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(All items for the newsletter must be received no later than Tuesday evening.)

CHILD PROTECTION

We are a Child Safe Organisation which is committed to the care, well-being and protection of children and young people.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Kingscote at 9.30am

CONFESSION

Kingscote at 9.00am
(prior to Mass)

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Prayers for Healing and Renewal in the Church - Thursdays at 9.00am



CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

God's grace brings about the conversion of his unfaithful people. With a new-found integrity they (and we) will be called by a new name, and their relationship (and ours) with God will lead to an intimacy beyond their (and our) wildest imaginings. God will rejoice in them (and us).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Paul introduces the Jews and non-Jewish believers in the God of Israel to the new thing that God has done for them in Jesus, whom he has raised up for them as Saviour.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

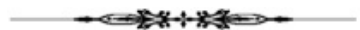
Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will be our king.
Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1-25

This reading from the beginning of Matthew's Gospel reminds us of the mortality and even the sin the Son of God took on himself in becoming one of us, through his birth from the Virgin Mary, in order to save his people from their sins and restore us to God's friendship.



CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

The Prophet proclaims good news to the disheartened people of Judah and Jerusalem - their God has not abandoned them, but is coming to save them. Good news to us too - God's salvation is for all peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 97:1-6

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-6

God spoke his word through his prophets and in various ways.

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CHRISTMAS QUOTES

"For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself." Charles Dickens

"Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." CS Lewis

"God never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving. If He gives us the gift of Christmas, it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it." Pope Francis

"So God throws open the door of this world — and enters as a baby. As the most vulnerable imaginable. Because He wants unimaginable intimacy with you. What religion ever had a god that wanted such intimacy with us that He came with such vulnerability to us? What God ever came so tender we could touch Him? So fragile that we could break Him? So vulnerable that His bare, beating heart could be hurt? Only the One who loves you to death." Ann Voskamp

"I truly believe that if we keep telling the Christmas story, singing the Christmas songs, and living the Christmas spirit, we can bring joy and happiness and peace to this world." Norman Vincent Peale

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Now he speaks to us through his Son, who is the radiant light of God's glory. He has veiled that glory with our humanity so that we can prepare by lives of faith for the full revelation of that glory in Heaven.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

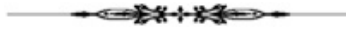
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

The gospel passage encourages us to ponder reverently the mystery of the Word who was with God in the beginning, who was God, and who became man in Jesus and dwelt among us.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR ANTHONI

JOY TO THE WORLD,
THE LORD IS COME

Prior to the celebration of the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, which means "Rejoice" Pope Francis encouraged people to strive for joy telling us, "We've never heard of a sad Saint." Pope Francis went on to say "man's heart desires joy, every family, every people, aspires to happiness."

So, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year; not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, that can seem

so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome travellers in our midst who may join with us to celebrate the Eucharist.

If you are returning to Church today from a long absence, or even a short one, let the joy of this celebration fill you. Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts and return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every week of the year.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. Thank you for all your support and prayers. "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 Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." (Lk2:10-14)

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy.

Fr Anthoni Adimai SdM



May joy be your gift at Christmas and may faith, hope and love be your treasures in the New Year.