Responsorial Psalm Ps 95:1-3, 11-13

R. Today is born our Saviour, 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 help 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,
   all the trees of the wood shout for joy
   at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
   he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

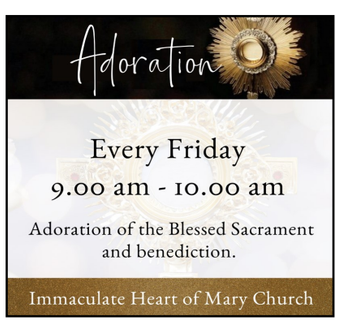
4. With justice he will rule the world,
   he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

SECOND READING: Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed to all people

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

The Word of the Lord.





Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!
Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:1-14

Today a saviour has been born for you

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census - the first - took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour'.

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD **25 December 2023**

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Maryse Galea

Office Hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
9.00am - 1.00pm

Wednesday
1.00pm - 5.00pm

Postal Address:
PO Box 156, Scarborough WA 6922

Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday 5.00pm
Sunday 7.30am & 9.30am

Weekday Mass Times:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday - 8.30am
Wednesday - 9.00am

Reconciliation:
Friday 9.00am – 9.30am
Saturday 4.30pm – 5.00pm
Or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment

Weekday Rosary Times:
Tuesday after 8.30am Mass
Wednesday 8.30am
Thursday after 8.30am Mass
Friday after 8.30am Mass

Adoration & Benediction:
Every Friday 9.00am - 10.00am

Parish Morning Tea:
First Sunday of the month after 9.30am Mass - **ALL WELCOME**

Children's Liturgy:
Sunday at 9.30am Mass

Playgroup:
Thursday 9.00am –10.30am

Craft Group:
Tuesday 5.00pm - 6.00pm



FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-7

A son is given us

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORMS

New Parishioners
We warmly welcome you!
Please fill out our Scarborough Parish Membership Form located in the foyer area of the church.

Existing Parishioners
We invite exising members to also complete this form so we can update our parish records.



Saints OF THE WEEK

DECEMBER

25 **Nativity of the Lord**

26 **Saint Stephen, the first Martyr** (d. c. 36)

27 **Saint John the Evangelist** (6 - 100)

28 **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

29 **Saint Thomas Becket** (1118 - 1170)

30 **Saint Felix I** (- 274)

31 **The Holy Family**



Saint Stephen | Saint John the Evangelist | The Holy Innocents | Saint Thomas Becket | Saint Felix I | The Holy Family

Merry Christmas

&

Happy New Year 2024



May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with joy and peace

23 & 24 December			
Mass Times	**Acolytes**	**Readers**	**Greeters**
Saturday 5.00pm	David Somers	Justine Howard Roula Cummins	Michael Duffy
Sunday 7.30am	Dino Mascione	Sr Edith Yvonne Rudrum	Andrea Donatti
Sunday 9.30am	Eros Scagnetti	Anita Boaro Maree Elphick	John Hibble
Sunday 5.00pm	Phil McGann David Somers		Sue Burke
Sunday 8.00pm	Romano Sala-Tenna John Hibble	Matthew Box Luisa Box	Susan Ford

25 December			
Mass Times	**Acolytes**	**Readers**	**Greeters**
Sunday 7.30am	Tony Hague-Smith Dino Mascione	Justine Howard Elizabeth Stone	Andrea Donatti
Sunday 9.30am	Noel Chandramoghan Peter Jack	Roula Cummins Felicity Farrelly	Victor Boaro

NEWS & EVENTS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:
Sunday, 24th December
4.30pm Carols & Children's Nativity Tableau
5.00pm Mass
7.30pm Carols
8.00pm Mass

Christmas Day:
Monday, 25th December
7.30am Mass
9.30am Mass

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS 28 DECEMBER
"The precious death of any martyr deserves high praise because of his heroic confession; the death of these children is precious in the sight of God because of the beatitude they gained so quickly. For already, at the beginning of their lives, they pass on. The end of the present life is for them the beginning of glory."
- St Augustine (354-430) Father and Doctor of the Church -

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL - THANK YOU!
Scarborough Vinnies would like to thank everyone who donated gifts and time in our 2023 Christmas Appeal. We were able to deliver Christmas hampers to many families in need this year.

PARISH FUNDRAISER
ELVIS
Come along with your family & friends to a night of Rock 'n' Roll featuring well-known Elvis impersonator **Stuey V** and his band! **Friday, 9th February 2024 at the Doubleview Bowling Club** (17 Shearn Crescent) **from 7pm. $70 per person.** Finger food included. Drinks available at the cash bar. Silent Auction on the night. Dress 1960s (optional). **Tickets on sale after all weekend Masses!**

We are looking for any donations of items or services for the silent auction, ie. art, tourist attractions, holiday homes, etc.
If you can help, please contact the Parish office.

IMMACULATE HEART YOUNG ADULTS
Immaculate Heart Young Adults is a space where like-minded young adults aged 18-35 can come together to connect, grow, and strengthen their faith. Our gatherings will take place every second and fourth Sunday of the month, immediately following the 9:30 am Mass. These meetings will feature a mixture of social events and formation activities. From engaging discussions and spiritual growth sessions to fun outings and fellowship, we have an exciting line-up of events planned to help us grow together in our faith and forge lasting friendships. For further details please contact the Parish office.

FUNDRAISING FOR PARISH CAFÉ AND KITCHEN RENOVATIONS
If you'd like to make a special donation towards our Parish Café and Kitchen Renovations, the account details are below. It's very much appreciated, especially by our new **Immaculate Heart Young Adults** group!

Second Collection Account:
Account Name: SCARBOROUGH CHURCH 2ND COLLECTION
BSB: 086 006
Account number: 75 809 1356

2024 SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND
The Sacramental Commitment weekend for **all** Sacraments will be held on **3rd & 4th February 2024, at all Masses.**

SALVADO CAMINO 2024 PILGRIMAGE
Subiaco Parish will once again be hosting the 16th annual Camino Salvado Pilgrimages. Pilgrims can commence walking from Subiaco to New Norcia from **Sunday 25 August to Sunday 1 September 2024** or from **Sunday 8 September to Sunday 15 September 2024.** The Camino Salvado is a pilgrimage conducted under the auspices of Subiaco Parish, following the tradition of the famous Spanish Camino de Santiago from Subiaco to the unique monastery town of New Norcia. The pilgrimage is an opportunity to travel lightly, to walk free of the daily routines, to meet people, to make friends, to enjoy and celebrate God's creation. For more information, please visit **www.caminosalvado.com**