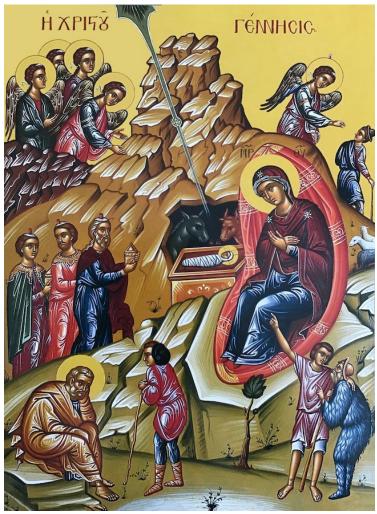
Anglican Church of Australia



Diocese of Melbourne

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH PARISH OF BURNLEY

CHRISTMAS DAY



SUNG MASS

25 December 2024 – 9:30 am Order of the Mass and Parish News

TODAY'S CELEBRATION

Welcome to this celebration of the Mass. Thank you for being here. Today's News, Information and Mass Times – see p.2-4 & p.18ff

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

RUBRICS	These are instructions or descriptions of what is happening, and they are printed in <i>italics</i> . These also provide prompts and guides for posture and gesture.
OUR PART	The congregational (people's) parts are printed in bold .

THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The liturgical colour for Christmas through to Epiphany is white. It is the colour used for solemnities of Jesus the Christ. As these are the most joyous days of celebration in the church's year white signifies celebration and joy.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES TODAY

25 DECEMBER 2024 – CHRISTMASS DAY

Year B in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

Priest Celebrant	Fr Stuart Soley SMMS	
Homilist	Fr Stuart Soley SMMS	
Concelebrating Priests		
Director of Music	Daniel Brace	
Cantor	Prue Borthwick	
Mass Setting	Marty Haughen – Mass of Creation	
First Reading	Isaiah 52:7-10	Evan Costello
First Reading Responsorial Psalm	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98	Evan Costello
0		Evan Costello Kim Ricketts
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 98	
Responsorial Psalm Second Reading	Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-6	

Facilities including disabled and baby change room are located in the front entrance of the main hall. Enter via the main door of the hall. For all able access see welcomer.



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AT CHRISTMAS:

The Gentle Beating Heart of Faith, Hope and Love!

May you, and those you love, experience the blessings of Christmas and throughout 2025.

We are glad you have come to Saint Bart's to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

About five days ago we learnt of the death of the Melbourne poet and seer, Michael Leunig. One of the ingredients in his ability to see the world with whimsy, kindness, and sometimes confronting and confusing directness, was his background being raised in the Anglican Church in the western suburbs. It is hard to think of any one poem or insight that he conceived because each speaks to another part of our souls.

As we celebrate God making his home with us in Jesus Christ – ponder the words of Michael Leunig here which a friend shared. It reminds us of ways to deepen our lives.

Christmas at its best teaches us about deep

love. Life is very tough financially. Then, for over a year we have seen the carnage and genocide in the land of the Holy One, Jesus. The Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem left their nativity scene up all year. It is known as Christ in the Rubble because if we wonder where Christ is – he is in the rubble with the tens of thousands who are displaced, murdered, and at their wits end and with all people who are stretched to their limits. May peace come

to all and may our hearts be quickened by the Word made Flesh dwelling amongst us. God bless you all. *Fr Stuart* +



The Path to Your Door

The path to your door Is the path within; Is made by animals, Is lined by flowers, Is lined by thorns, Is stained by wine, Is lit by the lamp of sorrowful dreams: Is washed with joy, Is swept by grief, Is blessed by the lonely traffic of aft: Is known by heart, Is known by heart, Is lost and found, Is always strange, The path to your door.





LOOKING FORWARD!

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER—THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

10.00 am Sung Mass

Come to pray for God's blessing on the new year

SUNDAY 5 JANUARY—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

10.00 am Sung Mass

At this Mass the Proclamation of the Date of Easter will be sung and Chalk will be Blessed for the Annual Blessing of Homes

SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY—THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE

10.00 am Sung Mass and Candlelight Procession

We celebrate the end of the Christmas Season, 40 days after Christmas, with a Candlelight Procession. Bring candles you use in your prayer at home for blessing on this Sunday

LENT AND EASTER—THE GREAT 100 DAYS

The Sunday Before Lent (Pondering the Transfiguration), 2 March 10.00 am – Sung Mass Shrove Tuesday, 4 March, 6.30 pm Ash Wednesday, 5 March, 6.30 pm Palm Sunday, 13 April, 10.00 am

EASTER TRIDUUM – 17 – 20 APRIL

Maundy Thursday: 6.30 pm – Good Friday: 3.00 pm Holy Saturday: 8.30 pm – First Sunday of Easter: 10.00 am

Pentecost Sunday – 8 June

The Fiftieth Day of Easter and the 100th Day of the Great 100 Days

SATURDAY IN MID-MAY

Dame Nellie Melba Concert

Come to this twilight concert to celebrate Richmond-born Dame Nellie Melba! Look out on our website for more details in the new year.

- Check our website and Facebook page for updates and publicity -

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The bell is rung and the congregation stand. The hymn is sung during which the priest and liturgical ministers enter and the altar, which symbolises Christ, is reverenced and censed.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

- Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
 let earth receive her King;
 let every heart prepare him room,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven and nature sing,
 and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
- 2 Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns! let all their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

WORDS:	Isacc Watts 1674-1748
MUSIC:	ANTIOCH W Holford's Voce di Melodia, c.1834
	arranged by LOWELL MASON 1792-1872 (AM 72)

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 Amen.

From the One who is, and who was, and who is to come, grace, mercy, and peace be with you. **and also with you.**

The Priest acknowledges country and then introduces the Mass.

KYRIE CONFESSION

The Kyrie Confession is introduced and then Fr Stuart intones invocations which describe the saving work of Christ to which we respond with the Kyries.

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and Prince of Peace:



Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:



Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:



THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,

who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:

+ pardon you and set you free from all your sins,

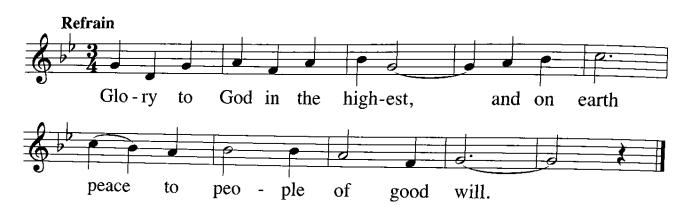
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GLORIA

The refrain for the Gloria is sung here and then after the verses which are sung by the cantor.



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give thanks for your great glory. Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

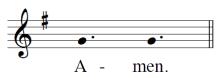
Refrain

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain

THE OPENING PRAYER

The priest sings the opening prayer and we respond:



We sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

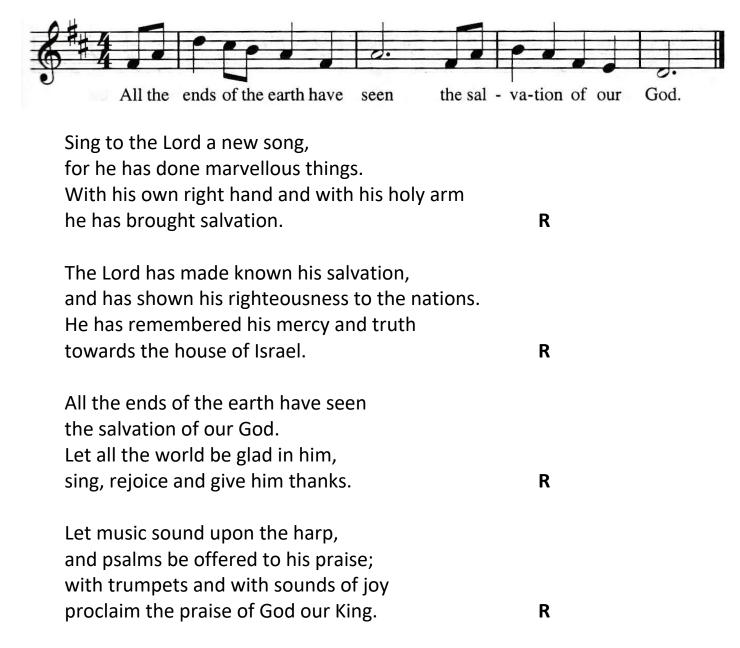
FIRST READING

The response at the end of the reading is:

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The cantor sings the psalm, and the congregation repeats the response and then joins in the response throughout the psalm.



SECOND READING

The response at the end of the reading is:

Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

We stand to welcome the gospel.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

We repeat the acclamation after the cantor and again after the sentence reflecting the theme of the gospel:



A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come down upon the earth.

THE GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.
 Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the end of the Gospel, the reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sit for the homily.

THE HOMILY

THE CREED

We stand for the creed which is said by all.

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,] all may and became truly human. lbow 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 of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We remain standing. The response to the petitions are:

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

The response after the prayers for the departed is:

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord.
 And let light perpetual shine upon them.

and concludes with this prayer:

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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The priest introduces the Greeting of Peace and then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.



While the gifts of bread and wine are brought to the sanctuary the altar is prepared. The altar and the priest are censed.

The thurifer comes into the nave to cense the whole assembly.

Then follows the Prayer Over the Gifts.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

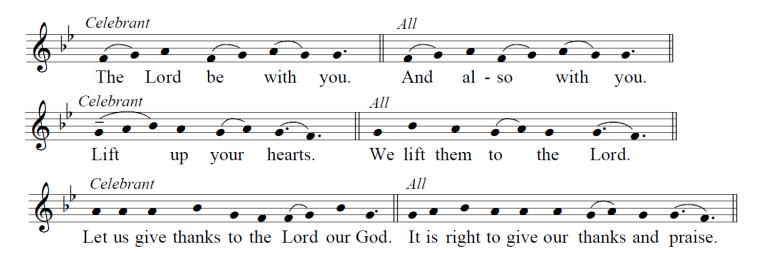
THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND THE CENSING

- 1 Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled: joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies, with the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King".
- 2 Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, late in time behold him come offspring of a virgin's womb! Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased with us on earth to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King".
- 3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace!
 Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings,
 risen with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by,
 born that we no more may die,
 born to raise us from the earth,
 born to give us second birth:
 Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born King".

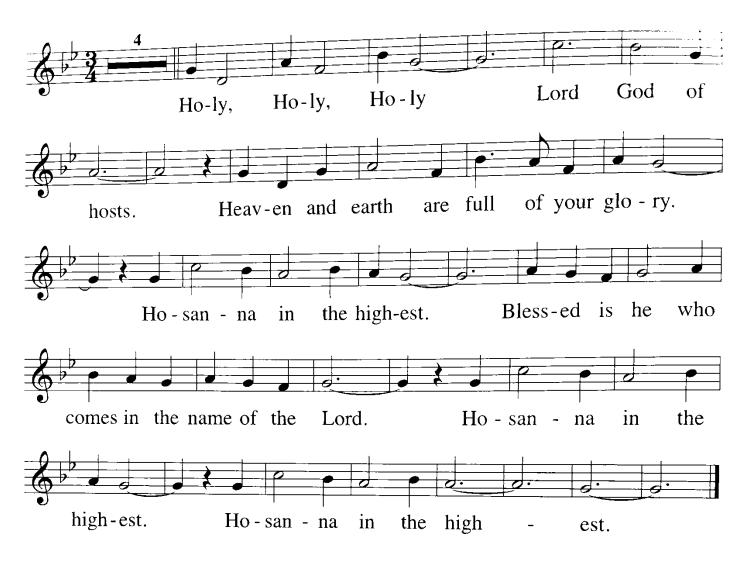
WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1707-88 and othersMUSIC: MENDELSSOHN; from a chorus by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy 1809-47

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We stand throughout the prayer.

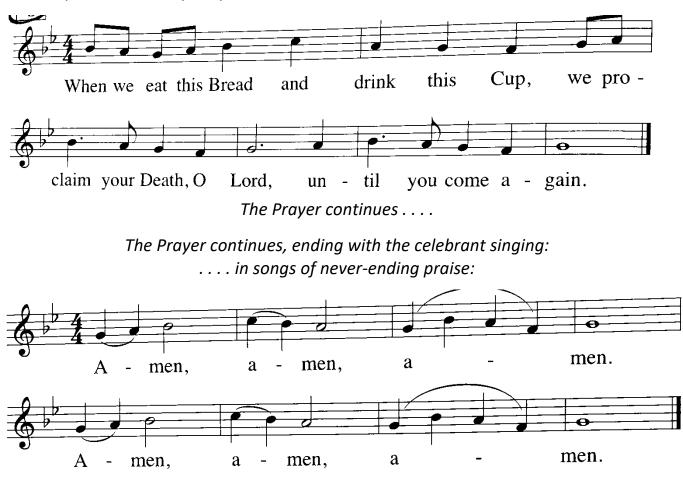


The Prayer continues to the Sanctus and Benedictus is sung by all to the setting below.



The Prayer continues

After the elevation of the Host and the elevation of the Chalice, all may bow with the priest in adoration of real presence of Christ. . . . and all join in singing the Acclamation:



Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

After the Host and Chalice are placed back on the altar, all may bow with the priest in adoration.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

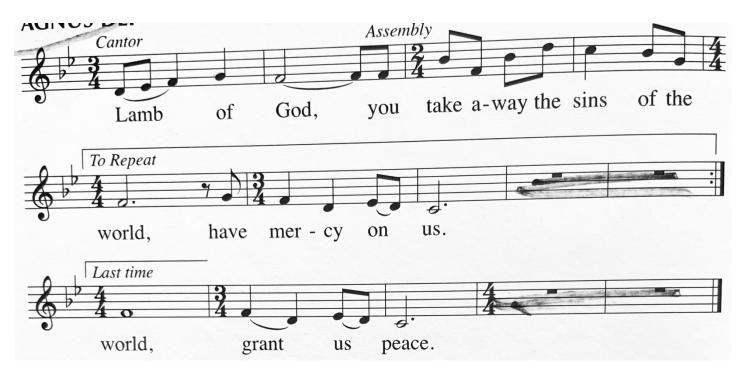
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

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.

Whilst the bread is broken, the Agnus Dei is sung by all to the setting below:



the promised Saviour of whose fullness we have all received.

Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

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

Fr Stuart administers communion to the servers and Eucharistic Assistants. Feel free to sit until the following invitation to communion.

Come!

Draw near with faith and receive the gifts of God for the people of God! Thanks be to God!

Christ is the host at the altar here at Saint Bartholomew's and welcomes all, especially those who are communicant members of other denominations.

If today, you prefer to receive a blessing—please indicate this to the Priest.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION

- Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
 The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
- 2 The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
 I love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky, and stay by my side until morning is nigh.
- Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay close by me for ever, and love me, I pray.
 Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and fit us for heaven, to live with thee there.

WORDS: Anon MUSIC: CRADLE SONG; William Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921, alt.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We stand to pray. Fr Stuart prays and we respond:

Most loving God, you send us into the world you love. Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage in the power of your Spirit. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

At Christmas we receive a Solemn Blessing with three prayers over the congregation.

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

After the blessing, the dismissal is said:

The Mass is ended. Rejoicing in Emmanuel, God-is-with-us, go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

THE FINAL HYMN

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- O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
 come and behold him
 born the King of Angels:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!
- 2 God of God,

Light of Light, lo! he abhors not the Virgin's womb; very God,

begotten, not created:

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

- Sing, choirs of angels,
 sing in exultation,
 sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
 Glory to God
 in the highest:
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 O come, let us adore him,
 Christ the Lord!
 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
- Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

WORDS:Latin, 18th century, trans. Frederick Oakeley 1802-80 and othersMUSIC:ADESTE FIDELES. Melody by J.F. Wade 1711-86

ICON OF THE NATIVITY

About the icon on the front of today's Mass Book



The main characters in the Christmas story – Jesus, the Virgin Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, the Angels, and the Wise Men – are all depicted in today's icon of the Nativity which gives us a distinct perspective on the Christmas story from those we often find in popular Christmas cards.

The icon shows the Christ child entering history as a new-born babe, and the impact of his birth on the natural life of the world. The background displays an inhospitable world. In the centre is Mary as a disproportionately large figure, who is shown resting with the Christ child who is *'wrapped in swaddling clothes'* (Luke 2:7). Around the icon we can see the various details of the Christmas story.

The little helpless figure represents the complete submission of Christ to the physical conditions that govern humanity. The earth provides him with a cave, 'although, as Ouspensky and Lossky (2003) believe, the Gospels say nothing of a cave; '*it is just tradition.*' The animals watch over the Christ child. Their place in the centre of the icon points to the importance given by the Church, that '*the ox knows his owner and the ass his master's crib*' (Isaiah 1:3). The manger looks like a coffin and his swaddling clothes look like grave clothes, thus symbolic of pre-empting his crucifixion.

Far from the Christmas-card image of being born in a sweet cosy stable, surrounded by cuddly animals and adoring fans, Christ is born here in a dark environment. The sharp rocks above form the shadow of the cross on which he will eventually die. Christ has come into a world of darkness and yet by his birth there is also a beautiful sense of lightness. Thus, while the nativity is a joyous event, it also carries a serious message.

Mary is right in the centre of the Christmas story which is why she is shown in the middle of the icon. It was her 'yes' spoken to the angel who told her she would give birth to Christ which set the entire story in motion. It was also her belief that God could do what he promised that made it all possible.

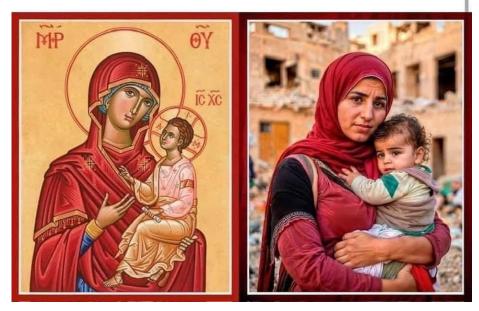
And it was she who gave birth and laid her tiny son in a feeding trough normally used for cattle, because she and Joseph were not able to find suitable accommodation in Bethlehem.

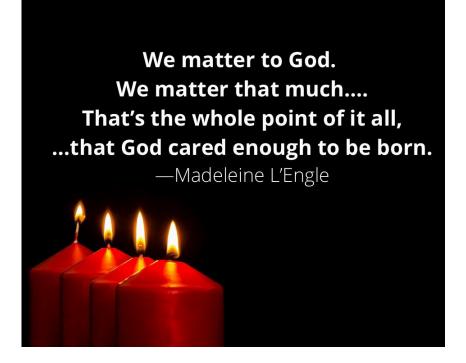
As we celebrate this wonderful season may we at St Bartholomew's gaze on this icon of the Christmas story as a season of light, and a season of joy that shines brightly so it brings hope and peace to us all.

Dr Alison Asquith

References: Leonid Ouspensky and Vladimir Lossky (2002, *The Meaning of Icons*, St Vladimir's Seminary Press, New York; *The Harper Collins Study Bible* (2006 revised edition), Harper Collins, San Francisco.

Inasmuch as you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.





ONE LAST THING ... OR TWO ...



And that's how the turkey became the traditional christmas dinner!



FOR YOUR DIARY

MASSES

Thursday Masses

10.00 am

Thursday Mass will resume on 2 January

NEXT SUNDAY – 29 DECEMBER

SUNDAYS ALL YEAR

10.00 am – **Sung Mass**

10.00 am - Sung Mass

MEETINGS AND OTHER

Tuesday 21 JanuarySt Bart's Book Club Meets at 7.30 pm in the Guild Hall

ST BART'S BROTHERHOOD OP SHOP

10.00 am – 4.00 pm Tuesday to Saturday

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HOW CAN I GIVE?

Direct Transfer is a great way to support the work of God's Church at Saint Bart's. It is automatic, saves us having to have cash on us and is simple. Here are the Parish's bank details.

Account Name:St Bartholomew's Anglican Church BurnleyBSB:703 122Account Number:05009430

As a reference you can use your own name, or you can use 'Offering' & your name will remain anonymous with your personal details not appearing on the St Bart's bank statement.

CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENT

Saint Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley is part of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne (ADOM) and is committed to being a child safe community. It seeks to ensure the safety of all children who come to Saint Bartholomew's, Richmond, affirming that all children who come have a right to feel and be physically, emotionally, and culturally safe. Saint Bartholomew's actively works to listen to and empower all children within our community, commits to meeting all the child safe standards of the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and the Victorian State Government.

LITURGY ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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REPRESENTATIVES	Kathy Kozlowski Vacant Glenis Heath (Alternate)			

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S



PARISH INFORMATION

We are an inner-city Anglican Church in the progressive catholic tradition welcoming people of any race, language, culture, age, ability, gender, or sexual orientation.

HISTORY

Saint Bartholomew's Anglican Church was opened on 27 October 1926, the foundation stone having been laid on 25 July. This church replaced the earlier Saint Bartholomew's Churches which were on the corner of Swan and Burnley Streets. There are three buildings on the site; the church, a hall in which the Op Shop runs, with the Guild Hall behind and the vicarage.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this Land, the Wurrundjeri people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respects to their elders' past and present.

OUR VISION

To live as citizens of, and invite others into, God's Kingdom

OUR MISSION

The Mission of Saint Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Burnley, is to be a community who values the blessings and trust in the promises of God's Kingdom within the cultural and social context of Richmond, Melbourne:

- To live humbly before God and with all people
- To be dependent on God's comfort
- To be gentle with people and all Creation
- To hunger and thirst for the right ways of God To persevere in the face of opposition Based on the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) adopted by the 2015 Annual Meeting

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

SAINT BART'S OP SHOP

To show mercy and compassion toward others

To live with purity in motive and deed

To be passionate for peace

SAINT BART'S CAFÉ

300 Burnley Street, Burnley A partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence to Our café is presently closed awaiting a new model to provide quality recycled goods to those in need HOURS: Tuesday – Saturday : 9.30 am – 5.00 pm MANAGER: Chevy

300 Burnley Street, Burnley run this valuable social enterprise.

RICHMOND CHURCHES FOOD CENTRE

MONDAYS 10 am - 12 noon at ST IGNATIUS' CHURCH, CHURCH ST, RICHMOND Co-ordinator: Francis Flood 0493 104 144 rfoodcentre 'at' gmail.com St Bartholomew's Representatives: Glenis Heath (Chair), Paula Howell

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