

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024
PATRONAL FEAST DAY, MQOF BLACKTOWN
SOLEMNITY OF THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MASS READINGS

FIRST READING (Isaiah 9:1-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 112:1-8. R. v.2)

(R) Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!. **(R.)**

2. From the rising of the sun to its setting
praised be the name of the Lord!
High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory. **(R.)**

3. Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

4. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people **(R.)**

SECOND READING (Romans 8:28-30)

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

PLEASE STAND TO WELCOME THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL (Luke 1:26-38)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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 to her, '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.