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**Sunday Mass:**  
Sun. 10 am, 5:30 pm  
**Weekday Masses:**  
Mon. 9:15 am.  
Wed. 9:15 am.  
Fri. 9:15 am.  
**Confessions:**  
By appointment

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

25 December 2024

**A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR ONE ANOTHER:** This is a simple way to recognise and share the presence of Jesus this Christmas by tracing the cross on one another's forehead. On Christmas morning – or when we sit down to open presents – or as we begin our Christmas dinner, two or more people take it in turns to trace the cross on one another's forehead. Look into their eyes, and let them look into yours. And then trace the cross on their forehead. The simplest prayer to pray is 'May Jesus be in your heart.' You say 'May Jesus...' as you trace the vertical line, and you say '... be in your heart' as you trace the horizontal line. Or if you want it to be more elaborate, you can trace the cross three times as you pray, 'May Jesus – the Bringer of Joy, the Revelation of God's great Love, the Source of all Hope, and the Prince of Peace – be in your heart.' Then, they pray the same prayer for you.

It would be wonderful if parents prayed this prayer for their children, and if children prayed this prayer for their parents, and if family members and friends prayed it for one another. It would express our deep desire to experience Jesus this Christmas. It would allow us to recognise and call forth the presence of Jesus in the hearts of those we love.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed to our celebration of Christmas at St Cecilia's. This includes the children who performed the Nativity Play at our Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, our musicians and singers, and our readers. It also includes those who worked behind the scenes preparing our hall, church and grounds for Christmas. May God bless you for your dedicated service.

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS:** May your heart be filled with joy this Christmas for the wonderful gift of Jesus. May the peace and joy of Christmas remain with you throughout the New Year.

– Fr Kevin