



St Alban's Parish Church



Sunday 29th December First Sunday of Christmas

Let us join our voices with the songs of the angels as we worship the God who came to save us.

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President Fr Graham **Preacher** Mtr Linda
Readings Geraldine Rainey
Intercessions John Hotchin
Eucharistic Minister Geraldine Rainey

6.00pm Evening Prayer Fr Graham

Today at the Parish Mass:
Hymns: NHW&S: 288, 207, 355, 185

During the Week

Thurs 2nd 10.00 Said Mass Mtr Linda

WELCOME We are really pleased to see you. If you have any queries or are unsure about anything please ask.



Next Sunday 5th January Epiphany Sunday

We remember how foreign visitors made a long journey to worship the infant Jesus. Whether our journey to faith has been long or short, we, too, gather to worship God revealed in Jesus.

First Reading **Isaiah 60:1-6**
Isaiah foretells how eminent foreigners will bring gold and frankincense, when people of all nations are joyfully restored to God's glorious light.

Second Reading **Ephesians 3:1-12**
The mystery revealed by the Spirit is that faith in Jesus Christ opens a relationship with God the Creator, for people of all nations.

Gospel **Matthew 2:1-12**
To answer Herod's fearful question about the messiah, the religious leaders consulted scripture, thus helping the foreign visitors to find Jesus and rejoice.

Services

9.00 am Said Mass Fr Graham

10.00 am Parish Mass
President and Preacher Fr Graham
Readings Elizabeth Franklin
Intercessions Jim Hickey
Eucharistic Minister Jim Weller

6.00pm Evening Prayer Jim Weller

Notices

Have a peaceful and joyful New Year

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Information and Notices for Pew Sheet

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First Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-20. 26

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, 'May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord'; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Psalm 48, 7-14



Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and mist,
tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word; **R.**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds on the wing; **R.**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and women, old and young together;
Let them praise the name of the Lord. **R.**

For his name only is exalted,
his splendour above earth and heaven.
He has raised up the horn of his people and
praise for all his faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
R.

Second Reading Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 2:41-end

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Intercessions

We pray for the Church, as it offers to the world the mystery of God with us. Inspire us all, we pray, to tell the story of the greatness of God's love.

We pray for the world's darkest places, where people live in fear and grief. May the light of Christ shine through the darkness.

We pray for the places we know, where we live and work and make friends. May we know Christ's presence in our relationships and our daily lives.

We pray for all who are ill or sad or lonely. May they find help in their need, and know the love of Christ who came to earth for them.

We pray for those who've died, and for those who mourn them. We rejoice that, as Christ shared our earthly life, so we will share one day in his heavenly life with all the saints.

We pray for all who have recently died and all whose years mind occurs this week especially those we know including:

Brenda Grant, Joyce Fletcher, Irene Lawless, Wilburn Hall.