



# Elizabeth Catholic Parish

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## FOURTH OF ADVENT YEAR A

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 7:10-14* –  
The virgin will conceive.

**Responsorial Psalm –**  
Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 1:1-7* – Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
Alleluia alleluia!  
The virgin will give birth to a son; His name will be Emmanuel: God-is-with-us.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** *Matthew 1:18-24*  
– Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

### A MAN OF HONOUR.

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.

### Next Week's Readings

**Mon** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Luke 1:57-66  
**Tue** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
Luke 1:67-79  
**Wed** **The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Vigil** Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25  
Mt 1:1-25  
**Night** Is 9:1-7, Titus 2:11-14,  
Lk 2:1-14  
**Day** Is 52:7-10, Hebrew 1:1-6  
John 1:1-18  
**Thu** **St Stephen**  
Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59  
Matthew 10:17-22  
**Fri** **St John**  
1 John 1:1-4  
John 20:2-8  
**Sat** **The Holy Innocents**  
1 John 1:5 - 2:2  
Matthew 2:13-18

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH YEAR A

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Col 3:12-21  
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

**St Ann's Church** (30 Midway Road, Elizabeth East)

**Mass Times** - Sat Vigil Mass 6pm - Sun 8.30am - Thurs 9.15am (Eucharistic Service)- Fri 9.15am.  
Thursday and Friday Masses are followed by the Rosary.

**First Friday** of the month after Mass Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

**St Thomas More's Church** (19 Laverstock Road, Elizabeth North)

**Mass Times** - Sun 10am - Mon 9.15am - Tue 9.15am (Eucharistic Service during School Term)  
Wed 9.15am.

All week day Masses are followed by the Rosary.

**Magdala Chapel** (82 Fairfield Road, Elizabeth South)

**Mass Times** 1st & 3rd Tues of month at 9.15am.

**No Mass during school holidays.**

**Catherine McAuley School** (210 Adams Road, Craigmore)

**Mass Times** 2nd & 4th Tuesday of month at 9.15 am.

**No Mass during school holidays.**

## Pastoral Letter to the Christian Faithful of the Diocese of Port Pirie and the Archdiocese of Adelaide for the Feast of Christmas 2019

### Hope Born Again

Dear Sisters and Brothers

How do we find joy in Christmas when we are reeling from the unspeakably sad and tragic deaths on White Island? How do we celebrate at a time when we are grieving the loss of beautiful lives and the shocking burns to others? How do we rejoice in the Feast of Family when so many families are in grief?

Tragedy can occur at Christmas. A loved one of the family is killed or dies just before Christmas. A car accident involves someone on the way home for Christmas, bringing grief not joy. Even the first Christmas saw terrible suffering of families in the slaughter of the Innocents.

At Christmas some might have to pray to the suffering Christ, 'within Thy wounds hide me'.

The truth still stands that God so loved us that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but will have eternal life. Despite all grief, Christmas centres us. It calls us back to the truth of who we are. We are born again in hope, because the Lord of all creation came to stand next to us in the form of the most defenceless of creatures, a baby.

Around the Christ Child there were shepherds and animals. They represented the high and the mighty, the rich and the poor, the lonely and the despised. Each of us reflects the image of Christ, and each has a dignity that can never be taken away, even by death.

Our vulnerability, and the fragility of human life, has been starkly exposed by the White Island tragedy. There are still forces in our society militating against life, at either its beginning or its end, but the tender love of God is reflected in the Child Jesus, despite at times the darkness of the night, a darkness which on that first occasion was transformed by a Star and the heavenly light.

In Him

+Gregory O'Kelly SJ

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Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Adelaide  
Bishop of Diocese of Port Pirie



## ELIZABETH CATHOLIC PARISH CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **"Children's Mass"**

6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas More Church

### **"Carols and Evening Mass"**

9.30 p.m. for Carols

10 p.m. Mass

St. Ann's Church

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

### **"Christmas Mass"**

10:00 a.m. St. Thomas More Church



St. Ann's Church  
30 Midway Road  
Elizabeth East



St. Thomas More

19 Laverstock Road  
Elizabeth North

**There will be no Mass on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December**



At Christmas, we place the statue of the Infant Jesus in the manger, the nativity scene suddenly comes alive. God appears as a child, for us to take into our arms. Beneath the weakness and frailty, He conceals His power that creates and transforms all things. It seems impossible, yet it is true; in Jesus, God was a child, and in this way He wished to reveal the greatness of His love; by smiling and opening His arms to all. The birth of a child awakens joy and wonder; it sets before us the great mystery of life. Seeing the bright eyes of a young couple gazing at their new born child, we can understand the feelings of Mary and Joseph who, as they looked at the Infant Jesus, sensed God's presence in their lives.

*Pope Francis – Francis 'Admirabile Signum' - (Enchanting image) par 8, 1 December, 2019*



### **CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS**

There will be two collections taken up at Christmas Masses, the first for the Christmas Offering Envelopes for the care and support of our clergy, and the second for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry. This Christmas Day Appeal for the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry has been an important tradition in our archdiocese, and a vital source of support for our ministry to Aboriginal people through the Otherway Centre and its services.

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**  
**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 10AM**  
**ST THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

### **READINGS FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER -THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**FLEE TO EGYPT.** The Gospel of Matthew highlights the many difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph before and after the birth of Jesus. But Matthew highlights also the abiding presence of God, who is with them on every step of their journey. We see in these early episodes what Jesus will make explicit at the end of the Gospel: 'and know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

First Reading: Ecc 3:2-6, 12-14 – Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

Responsorial Psalm: Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

### **BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Dear Sisters & Brothers

Two requests I would make of you this Christmas. Firstly, pray especially for our families suffering in the drought. May the harshness of Australia turn to beauty for them.

Next, please find five or seven minutes in these hectic days before Christmas to find a quiet place and settle down and recollect yourself in the presence of the Lord and repeat over and over the Scripture line, "God so loved the world He sent His only Son". Then focus for yourself, God so loved me, He sent His only Son.

Christmas is the Feast of family and life. May the Christian love of life as God's gift have an impact on those who would otherwise work against life, at its beginning or at its earthly end.

In Him

+ Gregory O'Kelly SJ  
Apostolic Administrator

### **Readings (cont)**

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21 – Concerning the Christian life in the world.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of His message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 – Take the child and His mother, and flee to Egypt.

Mon 30 1 Jn 2:12-17, Luke 2:36-40

Tue 31 1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18

Wed 1 **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

Num 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Luke 2:16-21

Thu 2 **Sts Basil the Great and Gregory**

1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 19-28

Fri 3 1 Jn 2:29- 3:6 Jn 1:29-34

Sat 4 1 Jn 3:7-10 Jn 1:35-42

### **SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS.** For some Christians the feast of Epiphany is the day on which gifts are exchanged. As we observe the wise men opening their treasures in today's Gospel and offering gifts to Jesus, we can ask: what precious gifts can we offer to Jesus today? We may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh but we have our love, our fidelity, our time. We can give these to Jesus by giving them to those in need.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 – The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 – The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen His star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12 – We have come from the East to worship the King.

Mon 6 1 Jn 3:22 – 4:6, Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tue 7 1 Jn 4:7-10, Matthew 6:34-44

Wed 8 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mark 6:45-52

Thu 9 1 Jn 4:19-5:4, Luke 4:14-22

Fri 10 1 Jn 5:5-13, Luke 5:12-16

Sat 11 1 Jn 5:14-21, John 3:22-30

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO  
BULLETIN FOR THE NEXT TWO  
WEEKS - RECOMMENCING  
WEEKEND 11<sup>TH</sup>/12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION  
MEETING**

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 11.30 a.m.  
St Thomas More Church.

**NOVEMBER MASSES**

Names of those who have requested Masses to be offered for the intention of the repose of the souls of relatives, friends and benefactors of parish families: **Paul G. Warner, Marie Standish**. If you have requested a Mass and your name has not appeared, or if there are any discrepancies, please contact Fr. Pat at the Parish Office.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The Parish Team acknowledges and thanks the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit and give Holy Communion to the Sick, Housebound and Elderly in their homes and in Nursing Homes. We hope they avail themselves of the opportunity to have a break from this Ministry during January.

**LEGION OF MARY**

Will not be taking a break over Christmas – Their next meetings for December will be on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup>. The first meeting for next year will be on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Please note **there will be no collection** of food for Vinnies in January. Collection will resume on the **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020**.

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE**

*Upcoming Events*

**January 26, 2020** – Australia Day Mass, 11am, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

**February 11, 2020** – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 10am, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral.

**Glenelg Catholic Parish Christmas Concert**

Glenelg Catholic Parish would like to invite you to their Christmas Concert on **Sunday December 22**, 7.30pm at Our Lady of Victories Church, High Street Glenelg. Enquiries contact Kate Crocker on 0432 591 636.

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."  
MATTHEW 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**DECEMBER – COMING EVENTS**

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> St John of Kenty  
Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Mass St. Thomas More 9.15 am  
Children's Mass  
St Thomas More 6.30pm  
Christmas Carols  
St. Ann's 9.30 pm  
Christmas Eve Mass  
10 pm – St. Ann's  
Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Mass  
St. Thomas More 10am  
Thu 26<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen –  
The First Martyr  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> St. John – Apostle & Evangelist  
Sat 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents - Martyrs  
Sun 29<sup>th</sup> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
Tue 31<sup>st</sup> St. Sylvester

**JANUARY 2020 – COMING EVENTS**

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
New Year's Day  
World Day of Peace  
Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> The Epiphany of the Lord  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> St. Raymond of Penyafort  
Legion of Mary St. Ann's 2pm  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Baptism of the Lord  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> St. Hilary  
Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Legion of Mary St. Ann's 2pm  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Taize Prayer Meeting – St Ann's – 8.00 p.m.  
Frid 17<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Hope  
St. Anthony  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Festa di San Pellegrino - Hectorville  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> St. Fabian  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> St. Agnes  
Legion of Mary St. Ann's 2.00 p.m.  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Vincent  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Contemplative Prayer Group St. Ann's 2pm  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> St. Francis de Sales  
Sat 25<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
Australia Day  
Festa di Santo Eufemia - Hindmarsh  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday for Australia Day  
Sts. Timothy & Titus  
St. Angela Merici  
Tue 28<sup>th</sup> School Term 1 Commence  
St. Thomas Aquinas  
Legion of Mary St. Ann's 2.00 p.m.  
Fri 31<sup>st</sup> St. John Bosco

**KNITTING GROUP**

The Knitting Group will reopen on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. If anyone is interested in joining the Friday Knitting Group next year please contact the Parish Office and their details will be forwarded.

**WELCOME**

Welcome to any new parishioner. If you wish any information about our parish please fill in the form below and leave with Father Pat at Mass Centres.

Name.....

Address.....

Telephone.....

**PARISH CENSUS FORM**

If you are new to the parish please fill out a census form which you will find at the back of the church.

**STAMPS FOR THE MISSION**



As we receive our extra Christmas mail this year, please remember to put your stamps in the boxes provided which are situated in the foyers of both churches or place in an envelope and put on second collection plate. Thank you.

**BULLETIN NOTICES**

Please be aware all notices for the bulletin can either be emailed direct to Ann Murray [methil48@hotmail.com](mailto:methil48@hotmail.com) or left at Parish Office no later than Tuesday.

**PARISHIONERS ON THE SICK LIST**



Romeo Hajek, Barbara Fuda, Adele Kalil, Bob Sherman, Josie Hughes, Raymond McGowan, Don McDeed, Henry McGoran, Flordelisa Lugtu, Patrick Hughes, Madona Blanch, Bessie Kelly, Barbara Kosewicz, Ivan Baker, Shienamae Falogme (aged 8 months), Lachlan Hill, Graham Haylock.

For Privacy reasons, permission from the sick person is required prior to placing their name in the bulletin.

**Prayer Registration Slip**

Please fill out the registration slips situated on the table in the foyer and place in the box provided.

**Please note that names on the Sick List will remain for six weeks unless Parish Office is otherwise notified.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Mons. Jim O'Loughlin

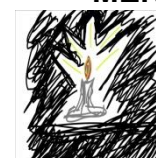
**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:**

John Holland.

**Week 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

1st Collection	\$
Planned Giving (received)	\$
Loose	\$
Direct Debit	\$
Planned Giving (Pledged)	\$
St Vincent de Paul	\$

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**



"Christmas is joy, religious joy, an inner joy of light and peace."  
- Pope Francis



### Pastoral Team

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Sacristans: Ann Anderson/Jean Luke (6pm Vigil)

Carol Mackle/Jean Mohan (St Ann's 8.30am)

Margaret Kennedy/Clara Porlaje (St Ann's 8.30am)

Donna Kirkbright (St TM 10am)

Planned Giving: Theo Toonen 8252 0340

Centacare (Catholic Family Services) 8215 6700

St Vincent de Paul Society Assistance Hotline 1300 729 202

Beyond Blue (Depression/Anxiety) 1300 224636

Lifeline Australia (Crisis Support/Suicide Prevention) 13 11 14

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800 Child Abuse Report Line (CARL) 13 14 78

Translating and Interpreting Service 13 14 50

Elder Abuse Hotline 1800 372 310

St Vincent de Paul Society "Family Centre, Elizabeth 8255 8547

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