
Lloyd Harris Snr Joseph Georges

Next weekend
Feast of the Holy Family
Year B

Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Luke 2:22-40



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4th Sunday of Advent
Yr B 24.12.2023

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday 24 December

St Stephen's Reservoir East 6pm Mass

St Gabriel's Reservoir

7.30pm Carols 8pm Mass

St Raphael's Preston West

5pm Mass 7pm Mass

11.30pm Carols 12 midnight Mass

Monday 25 December

St Gabriel's Reservoir 10am Mass

St Raphael's Preston West

9am Italian 10.30am Mass



MASS & RECONCILIATION

9am weekday Mass at St Gabriel's

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Saturday St Stephen's

5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday St Gabriel's

9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

St Raphael's Preston West

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 9am Italian 10.30am Masses

Weekday Masses

Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm

Thursday & Friday 8.30am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

Thanksgiving & Clergy
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Blessing of the Family Nativity Scene

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Saviour was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our
lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.
Lord, bless our family
and all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up
our thoughts to him,
who is God-with -us and Saviour of all,
and who lives an reigns for ever and ever. Amen
All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Holy Lord, we come with joy to celebrate
the birth of your Son,
who rescued us from the darkness of sin
by making the Cross a tree of life and light.
May this tree, arrayed in splendour,
remind us of the life-giving Cross of Christ,
that we may always rejoice in the new life
that shines in our hearts.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
All may sing a favourite Christmas carol.

Blessing of the Family Meal

Loving Father,
You bless us in every way,
especially with the love of
the Mother of your Son.
United in a special way with the Blessed Virgin Mary, our
souls magnify you.
We thank you for all good things,
especially this meal,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

At Christmas we provide extra support
to our Bishops and priests,
retired and sick priests.

The Christmas offering envelope
is included in our parish
Thanksgiving envelopes.

Christmas offering envelopes
are also available at
St Gabriel's and St Stephen's churches.