



Mary, Mother of Our Lord

15 August 2021

Dear Friends,

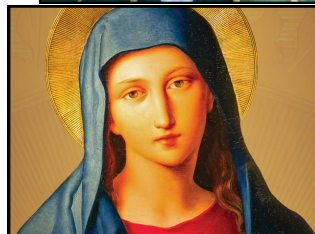
In our reading today from Luke, we are reminded of the turbulent times into which Jesus was born. His mother, Mary, having conceived Jesus by the Holy Spirit, had to travel with her fiancé, Joseph, to his home town Nazareth for the census that had been ordered by Emperor Augustus. A long way from her family and friends, she went into labour and delivered her baby, wrapping him in swaddling bands and placing him in a manger in the barn where they were sheltering, as there was no other accommodation for them. Mary, mother of God's Son, displays unwavering faith and strength of character throughout the thirty years or so from Jesus' birth to his death on the cross at Golgotha and his subsequent resurrection, three days later.

It is her selfless, resolute, active faith that enables the fulfillment of the scriptures and leads to Christians throughout the ages - including us - being adopted as children of God, that we may, with them, call him "Abba! Father!"

Continuing our ministry during this prolonged lockdown is so important. A sincere "Thank You" to all who financially support our Parish with regular offertory. I encourage everyone to give regularly according to their means. Your offertory may be hand delivered to the Parish Office or sent by post: (St Luke's Church Mosman, PO Box 162, Spit Junction NSW 2088), or deposited directly into our bank account (St Luke's Church Mosman, BSB 032-291, A/C 810105). Alternatively, you can contribute your offertory via: <https://donorbox.org/st-luke-s-anglican-church-mosman-support> (type or copy and paste into your browser).

If you would like to talk to me or email me, please use the contacts listed on the back cover. You remain in my thoughts and prayers. Every blessing to each of you and to those you love, always.

The Reverend Dr Max Wood, Rector



Fr Max

PLEASE PRAY FOR...



Our Diocese, Northern Region and our local church community

The Archbishop: The Most Reverend Kanishka Raffel
The Regional Bishop: The Rt Revd Chris Edwards
Northern Region: Abbotsleigh, Wahroonga and Barker College, Hornsby;
Year 12 students approaching trial examinations
Local churches: St Clement's Mosman; Rev'd Michael Crichton,
clergy and people

Missions 2021

Anglicare Sydney:

Mobile Community Pantry Program;
Bill Farrand, Anglicare Community Services Manager

Bush Church Aid:

BCA Indigenous Ministry Officer,
The Revd Neville Naden and Mrs Kathryn Naden

Anglican Board of Mission:

Sustainable Livelihoods Program, Kenya;
The Revd John Deane, ABM Executive Director

Those we are holding in prayer

Immediate Sick:

Jenny Willis

Those Requiring On-Going Prayer:

John Dimitric, Irina Dimitric, Heather, Bernie Walsh, Shannour, Chloe Turner,
Denise Thomas, Jackie Lockhart, Robert Rowlands, Tim Bolot, Robb Crawford,
Dorothy Bashford, Nancy Lovitt, Robert Alexander

People in Residential and Home Care:

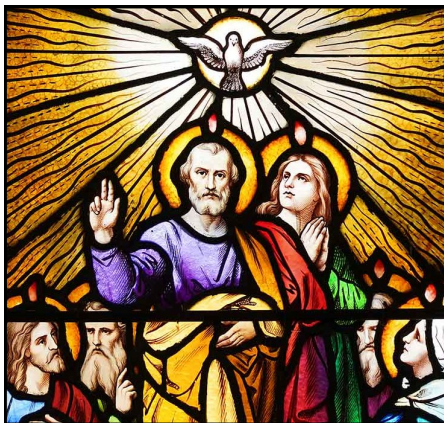
Dawn Holdaway, Betty Gemmell, Mary Shuttleworth, Elaine Porter, Helen Huby,
Pat Wood, Jean Barton, Robin Wilks, Denis Pearson

The Prayer for the Day

Heavenly Father,
who chose the Virgin Mary, by your grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour:
fill us with your grace,
that in all things we may accept your holy will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Galatians 4.4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.



Luke 2.1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.



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