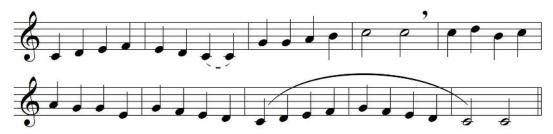
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 1 January 2023



Acknowledgement of Country. As a community, we recognise that the church is built and our worship is offered on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people, and close to Tarntanyangga (Victoria Square), which is still an important meeting place for the Kaurna people today. We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land; our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing; and our hope that we may walk together in harmony, in the spirit of Reconciliation.

When the bell rings, all stand and sing the hymn



Unto us a boy is born!
King of all creation,
Came he to a world forlorn,
The Lord of every nation.

- 2 Cradled in a stall was he With sleepy cows and asses; But the very beasts could see That he us all surpasses.
- 3 Now may Mary's Son, who came So long ago to love us, Lead us all with hearts aflame Unto the joys above us.
- 4 Omega and Alpha he!
 Let the organ thunder,
 While the choir with peals of glee
 Doth rend the air asunder.

Latin, 15th century trans. Percy Dearmer 1867-1936 alt.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Invocation and Greeting

▼ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

Litany of Praise

The priest, the deacon, or another minister, says

Christ the grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all.

Silence

As we celebrate the mystery of God with us, let us remember that our Saviour is rich in mercy and great in kindness.

The minister says, or the cantor may sing,

Eternal Word, you have scattered the darkness of sin and death: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Word made flesh, you have made us children of God most high: Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

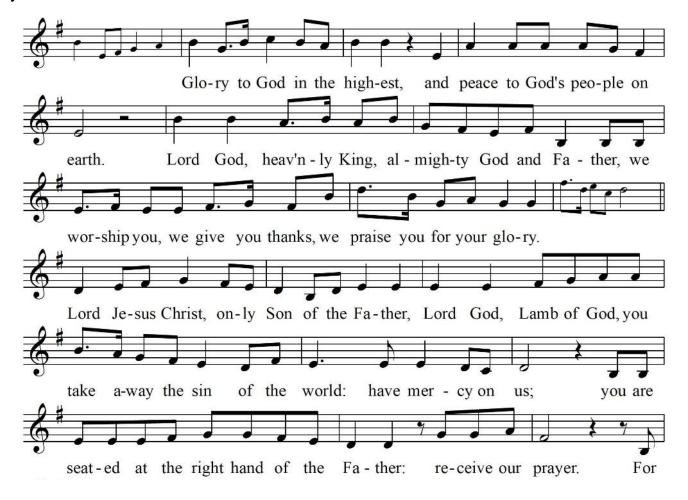
Incarnate One, you have united heaven and earth in God's peace: Lord, have mercy.

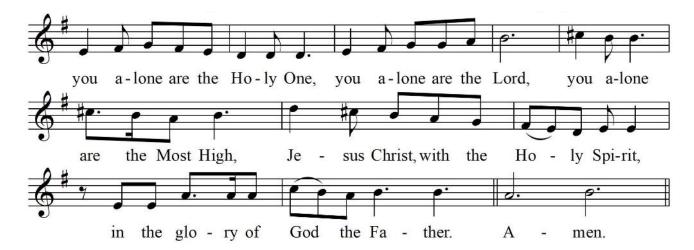
Lord, have mercy.

The priest says

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise





Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: in your mercy, bring us to share the divine life of Jesus Christ, who came to share our human life, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 63.7-9

A reading from the book of the Prophet Isaiah.

I will recount the gracious deeds of the LORD, the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, because of all that the LORD has done for us and the great favour to the house of Israel that he has shown them according to his mercy, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. For he said, "Surely they are my people, children who will not deal deceitfully";

and he became their saviour in all their distress. It was no messenger or angel

but his presence that saved them;

in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;

he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

from Psalm 148



1 Alleluia!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host. R
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together. ${R}$
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia! R

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 2.10-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

And again,

"I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3.15, 16

Alleluia.

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts;

let the message of Christ find a home within you.

Alleluia.

Gospel Reading Matthew 2.13–23

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

▼ Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the magi had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet,

"Out of Egypt I have called my son".

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,

wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;

she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene.".

For the Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Fr Steven Ogden

Profession of Faith

All stand.

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead. and the life for the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

The prayers may conclude

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ. God's Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

All stand to sing the Offertory Hymn. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.

WOODLANDS



The voice of God goes out to all the world; His glory speaks across the universe. The great King's herald cries from star to star: 'With power, with justice, he will walk his way.'

- 2 The Lord has said, 'Receive my messenger, My promise to the world, my pledge made fresh, A lamp to every nation, light from light: With power, with justice, he will walk his way.
- 3 The broken reed he will not trample down, Nor set his heel upon the dying flame. He binds the wounds, and health is in his hand: With power, with justice, he will walk his way.
- 4 Anointed with the Spirit and with power, He comes to crown with comfort all the weak, To show the face of justice to the poor: With power, with justice, he will walk his way.
- 5 His touch will bless the eyes that darkness held, The lame shall run, the halting tongue shall sing, And prisoners laugh in light and liberty: With power, with justice, he will walk his way.

Luke Connaughton 1917-79

When all is prepared, the priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

May the Lord accept our sacrifice for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all God's holy Church.

Prayer over the Offerings

God of light, in the birth of your Son we see your glory. May we who share in this mystery grow daily in your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

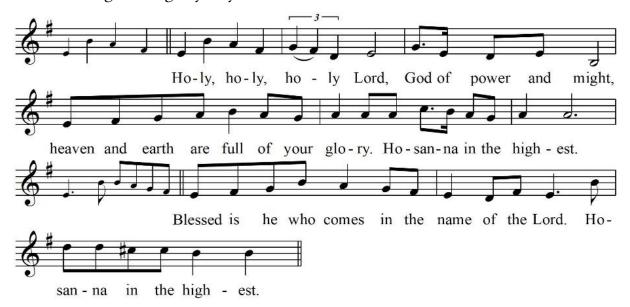
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O holy God, creator and ruler of the universe

You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. You formed us in your image and called us to love and serve you. When we were unfaithful and turned from your ways, you did not forsake us, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and sent prophets to call us back to your way.

In the fullness of time you sent your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. In him, your Word, dwelling with you from all eternity, became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth, and we beheld your glory, Immanuel!

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the celestial choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born in humility, he came to rule over all. Helpless as an infant, he showed the power of your love. Poor in things of the world, he brought the wealth of your grace. Rejected by many, he welcomed all who sought him. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat.

This is my body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:



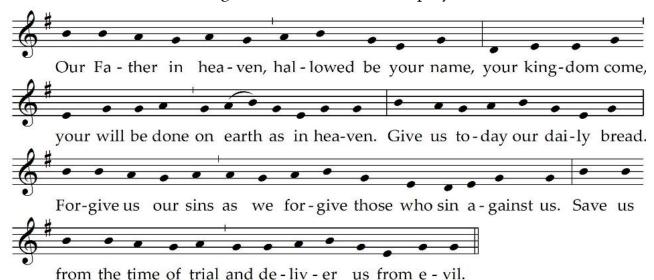
Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break
and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast,
united in ministry in every place.
As this bread is Christ's body for us,
send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Empower us by your Spirit, O God, to be Christ's presence in the world even as Jesus was God-with-us. Give us courage to speak his truth, to seek his justice, and to love with his love. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

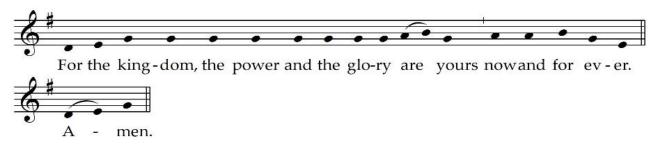
Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:



Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



The Breaking of the Bread

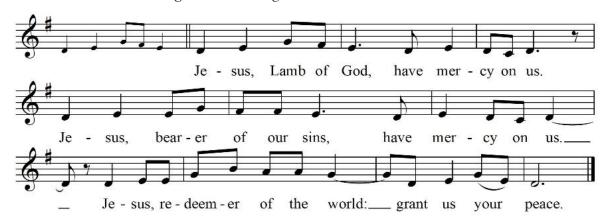
The celebrant breaks the bread, saying

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken *Agnus Dei* is sung:



Invitation to Communion

The celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God,

behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

All receive Holy Communion. Communion will be administered in one kind only. Communicants should approach in single file, maintaining physical distance, returning via the side aisles. Communicants should remove their face masks immediately prior to receiving Holy Communion, replacing them afterwards.

Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

During Communion, the choir sings carols.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 98.4

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of God.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Source of truth and joy, may we who have received the gift of divine life always follow the way of your Son.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.



Simeon sees the infant Jesus (based on the Song of Simeon)

Now Lord, let your servant Leave this place in peace: For your word has taught us – Love will never cease.

- 2 Eyes with wonder seeing In this moment's rite, Israel's promised glory, Every nation's light.
- Holy people waiting
 For Christ's light to shine:
 Temple prayers now answered –
 Jesus is God's sign.
- 4 Sign and Son and saviour Held in Mary's arms: Promise for all peoples Sung in Israel's psalms.

Neil Thompson b.1966 alt.

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, ♣ and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The priest, deacon or another minister says,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas is one of the most important days of the Church year, second only to Easter itself. Celebrating the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is the culmination of the mystery of the incarnation, the feast of God becoming flesh (the Latin "in carne" means "enfleshment"). It is a uniquely Christian teaching, the Divine choosing to become one of us. Because of this belief, God is not only Transcendent, but also wholly Immanent, Emmanuel (God-with-us). While remaining Transcendent (meaning we must rise above our present condition to reach Him), God is at the same time Immanent (meaning God is with us as we rise toward him). And there is the self-evident link with the Eucharist, where bread and wine are likewise transformed—incarnated, if you will—and we receive Christ's Body and Blood.

The liturgical season of Christmas begins with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and concludes on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ into our world and into our hearts and reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us.

After the joy of Christmas Day with ceremonies like the lighting of the Christ candle, and the blessing of the Crib, we go on, on the Sunday after Christmas, to celebrate the **Holy Family of Jesus**, **Mary and Joseph**. Our modern Western understanding of family typically includes a tight nucleus — parents and children. But the concept of family wasn't always known as such. Centuries ago, the notion of family was thought of as the household, which in those days included extended relatives and servants. And two thousand years ago, Mary, Joseph and Jesus certainly did not resemble a stereotypical modern, white, suburban family.

More often, these days, we remember that this feast celebrates holy families, not perfect families. The Holy Family lived through confusing moods and strange journeys, dealt with disgruntled cousins and people who just couldn't understand. That is why this feast does not celebrate the idealized family, with perfect parents, and an impeccable child. The feast is for the elderly who sit alone. The feast is for a woman whose child awaits life-saving surgery. This feast is for the gay couple whose children are punished by society for their perceived shortcomings. This feast is for the single parent, struggling to do the best she can to raise her children. It is for the immigrant family, in a strange world, where everyone seems to have so much and they consider themselves blessed to have one another. This feast is for the grieving family whose parent, whose loved one, is in an ICU, clinging to life and they cannot even hold his, hold her hand.

In all these families you cannot fail to see the principle of sacrifice at work. The word "sacrifice" means to make holy. Sacrifice is usually difficult and irksome; only love can make it easy, and perfect love can make it a joy. Love, then, is another word for sacrifice.

In the letter to the Colossians, St Paul writes, "... put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col 3:14-17).

There we have a formula for a holy, happy family. Not a perfect family, but a holy family.

A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Our Christmas Masses were well attended and greatly appreciated by all. Thanks to all those who made a special effort to ensuring everything went as smoothly as possible. The excellence of our liturgies and the abundance of our hospitality is something of which we as a community are justifiably proud, and it is all too easy to forget that these results are only achieved with a lot of work behind the scenes.

So ... particular thanks to all those who helped with cleaning, polishing, setting up the church, printing Orders of Service, selecting, rehearsing and performing wonderful music, providing delicious food and wine for our festivities, and so much more. And thanks also to Sister Juliana and Fr Graeme for supporting Fr Steven in celebrating and concelebrating at the liturgies themselves.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful community.

Our regular schedule of worship continues throughout Christmas time and into January, with the regular Sunday Mass at 10 am and the Thursday 12.10 pm Mass following the Angelus at 12 noon.

HOSPITALITY DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Our celebrations after Mass during the Christmas Season, that is, on Christmas Day and the two weeks following, will be times of rejoicing! In addition to the usual hospitality, there will be a glass of something reasonable, and those rostered for hospitality would be delighted to receive some additional delights to share during the festive season!

ADELAIDE FRINGE CONCERTS, 2023

The Parish has again registered as a venue in the 2023 Adelaide Fringe and will host three concerts on Sunday at 2.30 pm. These are **Sunday 26 February** ("Sonnet and Song" – theatre troupe Butterfly Theatre presents Shakespeare with accompanying music), **Sunday 5 March**. (Popular community choir Voices in the Wilderness) and **Sunday 12 March** (Singers from "St Mary Magdalene's and Friends" will present the "Song of Ascents", the fifteen Psalms 120–134, sung to classic Anglican chant by South Australian composers). Tickets \$23 (\$18 concession) are now on sale through Fringetix via adelaidefringe.com.au or 1300 621 255.

MARY MAGS DINNERS IN 2023

Advance notice that the Parish is rostered to supply the Mary Mags Dinner on the first Saturday evening after the annual recess, **Saturday 4 February**. Organisation will begin after Christmas, but please note the date.

Also, we have proposed to the Collective that the Parish supply a special "Christmas In July" meal on Saturday 22 July (which happens to be St Mary Magdalene's Day!). In advance of this, you might like to be on the look-out for Christmas specials at the supermarkets – get some ham or turkey now and pop it in the freezer, or a Christmas pudding or two. The bon bons have already been organised! If you have any questions, please contact Heather Carter at hcarter58@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS BOWL APPEAL 2022

WEEK 7: THE SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

GIVING HOPE

Even in the most functional of families, siblings crave the attention and affection of their parents. This can rapidly become competitive. Some parents play into it by picking favourites, even if they don't admit it.

When we speak of God as a divine Father, we often transfer that same rivalry. How many of us want to be God's favourite? Sometimes each privilege or success is taken as proof that we are especially beloved. But Christianity won't give oxygen to that nonsense.

Our entire community has just put aside immense time and energy to mark the birthday of Jesus. In today's second reading, the letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we share the same parent as Jesus. The one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father, Jesus is not ashamed to call us brothers and sisters, and we share flesh and blood with Jesus.

This is truly amazing! We are God's children, and with Jesus we share in the power of the resurrection and his victory over death. This changes everything. If God loves all God's children with equal passion, who are we to do anything different?

At a time when Christian kindness is needed more than ever, our support for the Christmas Bowl appeal will help provide practical care to uprooted people in urgent need around the world.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

Envelopes for giving by cash or cheque are available at the back of the church. If you wish to claim a tax deduction for this donation, please complete the relevant portions of the envelope.

You can also **give electronically** via https://christmasbowl.actforpeace.org.au/donate At the bottom of the page, please start typing "St Mary Magdalene" in the "Or donate through your church" box then select "Adelaide St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Parish". You will then be taken to pages where you can enter the amount of your donation and your details for your tax deductible receipt. This online donation feature includes a running total of donations made in the name of our community. You will see that we have already donated a magnificent \$599 by this means, in addition to donations through envelopes.



SERVICE TIMES THIS WEEK

Thursday 12 noon Angelus; **12.10 pm** Mass (traditional rite)

Sunday 10 am Sung Mass with choir

After Christmas and during January, Mass is offered at St Peter's Cathedral on Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 am and on Wednesday at 10 am (BCP).

Inquiries about Baptisms and Weddings to Fr Steven Ogden.

Confessions or confidential personal time with a priest are always available on request.

Regular Giving and Donations

Financial support for our mission and ministry through electronic funds transfer (EFT) is an efficient way of making regular contributions to your congregation. Regular giving helps us plan for the future and ensures you continue offering support when you can't make it to Church.

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The Magdalene Centre

A partnership in mission between St Mary Magdalene's, St John's Halifax Street, St Peter's Cathedral, and Anglicare SA

82 Gilbert Street, Adelaide Tel (08) 8305 9389

Non-perishable food for those in need can be left in the baskets at the back of the church or delivered to the Magdalene Centre from 12 noon to 3 pm, Monday to Friday.

Donations of cash are welcome via https://anglicaresa.com.au/cause/magdalene-centre/.

The Collective of St Mary Magdalene (Mary Mags Dinner)

Pray for all those who receive the Collective's weekly support, and who are seeking meals and companionship at other times during the week.

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Next Sunday, 8 January, at 10 am - The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6 • Psalm 72.1-7, 10-14 • Ephesians 3.1-12 • Matthew 2.1-12

For Your Prayers

Pray for responsible leadership among the nations as the COVID-19 pandemic continues; pray for an end to violence and oppression; pray for peace and justice, especially for refugees, asylum seekers, and those seeking places of safety and security.

Pray for all those who are troubled in body, mind or spirit, especially Paull, Sim, Jasmin, Henry, John Edwards (priest), Peter Garland (priest), Robert Whalley (priest), John Parkes (bishop), Stephan Clark (priest), Mark, Olivia, Nance, Neil, Elaine and Edward.

Pray for those who have died: those who have worked and worshipped in this place before us; those who have died as a result of COVID-19 and in other tragic circumstances; those who have died recently, especially Jean Pyman, and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time. † Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.