



# 天主教香港教區禮儀委員會

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Kindly circulate to all priests and deacons. Thank you very much.

To: Parish Priests and House Superiors of Religious Institutes /  
Societies of Apostolic Life / Personal Prelature

21 November 2016

Dear Reverend Father / Brother / Sister,

You are kindly requested to note the following arrangements as prescribed in *Ordo 2016-2017* for the Masses on the coming Solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord, Mary, Mother of God, and the Epiphany of the Lord, Feasts of the Holy Family, and the Baptism of the Lord:

### Saturday, 24 December 2016

For the anticipated Sunday Masses in the evening, the Proper of the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord is to be used. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 53-62)

If the anticipated Sunday Masses is rescheduled to 8pm or later, the Midnight Mass of the Nativity of the Lord may be celebrated. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 63-70)

### Sunday, 25 December 2016, Christmas Day

Christmas is a holyday of obligation in our Diocese. The faithful are obliged to participate in **one** of the following Masses of the Nativity of the Lord: Vigil Mass, Midnight Mass, Mass at Dawn, or Mass of the Day. Parish Priests are to make appropriate arrangements so that the faithful may fulfill their obligation.

The Proper of the Nativity of the Lord is to be used. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 71-87)

### Friday, 30 December 2016, Feast of the Holy Family

The Proper of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is to be used. The Creed is omitted. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 88-95; choice of First Reading or Second Reading)

### Saturday, 31 December 2016

For the anticipated Sunday Masses in the evening, the Proper of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is to be used. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 104-109)

### Sunday, 1 January 2017, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Proper of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is to be used for all Masses.

### Saturday, 7 January 2017

For the anticipated Sunday Masses in the evening, the Proper of the Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord is to be used. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 120-126)

### Sunday, 8 January 2017, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The Proper of the Epiphany of the Lord is to be used for all Masses. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 127-134)

### Monday, 9 January 2017, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

The Proper of the Baptism of the Lord is to be used. The Creed is omitted. (*Sunday Missal: Advent & Christmas*, pp. 135-140; choice of First Reading or Second Reading)

Season of the Ordinary Time begins on Tuesday, 10 January 2017.

Emmanuel!



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