

**The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord  
24 December 2007**

**Welcome.** We hope that the liturgy will assist you in prayer and the worship of Almighty God. *More information about the church and our practices may be found at the end of the leaflet.*

**Everyone is invited** after Mass to our **Réveillon** – the traditional Christmas midnight party – in Hiscocks Hall in the basement.

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**Christmas Eve, Monday, 24 December 2007**

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**10.15 pm Mattins of Christmas Day (anticipated)**  
*(Please feel welcome to participate in the Office as you arrive.)*

**Preces** (small red book – please kneel)..**Book of Common Prayer p. 6**

**Christmas Anthems** (read together standing) ..... **BCP p. 104**

**Psalms 2, 85** (sit after the first half of the first verse) ..**BCP pp. 331, 438**

*(The psalm verses are read alternately between Officiant & People.)*

Old Testament Lesson: Micah 4: 1 – 5; 5: 2 – 4

**Benedictus** (read together standing)..... **BCP p. 9**

New Testament Lesson: I John 4: 7 – 16

**Te Deum Laudamus** (read together standing).....**BCP p. 7**

**Apostles' Creed** ..... **BCP p. 10**

V: The Lord be with you.

**R: And with thy spirit.** *(then kneel)*

**Lord's Prayer, Suffrages, Collects** .....**BCP p. 11**

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**11.00 p.m. Solemn Mass of Christmas**

Celebrant: Fr Nahabedian; Deacon: The Rev'd M. Maybee

Sub-deacon: Wendy Telfer

The Blue Book you have in hand lists **hymns** and **Mass music** by **number**.

The text of the **liturgy** is by **page number** at the back of the book.

Music of the Mass: *Missa Brevis IV* Willan

Prelude Music

*Hodie nobis de caeli* Alessandro Grandi

*O ye little flock* John Amner

Instrumental music from the SMM Consort of Viols

**Gathering of the People of God** *(please stand)*

Introit: *The Lord spake, and said unto me: Thou art my Son, this day*

*have I begotten thee. Ps. Why do the nations so furiously rage*

*together: and why do the people imagine a vain thing? Glory be...*

**Greeting** ..... **Blue Book p. 139**

**Kyrie eleison** (*stand*) ..... Text - Blue Book p. 139

**Gloria in excelsis** ..... **Blue Book No. 109**

Collect of the Day

**Proclamation of the Word of God**

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 2 – 7 (*please sit*) Lector: Corey Keeble

Gradual: *In the day of thy power shall the people offer thee free-will*

*offerings: in the beauty of holiness, from the womb of the morning,*

*have I begotten thee. V. The Lord said unto my Lord: Sit thou on my*

*right hand: till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

Second Reading: Titus 2: 11 – 14

Alleluia: *Alleluia. The Lord hath said unto me: Thou art my Son,*

*today have I begotten thee. Alleluia.*

**Sequence Hymn 30** (small green book – omit v. 4 – stand) Adeste Fideles

Holy Gospel: Luke 2: 1 – 20

Sermon: Fr Nahabedian (*please sit*)

*(Please ensure that your kneeler is down and then stand for the creed.)*

**Nicene Creed** (*kneel at the Incarnatus*)..... **Blue Book No. 110**

**Prayers of the People** (*as announced*)

**Response: Lord, have mercy.**

**Final response: To thee, O Lord.**

**Kiss of Peace**

C: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**R: And with thy spirit.**

*(We greet our neighbours, saying "The peace of the Lord be always with you".)*

**Offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice**

**Offertory Hymn 32** (*omit v. 4 - sit when hymn ends*) Forest Green

Offertory Sentence: *Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad*

*before the Lord: for he is come.*

Motet *God is with us* Tavener

*God is with us. Hear ye people, even to the uttermost end of the*

*earth. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. The*

*people that dwell in the shadow of death, upon them the light has*

*shined. For unto us a child is born! For unto us a son is given! And*

*the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be*

*called Wonderful! Counsellor! The mighty God, the everlasting*

*Father, the Prince of peace.... Christ is born!*

*(Stand as the thurifer approaches to cense the congregation;*

*remain standing until the end of the Sanctus.)*

Intention of the Mass

Priest: Pray that this my sacrifice and yours may be

acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

**People: The Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy name, to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

**Sursum Corda** ..... **Blue Book No. 116**

**Sanctus** ..... Text - Blue Book p. 143

**Eucharistic Prayer A** (*kneel*) ..... **Blue Book p. 143 / BCP p. 82**

**Lord's Prayer** ..... **Blue Book No. 117**

**Fraction** ..... **Blue Book p. 146**

**Agnus Dei** ..... Text - Blue Book p. 146

**Holy Communion**

*(All who are baptised with water in the name of the Holy*

*Trinity are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the*

*Anglican Church. You may kneel or stand to receive*

*communion. Intinction, the dipping of the bread into the*

*wine, is not allowed any longer except if done by the person*

*administering the chalice. You do not have to receive the wine.*

*After receiving Holy Communion please do not move until*

*after the person to your left has received communion.)*

Communion Sentence: *In the splendour of the saints, from the*

*womb before the morning star I begot thee.*

Motet *A carowle for Christmas Day* Byrd

1. *An earthly tree an heavenly fruit it bare, a case of clay contained a*

*crown immortal, a crown of crowns a king whose cost and care*

*redeemed poor man whose race before was thrall to death, to doom, to*

*pains of everlasting, by his sweet death, scorns, stripes and often*

*fasting.*

2. *A star above the stars, a sun of light, whose blessed beams this*

*wretched earth bespread with hope of heaven and of God's son the sign*

*which in our flesh and sinful soul lay dead. O faith, O hope, O joys*

*renowned for ever, O lively life that deathless shall persevere.*

3. *Then let us sing the lullabys of sleep to this sweet babe, born to*

*awake us all from drowsy sin that made old Adam weep, and by his*

*fault gave to mankind the fall. For lo, this day, the birth day, day of*

*days, summons our songs to give him laud and praise.*

*(After communion, we sit in silent thanksgiving.)*

Post Communion Collect (*you may stand*)

**Procession**

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace. Alleluia.

**People: In the name of Christ. Alleluia.**

**Processional Hymn** ..... **Blue Book No. 36**

**The Blessing of the Crèche**

V: The glory of the Lord hath been revealed. Alleluia.

R: **And all flesh shall see the salvation of our God.**

Alleluia.

Collect

**The Angelus** (see inside front cover of green hymn book)

**Concluding Rite**

**The Christmas Blessing**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your hearts with the light of his holiness. **People: Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad tidings of the Saviour's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the gospel. **People: Amen.**

Celebrant: May God, who in the Word made flesh hath joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favour. **People: Amen.**

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **People: Amen.**

**Dismissal** (stand) ..... **Blue Book No. 118**

**Hymn 26** (small green book) Mendelssohn

Postlude *Toccata en Ré majeur* Lanquetuit

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

• The Clergy and the Wardens offer their warmest greetings to all parishioners, friends and visitors on this Feast of Our Lord's Nativity and pray that God will bless us all with his peace and joy so that we may open our hearts to receive Christ into our lives in order to show forth the glory of God's love and humility in our society. **You are invited** downstairs for the **Réveillon, our Christmas party**, to share food and refreshments.

• **Heartfelt thanks** to all those who have helped in the arrangements for Christmas – the decoration, the cleaning, the Réveillon, the food, the music and ceremonial. Our parish of St Mary Magdalene is blessed with people who generously support the work of the church financially as well as with their time and efforts. We are grateful to God for these gifts offered.

• On Christmas Day there are two Masses: **8.00am Said Mass**, and **10.00am Folk Mass**, at which children are most welcome.

• We are again offering our annual **parish wall calendar**, with the times for Masses and the commemorations of feasts and saints' days, Celebration Masses, and Evensongs. The cost of the calendar is \$4.00.

• Please be reminded that **CONTRIBUTIONS** to the church must be in by next **Monday, 31 December**, in order to qualify for a 2007 tax receipt.

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS**

**Visitors** are invited to sign one of the guest books in the narthex. If you are interested in joining our parish family, or if you have any pastoral concerns, **please speak to one of the clergy.**

**Full music hymn books, or large print hymn books** are available from sidespersons. **Washrooms** are in the basement which can be reached from the door beside the font. There is a **wheelchair-accessible lift and washroom** in the office area. Please speak to one of the sidespersons.

**CALENDAR 25 December 2007 – 1 January 2008**

<b>25 Tuesday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Said Mass</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Folk Mass</b>	
<b>26 Wednesday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>S. Stephen, Martyr</b>
<b>27 Thursday</b>	<b>7.15am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>S. John, Ap. &amp; Ev.</b>
	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>La Messa</b>	
<b>28 Friday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Holy Innocents</b>
<b>29 Saturday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>	<b>Thomas Becket, Abp. &amp; M.</b>
<b>30 Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Said Mass</b>	<b>Christmas I</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Sung Mass</b>	
	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Solemn Mass</b>	

**2008**

<b>New Year's Day</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Said Mass</b>	<b>Holy Name</b>
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(Tuesday to Friday, 10.00 am – 3.00pm)

**SEXTON**

Alvaro Castañeda



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**Church of St Mary Magdalene, Toronto**  
**Christmas 2007**

**Visitors** are warmly welcomed and are invited to enjoy **refreshments** with us after the Mass

- Please remember that on **New Year's Day**, Mass with hymns is celebrated at **10.00am** followed by the annual **Levéé** in the rectory to which all parishioners and family and friends are invited.
- Those who have requested **envelopes for 2008** may pick them up at the back of the church. There are boxes of weekly envelopes as well as packages of monthly envelopes as you requested with your address label accordingly. Please note that your envelope number may have changed, to reduce wastage.
- We are again offering our annual **parish wall calendar**, with the times for Masses and the commemorations of feasts and saints' days, Celebration Masses, and Evensongs. Printing cost were reduced this year and so we are offering the calendars for only \$4.00 this year.
- Sunday, 12 January, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, will be a festive day in the life of the parish. Our new primate, The Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz, will be our celebrant and preacher at the 9.30 and 11 o'clock Masses. Then in the afternoon at 4.30 pm we shall sing Solemn Evensong and Benediction to which you are all invited. Following Evensong there will be a *Festa Italiana*, organised by some of the Italian members of the congregation, and it will provide a joyful occasion for parishioners to share traditional Italian fare and is a fundraiser for the Second Century Fund. Tickets are limited to 80. Tickets will be \$35 (\$5 for children under 12); a tax receipt will be issued for \$20 per adult ticket.
- When considering your **financial support of the parish**, please consider today's accepted minimum standard of one dollar per week for every \$1000.00 of annual household income. For example, if the annual income of your household is \$50,000, after taxes, your weekly contribution to the maintenance of the parish would be \$50. But please remember that we give as we are able and as we offer to God a sacrifice in accordance with our means.

- With 2007 drawing to a close, the parish is getting ready to issue envelopes for 2008. This is a great time to remind everyone about the **Pre-Authorized Remittance system**. The Pre-Authorized Remittance system lets you automate your donations to the church. Once a month, the bank transfers money directly from your account to the church's account. You don't need to write cheques or keep track of how many you've written, and the parish volunteer counters have fewer cheques to process. The Pre-Authorized Remittance system is highly secure. You can direct your givings to the General Fund, the Second Century Fund, and/or FaithWorks. Of course, you can withdraw or change your contribution at any time. For more information, please speak to one of the wardens.

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