

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS MASS – 8 am)

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proclaims salvation,
and tells Zion,
'Your God is king!'
Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices,
they shout for joy together,
for they see the Lord face to face,
as he returns to Zion.
Break into shouts of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord is consoling his people,
redeeming Jerusalem.
The Lord bares his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.97: 1-6

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Sing a new song to the Lord / for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm / have brought salvation. **R.**

The Lord has made known his salvation; / has shown his justice to the nations. / He has remembered his truth and love / for the house of Israel. **R.**

All the ends of the earth have seen / the salvation of our God. / Shout to the Lord all the earth / ring out your joy. **R.**

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp, / with the sound of music. / With trumpets and the sound of the horn /
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of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of the divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: You are my Son, today I have become your Father, or I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Again, when he brings the First-born into the world, he says: Let all the angels of God worship him.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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Today a great light has come upon the earth.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL – John 1: 1-5, 9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.
Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him.

All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower.

The Word was the true light that enlightens all men;
and he was coming into the world.

He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him.

He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him.

But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God,
to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock
or urge of the flesh
or will of man
but of God himself.

The Word was made flesh,
he lived among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth.

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ST. KEVIN'S PARISH HAMPTON PARK

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24th & 25th December 2020

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You can now follow us on Facebook too!

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE / RECONCILIATION

On Saturday mornings after the 9.15 Mass until 10:30 am.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PETER ELLIOTT

I wish to thank the people and clergy of the Archdiocese for your prayers and expressions of support and concern during my recent health crisis. I have returned home and I am recuperating slowly after a month in St Vincent's Private Hospital, with excellent medical attention and compassionate nursing. At present, no visitors, please.

Above all, I thank God for his mercies, and our Blessed Mother and the saints for their protection.

May we all enjoy a holy and happy Christmas and a New Year of hope, after a sad year, unique in our lives.

In Domino.

+ Peter J Elliott



*To all in St. Kevin's Parish,
individuals, couples, and families ...*

wishing you peace and joy
this Christmas season

Fr. Desmond J. Moloney

Fr. Dong Tran

The voice of a Medieval German mystic

The mother of Jesus took a coarse gray blanket from Joseph's saddle – the one the donkey had had on his back under the saddle – and she also took the upper part of her shift under which she'd carried our Lord. (The lower part of this shift she tied around her body again.) Then she wrapped the hardy Saviour in this blanket and placed her Son gently in the crib. Immediately, Jesus began crying like a newborn baby does. As long as babies are unable to speak, they never cry except to express a real need. That's why baby Jesus, our Lord, wept then – despite his noble nature – because He was put to bed in a cowshed, for our base sin. Christ wept for all the world, hiding His happiness. Jesus wept for all the world, hiding His power.

–Mechthild of Magdeburg–

The Flowing Light of the Godhead

Masses for the New Year's Eve & New Year's Day

Thursday, 31st December – Mass at 9.15 am

Adoration at 7.30 pm followed by Mass at 8 pm

Friday, 1st January 2021 – Mass at 10.00 am

No evening Mass

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (FAMILY & VIGIL MASS – 7 pm & 10 pm)

FIRST READING – Isaiah 62: 1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent,
about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
until her integrity shines out like the dawn
and her salvation flames like a torch.
The nations then will see your integrity,
all the kings your glory,
and you will be called by a new name,
one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the
Lord,
a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
nor your land 'Abandoned',
but you shall be called 'My Delight'
and your land 'The Wedded';
for the Lord takes delight in you
and your land will have its wedding.
Like a young man marrying a virgin,
so will the one who built you wed you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
so will your God rejoice in you.

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; / I have sworn to David my servant: / I will establish your dynasty for ever / and set up your throne through all ages.' **R.**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

He will say to me: "You are my father, / my God, the rock who saves me." / I will keep my love for him always; / with him my covenant shall endure. **R.**

SECOND READING – Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia, he stood up in the synagogue, held up a hand for silence and began to speak:

'Men of Israel and fearers of God, listen! The God of our nation Israel chose our ancestors, and made our people great when they were living as foreigners in Egypt; then by divine power he led them out.

'Then he made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man

a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal".'

■ The word of the Lord

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: 18-25

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
And they will call him Emmanuel,
a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord told him to do: he took his wife to his home and, though he had not had intercourse with her, she gave birth to a son; and he named him Jesus.

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