## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Processional Hymn CWB 267

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:

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

God of God, light of light, Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten, not created: *Refrain* 

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above! Glory to God, glory in the highest: Refrain

## Liturgy of the Word

#### **Psalm Response**

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our Fathers through the prophets, now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

#### Holy Communion CWB 427

In his temple now behold him, See the long-expected Lord; Ancient prophets had foretold him; God has now fulfilled his word, Now, to praise him, his redeemed shall break forth with one accord.

In the arms of her who bore him, Virgin pure, behold him lie, While his aged saints adore him Ere in faith and hope they die. Alleluia! Alleluia! Lo, th'incarnate God most high.

Jesus, by your presentation,
When they blest you, weak and poor,
Make us see our great salvation,
Seal us with your promise sure,
And present us in your glory
to your Father, cleansed and pure.

## **Recessional Hymn CWB 261**

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Listen well to what we say,
Jesus Christ is born today:
ox and ass before him bow
and he is in the manger now!
Christ is born today; Christ is born today.

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you hear of endless bliss,
Jesus Christ was born for this:
he has opened heaven's door
and you are blessed for evermore!
Christ was born for this; Christ was born for this.

Good Christians all, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice!
Now you need not fear the grave;
Jesus Christ was born to save:
call yo one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall;
Christ was born to save; Christ was born to save.

#### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

## **Processional Hymn CWB 276**

Earth has many a noble city,
Bethlehem, alone excels;
From it came the Lord from heaven,
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth, to the world its God announcing, seen in human form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle make their offerings rich and rare; see them give in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: frankincense does God disclose, gold the King of kings, proclaiming, myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped at your glad Epiphany, now to you with God the Father and the Spirit glory be.

### Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

#### **Psalm Response**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

## **Holy Communion CWB 275**

What child is this, who, laid to rest on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds worship and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him praise, the Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?
Come, have no fear, God's son is here, his love all loves exceeding:
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you: hail, hail, the Saviour comes, the Babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; all tongues and people own him, the King of kings salvation brings, let ev'ry heart enthrone him:
Raise, raise your song on high while Mary sings her lullaby, joy, joy, for Christ is born, the Babe, the son of Mary.

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# HOLY FAMILY & EPIPHANY 31.12.2023—07.01.2024

#### MASS & RECONCILIATION

New Years Day Monday 10am Mass *St Gabriel's* 

9am Weekday Mass at *St Gabriel's* Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Saturday St Stephen's
5pm Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Mass
Sunday St Gabriel's
9am Reconciliation 10am Mass

### St Raphael's Preston West

Weekend Masses Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass Sunday 9am *Italian* 10.30am Masses

> Weekday Masses Tuesday & Wednesday 4pm Thursday & Friday 8.30am

Reconciliation Saturday 9.30am

## Thanksgiving & Clergy support by direct debit

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Our Parish is committed to providing a safe environment for everyone. Please make sure children are supervised at all times within church buildings and on church grounds.

Parishioners and visitors to St Gabriel's Church and parish office may like to park their cars in the church car park.

# PRAYER AT THE END OF THE YEAR

All praise and glory are yours,
Father of heaven and earth, Lord of all ages:
you have brought us to the end
of another year in your service.
We praise you for the gifts you have given us,
and for the ways we have been led to use them
for your people and for your world.

Forgive us, Father, for our failures this year: for neglecting your word, for failing to listen to your Spirit, for refusing to love you in others.

As we begin a new year in your service, let your Son be our leader and your Spirit our guide, your word a lamp for our feet and strength for our hearts.

Help us to work for your honour and glory and for the salvation of all your people.

Praise and honour and glory are yours, Father, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the love and unity of your Holy Spirit now and evermore. Amen.

#### PARISH OFFICE

Closes Friday 22 December 9am –3pm Opens Friday 19 January 2024 9am—12noon Phone and email checked regularly

At Christmas we provide extra support to our Bishops and priests, retired and sick priests.

The Christmas offering envelope is included in our parish Thanksgiving envelopes.

Christmas offering envelopes are also available at

St Gabriel's and St Stephen's churches.