

# St Clement of Rome Church

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### A Christmas Prayer

*by Karen L Oberst*

Jesus, the Light of the World, as we celebrate your birth . . . may we begin to see the world in the light of the understanding you give us. As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor to receive the greatest news the world had ever known, so may we worship you in meekness of heart. May we also remember our brothers and sisters less fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3: 16 NIV

THE SHADY POTCH

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe and peaceful New year  
 May God continue to bless you and your family abundantly and richly !

Mgr. Franco & Parish Team

### MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

**Mass Times:** Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am ,11am (Italian) & 6pm (Maronite Community Mass)

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. **Eucharistic Adoration:** Tues-Fri 8-9am (in the Chapel)  
**Reconciliation:** Sat 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.  
**Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.**

## PARISH DIARY

Sat 24th Dec @ 5.30pm—Family Mass  
 Sat 24th Dec @ 8pm—Italian Mass  
 Sat 24th Dec @ 10pm—Maronite Mass  
 Sat 24th Dec @ 11.30pm—Carols followed by Midnight Mass

New Year's Day Mass (Sunday) 1st Jan 2017 at 9am & 11am (Italian)  
 All welcome to celebrate the great feast of Mary , the Holy Mother of God.

**Important Information**—Parish Office hours from 14th November until Christmas will be only on Tue & Thurs 1pm—6pm and Fridays 9am—5pm. Please leave emergency messages on 9850 3262 (Parish Office) or 9850 6073 (Presbytery). Thank you.

Following services will not operate in the month of January and will resume in February 2017.

- \* Morning Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- \* Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Regular weekday (morning) and weekend Mass time table will apply during January.

**The Mystery of Christmas**  
 "The mystery of the Holy Night, which historically happened two thousand years ago, must be lived as a spiritual event in the 'today' of the Liturgy. The Word who found a dwelling in Mary's womb comes to knock on the heart of every person with singular intensity this Christmas"  
*Pope John Paul II*



### Crib can teach us a lot about our mission

"Because Jesus comes with the love of God, he makes a difference, calling us to be a community of people who find in their faith and humanity the motives to care for each other at bad times.

"That's all part of the crib. The wish of God our creator is for a world where people are cherished and human rights are respected. When we need a culture and way of life where the rights of all especially the poor are met. When we see a child in the crib, we know that this love is for all. Love is in this child, the love of God and call to love and you can't argue with love which was later killed on the cross. This child is for the world, and his life and ministry will bring compassion to us and danger to him.

"The crib is about Jesus being for us, about the Church being for the world of today. About ourselves being with Jesus in companionship and for him and his gospel in the world."

A reflection on the Gospel for Christmas Day, by Fr Donal Neary, SJ  
<https://gardinerstparish.wordpress.com/tag/john-1-1-18/>

Liturgy Roster	Sat 5.30pm	Sun 9am
24 December	<i>Sacristan</i> Rita Gagliardi 5.30 pm	Francis & Gloria Ng Midnight Mass
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> John Bruce	Mark Gregor
Christmas Eve	<i>Reader</i> Jacinta De La Cruz	Sylvie Duff
	<i>Special Ministers</i> John Bruce	Linda Cultrera
	Grace Canatelli	Elroy De Witt
	Rene De La Cruz	Fulvia Gerasolimo
	Reg Lecordier	Gabriella Grande
	May Teh	Sylvia Mascitti
	Martin Teh	Gloria Ng
	Warwick Wright	Maria Papalia
25 December	<i>Sacristan</i>	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i>	Tim Landsberg
Christmas Day	<i>Reader</i>	Christine Landsberg
	<i>Special Ministers</i>	Trish Atherton
		Anne Fusca
		Eleanora Mascitti
		David Mitchell
		Pam Mitchell
		Elsa Waters
		Chris Zordan

31 December/1 Jan	<i>Sacristan</i> John Bruce	Francis & Gloria Ng
	<i>COMMENTATOR</i> Jacinta De La Cruz	Jim Cowhey
	<i>Reader</i> Rene De La Cruz	Sylvie Duff
	<i>Special Ministers</i> May Teh	Anne Fusca
	Martin Teh	Gabriella Grande
	Warwick Wright	Eleanora Mascitti
		Sylvia Mascitti
		David Mitchell
		Pam Mitchell
		Gloria Ng