



St Raymond's Parish

One Family in Love and Joy



Issue 370

Revelation to Joseph

12 December 2021

THE GOSPEL

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just as he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel", which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife, but had no marital relations with her and she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

L:Mt 1:18-25



Next Sunday:
Genealogy of Jesus
Rom 1:1-12 / Mt 1:1-17

ADORATION



**Spend one hour
with Jesus.**
**Every Thursday
at 7:00pm.**

**"He made him overseer
of his house and put
him in charge of all that
he had." (Genesis 39:4)**

**Christmas
Abstinence, Fasting
& Novena**



**Abstinence & Fasting:
15 December till 24 December**
**Christmas Novena: Wednesday
15th December till Thursday
23rd December after all masses**

**ST RAYMOND'S PARISH FIRST
HOLY COMMUNION**

**SATURDAY 14th May
2022**

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Classes
February 2022**

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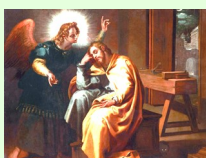
THE EPISTLE

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Eph 3: 1-13

"Do Not Be Afraid, Joseph ! -Fr Sam Wehbe

Today we celebrate the revelation to Joseph. We can learn from Joseph:



- 1- Unconditional and unlimited love: Love for God and for others. His love was full of trust with no doubt.
 - 2- Silence: The more silent you are, the more work you do.
 - 3- Prudence, calmness, and positive thinking and not reacting in difficult times.
 - 4- Obedience to and trust in God, taking responsibility with love and joy to the end.
- Lord, help us to live like St Joseph to become saints. Amen**

St Nemetallah Hardini – 14 December

Fr Nemetallah Hardini was born as Joseph Kassab in 1810. He entered the monastery of St Anthony Ishaia and became a novice of the Lebanese Maronite Order (LMO) in 1828. He adopted the name Nemetallah ('Grace of God'). He was ordained a priest in the monastery at Kifan in 1833 and he taught in monastic schools of the LMO. He died in the monastery of Kifan on 14th December 1858. May his prayers be with us..



Let us pray for our sick: Linda, Roger, Rose Therese, Joe, Michael, John, Eva, Ray, Tony, Arthur, Rochelle, Simon, Hanna, Milad, Antoinette & all the sick.

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ST RAYMOND'S PARISH CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR & EPIPHANY Program

Thursday 23 December 2021:
7:00pm Christmas Adoration

Christmas Eve - Friday December 2021:
5:30pm Christmas Family Mass - English
10:30pm Christmas Midnight Mass - Eng/Arb

Christmas Day - Saturday 25 December 2021:
8:00am Christmas Mass - Arabic
10:00am Christmas Mass - Eng/Arb
6:00pm Christmas (& Praises of the Mother of God) Mass - Eng/Arb

Boxing Day (Praises of the Mother of God) - Sunday 26 December
8:00am Mass - Arabic
10:00am Mass (celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine - Charbel Tarabay)

New Year (Eve) - Friday 31 December 2021:
11:30pm Mass to farewell 2021 & welcome 2022

New Year (Day) - Saturday 1 January 2022:
10:00am Mass - Eng/Ar
6:00pm New Year (& Finding of the Lord in the Temple) Mass - Eng/Arb

Finding of the Lord in the Temple - Sunday 2 December:
8:00am Mass - Arabic
10:00am Mass - Eng/Arb

Epiphany Eve - Wednesday 5 January 2022:
6:00pm Mass + Blessing of the water - Eng/Arb
10:30pm Midnight Mass + Blessing of the water - Eng/Arb

Epiphany Day - Thursday 6 January 2022
9:00am Mass + Blessing of the water - Eng/Arb
6:00pm Mass + Blessing of the water - Eng/Arb
7:00pm Adoration - Eng/Arb

Bishop's Corner—Year of St Joseph—Sunday of the Revelation to Joseph

We read this Sunday from the Gospel of Saint Matthew, the Revelation to Joseph by the Angel of the Lord, as we continue our journey towards Christmas. Joseph accepts to welcome Jesus by "taking his wife Mary into his home." (Matt. 1:24)

The first two chapters of the Gospel according to Saints Matthew and Luke speak of Jesus' childhood. St Matthew centres his account on the action and obedience of Saint Joseph, whom he calls Righteous. In the first two chapters of his Gospel, the Angel of the Lord addresses Joseph four times in a dream, and Joseph does what is asked of him every time.

On the 8th of December 2021, the Year of Saint Joseph announced by His Holiness Pope Francis last year came to a close. Throughout the year, we reflected on the virtues and life of this holy man.

"Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him" (Matt. 1:24) St Matthew does not relay to us the dialogue of this interaction but this short phrase from the Gospel could sum up the life of St Joseph that we celebrated all throughout this year.

Joseph was a man of God who was familiar with the Jewish law and teachings. He does what God expects of him, a man who carries out the will of God. Like any human being, Joseph needed time for discernment in order to understand and implement what the Lord asked of him. Joseph is just and does the will of the Lord not by applying the law to the letter, but by adjusting to God's plan even if he does not always understand it.

Joseph is a man of faith but this faith is an active one, a faith which inhabits his life and which animates it, as a whole and in the details. Even in times of

questioning, Joseph has no doubts. In his legitimate and necessary questioning, Joseph relies on God, whom He is certain will enlighten and guide him, in His time and with the means He chooses.

Friends, on this Sunday, let us ask St Joseph, husband of Mary, adoptive father of Jesus, patron of the universal Church, to help each and every one, become men and women of faith, attentive to the word of God, attentive to things from above and to the needs of those around us. Let us ask the Lord, through the prayer of St Joseph, to help us fulfil the vocation and the mission entrusted to us, even if we do not understand it fully. Let us be collaborators with the Lord in this world and live our lives according to the plan of love and mercy of the Lord Jesus.

I wish you a Blessed Sunday!

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

احتفالات ونشاطات أعياد الميلاد ورأس السنة والدَّنج

الخميس ٢٣ كانون الأول:

٧:٠٠ مساءً، ساعة سجود ميلادية - إنكليزي/عربي

ليلة عيد الميلاد - الجمعة ٢٤ كانون الأول:

٥:٣٠ مساءً، قدّاس الميلاد للعائلات - إنكليزي

١٠:٣٠ مساءً، قدّاس نصف الليل - إنكليزي/عربي

يوم عيد الميلاد - السبت ٢٥ كانون الأول:

٨:٠٠ صباحاً، قدّاس - عربي

١٠:٠٠ صباحاً، قدّاس - إنكليزي/عربي

٦:٠٠ مساءً، قدّاس الميلاد وتهنئة العذراء - إنكليزي/عربي

عيد تهنئة العذراء - الأحد ٢٦ كانون الأول:

٨:٠٠ صباحاً، قدّاس - عربي

١٠:٠٠ صباحاً، قدّاس يترأسه صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان شربل طريه

السّامي الإحترام - إنكليزي/عربي

ليلة عيد رأس السنة - الجمعة ٣١ كانون الأول:

١١:٣٠ مساءً، قدّاس لتوديع ٢٠٢١ واستقبال ٢٠٢٢ - إنكليزي/عربي

عيد رأس السنة - السبت ١ كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٢:

١٠:٠٠ صباحاً، قدّاس رأس السنة - إنكليزي/عربي

٦:٠٠ مساءً، قدّاس رأس السنة ووجود الرب في الهيكل - إنكليزي/عربي

أحد وجود الرب في الهيكل - الأحد ٢ كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٢:

٨:٠٠ صباحاً، قدّاس - عربي

١٠:٠٠ صباحاً، قدّاس - إنكليزي/عربي

ليلة عيد الدَّنج (ألفطاس) - الأربعاء ٥ كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٢:

٦:٠٠ مساءً قدّاس ورتبة تبريك الماء - إنكليزي/عربي

١٠:٣٠ مساءً قدّاس الليل ورتبة تبريك الماء - إنكليزي/عربي

يوم عيد الدَّنج (ألفطاس) - الخميس ٦ كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٢:

٩:٠٠ صباحاً قدّاس ورتبة تبريك الماء - إنكليزي/عربي

٦:٠٠ مساءً قدّاس ورتبة تبريك الماء - إنكليزي/عربي

٧:٠٠ مساءً ساعة سجود - إنكليزي/عربي

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Services of the week

Monday 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass

Tuesday 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm 40 day mass for Charbel Hanna Bou Melhem from Imar

Wednesday 5:30 Rosary, 6:00pm 40 Day mass for Marie Boulos from Chekka wife of Maroun Zaouk from Racheene, **Christmas Novena**

Thursday 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass, **Christmas Novena** followed by adoration

Friday 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass, **Christmas Novena**

Saturday 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm 1 year Mass for Mekhael Youssef Sukkar from Bechari, **Christmas Novena**

Sunday 12 December - Genealogy to Jesus:

8:00am Mass, **Christmas Novena**

10:00am 1 year Mass for Joseph Gibran Hasbani **Christmas Novena**

Confessions: will be held Half an hour before and during Masses.

خدمات الأسبوع

الاثنين: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ مساءً قداس

الثلاثاء: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قداس الأربعون للمرحوم شربل حنا بولمحم من عيما

الأربعاء: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة، ٦:٠٠ قداس الأربعون للمرحومة ماري بولس من شكا زوجة

ساسين مارون الزاعوق من رشيون **وبداية تساعية الميلاد**

الخميس: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قداس **وتساعية الميلاد** يليها ساعة سجود

الجمعة: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قداس **وتساعية الميلاد**

السبت: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قداس السنة مخايل يوسف سكر من بشري **وتساعية الميلاد**

الأحد ١٢ كانون الأول - أحد النسبة:

٨:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس **وتساعية الميلاد**

١٠:٠٠ صباحاً: قداس السنة للمرحوم جوزيف جبران حاصباني من عين الرمانة **وتساعية الميلاد**

الإعترافات: نصف ساعة قبل وخلال القداسات



Last week's
collections



\$2,607.40

PARISH FINANCIALS

Amount Owning to the Bank \$11,300.56

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MASS BOOKINGS

Essential for **Saturday 6pm and Sunday 10am** Masses via the parish website: www.straymondparish.org.au whilst no bookings are required for Monday to Friday Masses.

Geneze, 40 day & 1 year Masses will be celebrated at a special times.

With Your Support, We Will Build Our New Parish

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8. Utilities (Gas, Electricity & Water) \$75 per week
9. Parish Priest Accommodation (\$125 per week)
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عائلة واحدة بمحبة وفرح



١٢ كانون الأول ٢٠٢١

أحد البيان ليوسف

عدد ٣٧٠

الرسالة

يا إخوتي، أنا يُولُس، أَسِيرُ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، أَيُّهَا الْأُمَمُ إِنَّ كُنْتُمْ قَدْ سَمِعْتُمْ بِتَدْبِيرِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ، وَهُوَ أَنِّي بِوَحْيٍ أَطْلَعْتُ عَلَى السِّرِّ، كَمَا كَتَبْتُ لَكُمْ بِإِيجَازٍ مِنْ قَبْلُ، حِينَئِذٍ يُمَكِّنُكُمْ، إِذَا قَرَأْتُمْ ذَلِكَ، أَنْ تَذْكُرُوا فَهْمِي لِسِرِّ الْمَسِيحِ، هَذَا السِّرِّ الَّذِي لَمْ يُعْرَفْ عِنْدَ بَنِي الْبَشَرِ فِي الْأَجْيَالِ الْعَابِرَةِ، كَمَا أُعْلِنُ الْآنَ بِالرُّوحِ لِرُسُلِهِ الْقَدِيسِينَ وَالْأَنْبِيَاءِ، وَهُوَ أَنَّ الْأُمَمَ هُمْ، فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، شُرَكَاءُ لَنَا فِي الْمِيرَاثِ وَالْجَسَدِ وَالْوَعْدِ، بِوَسْطَةِ الْإِنْجِيلِ، الَّذِي صِرْتُ خَادِمًا لَهُ، بِحَسَبِ هِبَةٍ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ الَّتِي وَهَبْتُ لِي بِفِعْلِ قُدْرَتِهِ؛ لِي أَنَا، أَصْغَرُ الْقَدِيسِينَ جَمِيعًا، وَهَبْتُ هَذِهِ النِّعْمَةَ، وَهِيَ أَنَّ أَبَشَرَ الْأُمَمَ بِغَيْهِ الْمَسِيحِ الَّذِي لَا يُسْتَفْصَى، وَأَنْ أَوْضَحَ لِلْجَمِيعِ مَا هُوَ تَدْبِيرُ السِّرِّ الْمَكْتُومِ مُنْذُ الدُّهُورِ فِي اللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ، لِكَيْ تُعْرَفَ الْآنَ مِنْ خِلَالِ الْكَنِيسَةِ، لَدَى الرِّئَاسَاتِ وَالسَّلَاطِينِ فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ، حِكْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْمُتَنَوِّعَةِ، بِحَسَبِ قَضَائِهِ الْأَرْثِيِّ الَّذِي حَقَّقَهُ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ رَبَّنَا، الَّذِي لَنَا فِيهِ، أَيُّ الْإِيمَانِ بِهِ، الْوُصُولُ بِجُرْأَةٍ وَثِقَةٍ إِلَى اللَّهِ. لِذَلِكَ أَسْأَلُكُمْ أَنْ لَا تَضَعُفَ عَزِيمَتَكُمْ بِسَبَبِ الصِّبْغَاتِ الَّتِي أُعَانِيهَا مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ: إِنَّمَا نَجِدْ لَكُمْ !

أف ١٣-١:٣

قطاعة وصوم وتساعيّة الميلاد

قطاعة وصوم الميلاد: يبدأ من الأربعاء ١٥ كانون الأول لغاية الجمعة ٢٤ كانون الأول
تساعيّة الميلاد: من الأربعاء ١٥ الى الخميس ٢٣ كانون الأول كل يوم مساءً
٥:٣٠ مسبحة و ٦ قدّاس وزياح الميلاد
ويوم الأحد بعد القدّاسات



الأحد القادم:

أحد النسبة

روم ١٢-١:١ / متى ١٧-١:١

ساعة سجود:



كل يوم خميس الساعة ٧ مساءً.

عدد الأشخاص ما زال محدوداً لا ضرورة للحجز "والتسجيل على الباب إلزامي".

**"فَجَعَلَهُ وَكِيلًا عَلَى بَيْتِهِ
وَوَلَّاهُ عَلَى كُلِّ مَالِهِ."**

(سفر التكوين ٤٣:٩)



نعمة الله الحرديني
١٤ كانون الأول

وُلِدَ يَوْسُفُ كَسَّابٌ فِي حَرْدِينِ سَنَةِ ١٨٠٨. دَخَلَ إِلَى دَيْرِ مَارِ أَنْطُونِيُوسَ، قَرْحِيَا، وَكَانَ فِي عِدَادِ الْمُتَبَدِّلِينَ ١٨٢٨، وَاتَّخَذَ إِسْمَ الْأَخِ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ. أَبْرَزَ نَذْوَرُهُ الْإِحْتِفَالِيَّةَ فِي ١٤ تَشْرِينَ الثَّانِي سَنَةِ ١٨٣٠. بَعْدَ أَنْ أَكْمَلَ دُرُوسَهُ اللَّاهُوتِيَّةَ فِي كَفِيْفَانَ، سَيِّمَ كَاهِنًا فِي سَنَةِ ١٨٣٣. مَارَسَ التَّدْرِيسَ فِي مَدَارِسِ الرِّهْبَانِيَّةِ، خَاصَّةً فِي دَيْرِ كَفِيْفَانَ. تُوُفِيَ فِي دَيْرِ مَارِ قَبْرِيَانُوسَ وَيُوسْتِينَا-كَفِيْفَانَ فِي ١٤ كَانُونِ الْأَوَّلِ سَنَةِ ١٨٥٨. صَلَاتُهُ مَعْنًا.

الإنجيل

أَمَّا مِيلَادُ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ فَكَانَ هَكَذَا: لَمَّا كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ مَرْيَمُ مَحْطُوبَةً لِيُوسُفَ، وَقَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْكُنَا مَعًا، وَجَدَتْ حَامِلًا مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَلَمَّا كَانَ يُوسُفُ رَجُلًا بَارًّا، وَلَا يُرِيدُ أَنْ يُشَهِّرَ بِهَا، قَرَّرَ أَنْ يُطْلَقَهَا سِرًّا. وَمَا إِنَّ فِكْرَ فِي هَذَا حَتَّى تَرَأَى لَهُ مَلَائِكُ الرَّبِّ فِي الْحُلُمِ قَائِلًا: "يَا يُوسُفُ بْنُ دَاوُدَ، لَا تَخَفْ أَنْ تَأْخُذَ مَرْيَمَ امْرَأَتَكَ، فَالْمَوْلُودُ فِيهَا إِنَّمَا هُوَ مِنَ الرُّوحِ الْقُدُسِ. وَسَوْفَ تِلِدُ ابْنًا، فَسَمِّهِ يَسُوعَ، لِأَنَّهُ هُوَ الَّذِي يُخَلِّصُ شَعْبَهُ مِنْ خَطَايَاهُمْ". وَجَدَتْ هَذَا كُلَّهُ لَيْتَمَ مَا قَالَهُ الرَّبُّ بِاللَّيْلِ: "هَا إِنَّ الْعَذْرَاءَ تَحْمِلُ وَتِلِدُ ابْنًا، وَيُدْعَى اسْمُهُ عِمَّا نُوئِيلَ، أَيُّ اللَّهِ مَعَنَا". وَلَمَّا قَامَ يُوسُفُ مِنَ النَّوْمِ، فَعَلَ كَمَا أَمَرَهُ مَلَائِكُ الرَّبِّ وَأَخَذَ امْرَأَتَهُ. وَلَمْ يَعْرِفْهَا، فَوَلَدَتْ ابْنًا، وَسَمَّاهُ يَسُوعَ.

متى ١٨-٢٥:١

"لا تخف يا يوسف!" - ألخوري سام وهبه



نتعلّم من البيان
ليوسف:

- ١- أَلْحَبُّ بِلَا شَرُوطٍ
وبلا حدود: حبّ الله، وحبّ الآخرين: حبّ كلّه ثقة بدون شكّ.
 - ٢- أَلَصَمْتُ: من يصمت كثيرًا يعمل كثيرًا.
 - ٣- أَلْتَرَوِّي والهدوء والتفكير إيجابيًا وعدم ردّات الفعل عند الصّعوبات.
 - ٤- أَلطاعة للرّب بثقة وحمل المسؤولية بحبّ وفرح وثبات حتى النهاية.
- يا ربّ ساعدنا لنعيش مثل مار يوسف فنصير قديسين. آمين