



ST. THÉRÈSE

CATHOLIC CHURCH EDENVALE

We are a visible expression of God's love.



Father Jonathan's Christmas Message 2025:

As we gather to celebrate Christmas, another year has passed with many events touching our lives in different ways. No doubt this year has brought joys and sadness in different measure to each person, all colouring our memories of 2025. We were journeying in this jubilee year of Hope. I pray all of us were touched by some liturgical event and restored our hope. Hope in the Church, world and family.

Traditionally, we see Christmas as a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, with friends and loved ones. We do hope that your Christmas will have something of that peace, joy and celebration. Such joyful celebrations may not be possible for some. You may have lost a loved one since last Christmas, or you may be overburdened by money worries, family problems or for many other reasons. If you are, I want to assure you that, as pastor and a parish community, we do care and offer you our support.

Christmas is not just a day but a season of reflection, generosity and renewal. It is a time to open our hearts to the love of God and to share that love with those around us, even in the difficult and tough times. Let us remember the true meaning of this season: the birth of the Christ-child, who teaches us to live with compassion, humility and faith. The Christ-child who become one of us, the God who chooses to associate Himself with us, so that our struggles and burdens, our joys and sorrows are all carried in HIM.

May our homes be filled with the warmth of family, the joy of giving, and the peace that comes from knowing Christ is with us. Let us also reach out to those in need, offering kindness and support, so that everyone may feel the love of God during this blessed season.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and your beloved families.

A blessed Christmas to you

Peace, Joy and Love

Wednesday 24 Dec 18h00 Vigil

Entrance Antiphon:

Today you will know that the Lord will come, and he will save us. And in the morning you will see his glory.

First Reading: **Isaiah 62:1-5**

Responsorial Psalm: 89

R: I will sing forever of your mercies, O Lord.

1. With my chosen one I have made a covenant;

I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your descendants forever and set up your throne through all ages.

2. How blessed the people who know your praise, who walk,
O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice their joyful acclaim. **R**

3. He will call out to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation.'
I will keep my faithful love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last. **R**

Second reading: **Acts 13:16-17, 22-25**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tomorrow the wickedness of the earth will be destroyed: the Saviour of the world will rule over us. ***Alleluia!***

Gospel: **Matthew 1:1-25**

Communion Antiphon:

The glory of the Lord will be revealed
And all flesh will see the salvation of our God.

Midnight Mass 00h00

Entrance Antiphon:

The Lord said to me: You are my Son.
It is I who have begotten you this day.

First Reading: **Isaiah 9:2-7**

Responsorial Psalm: 96

R: To us is born this day a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord

1. O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
O sing to the Lord; bless his name. **R**

2. Proclaim his salvation day by day.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

3. Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad;
let the sea and all within it thunder praise.
Let the land and all it bears rejoice. **R**

4. Then will all the trees of the wood shout for joy at the presence of the Lord,
for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with justice;
he will govern the peoples with his truth. **R**

Second Reading: **Titus 2:11-14**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I bring you good news of a great joy:
to us is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 2:1-14**

Communion Antiphon:

The Word became flesh, and we have seen His glory.

Entrance Antiphon:

Today a light will shine on us, for the Lord is born for us: and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages; and his reign will be without end.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12

Responsorial Psalm: 97

R: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many islands be glad.
The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. **R**
2. Light shines forth for the just one and joy for the upright of heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, you just; to the memory of his holiness give thanks. **R**

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Communion Antiphon:

Rejoice, O Daughter Zion; lift up praise, Daughter Jerusalem; Behold, your King will come, the Holy One and Saviour of the world.

Entrance Antiphon:

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Responsorial Psalm: 98

R: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love and his truth for the house of Israel. **R**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth; break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise. **R**
4. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn, raise a shout before the King, the Lord. **R**

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A hallowed day has shone upon us; come O nations, and adore the Lord; for today a great light has come down to earth.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Communion Antiphon:

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

NEXT WEEK

28TH DECEMBER

HOLY FAMILY

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WEEKDAY: 124

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CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

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| <u>Fri 26th Dec.</u> 8.30am Mass | <u>Thurs. 1st Jan.</u> 8.30am Mass |
| <u>Sat 27th Dec.</u> 8.00am Mass with confessions 5.00pm Mass | NO CONFESSIONS <u>Fri 2nd Jan.</u> 8.30am Mass no evening Mass no Benediction |
| <u>Sun 28th Dec.</u> 7.30am MASS & 9.30am MASS & 5.00pm Mass | <u>Sat 3rd Jan.</u> 8.00am Mass with confessions 5.00pm Mass |
| <u>Mon. 29th Dec.</u> 8.30am Mass | <u>Sun 4th Jan.</u> 7.30am MASS & 9.30am MASS & 5.00pm Mass |
| <u>Tue. 30th Dec.</u> 8.30am Mass | |
| <u>Wed. 31st Dec</u> 8.30am Mass no evening Mass | |
| <u>Mon 5th Jan. to Fri 9th Jan.</u> 8.30am Mass only, no evening Masses | |
| The office will function on an emergency needs only | |

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Our Vision

*A pilgrim community striving to be a
visible expression of God's presence to
everyone through faith,
hope, unity, and love.*

Our Mission

*A Church that lives by faith, is
recognised for its love, and is a voice
of hope to the community and
Beyond.*

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