The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. He went in and said, ‘Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.’ She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, ‘Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God’s favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.’ Mary said to the angel, ‘But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?’ ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you’ the angel answered ‘and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.’ ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord,’ said Mary ‘let what you have said be done to me.’ And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Pilgrimage from Holy Child to Holy Land

The Pilgrimage to The Holy Land is being planned for October 2015 as part of the Golden Jubilee Year. The current cost is approx. $4,300 (Depending on the value of the $ at the time. (All Inclusive)) for 10 days. Application Forms for the above are available in the Foyer. Complete & Return to Parish Office.

Vacancy - Part-time Bookkeeper/Finance

Holy Child Parish, Dallas, is seeking to employ a part-time Bookkeeper/Finance. The position is on going and the working hours are 10 per week at times to be negotiated. For a job description and required qualifications, please contact the Parish Office: email: Dallas@cam.org.au or 9302 3376. Application close Thursday, 31 December, 2014.

Sales of Battery Operated Candles with changing colour flame $3.00 each or 2 for $5.00

Annual Christmas Luncheon

Thank you for the donations of soft drinks/water. Thank you in advance to all the volunteers who helped before/on the day. Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year from the Team.

Holy Child Parish TET Raffle 2015

Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks. Please help to sell a booklet or buy a ticket. A great parish community initiative. Fantastic prizes to be won. Keep a lookout in the Foyer.

Sale of Christmas/All Occasions Greeting Cards by Sinh & Dinh Phan

A Special THANK YOU to Sinh & Dinh Phan who raised $120 from the sale of cards and donated the amount to the Parish.

No Chimes in January 2015

There will be no Chimes during the month of January 2015. In case of an emergency the priests can be contact on their respective mobiles or Presbytery.

Parish Office Closed

Between Christmas & New Year, month of January the Parish Office will be closed with minimum staff/priest. In an emergency the Priests can be contacted on their respective mobiles or Presbytery.

No Rosters for January 2015

There will be no Rosters during the month of January 2015. Volunteers to come forward before each Mass to make it easy on Father.

Sunday, 18 January, 2015 at 1.50 pm Infant Jesus of Prague Feast
At Good Shepherd Church, Gladstone Park. All Welcome.

We Congratulate and Thank Vicky Buhagiar who has completed 28 years of keeping our children safe at the school

A HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS. MAY THE LOVE & PEACE OF THE NEW BORN KING BE WITH YOU & YOUR FAMILIES.
A PROSPEROUS & SAFE NEW YEAR. HAVE A GOOD ONE.

From the Parish Staff

Flower Donations 2015

Calendar is now available in the Foyer. Money to be handed over to Father or Parish Office. Thank You

RECENT DEATH:

REMEMBRANCE:

ANNIVERSARIES:
Dina Azevedo, Rosentina Napoliao, Patricia Whyte, Bailey Atkin, Duc Pham

SICK:
((Please keep them in your prayers)

(Names of the sick will only be printed for a month, unless the Church has been notified otherwise)

SICK: Sia Nyugon, Ioane Toevai, Maria Nguyen, Valasi Fata, Hoa Ngo, Jack Salau, Joseph, Darren Crowley, Raymond Cassar, Kevin Sheridan, Manu Tukufu, Nu Nguyen, Situ Tuafuti, Maria Napoleon&oslash;e, Rosie Vieira, Mark Elmer, Elyssa Morris, Grace King, Antonia Abel, Norn Henkel, Dina Azevedo, Rosentina Napoleon, Patricia Whyte, Bailey Atkin, Duc Pham

ANNIVERSARIES: Moses Vella, Anna Nguyen Thi Truyen, Phanxicco Xavie Nguyen Duc Tam, Ellen Goody, Tome Andrade, James Ward

Fourth Sunday in Advent

the power of the Most High will cover you with his shadow”. I love this image, the Jewish people do not use the name of God so Luke simply calls him “The Most High”, the Jews lived in a hot bare landscape shady trees were few. So this simple line tells us that God is powerful and his presence can shade us from the heat of the sun. That is a caring presence not a frightening presence.

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