

## Gospel for Christmas Day 2020 `

## Luke (Chapter 2, verses 1 - 14)

In those days a decree went out from The Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, that a census should take place so that the whole world would be enrolled. So everyone went to be enrolled, each to their own town.

Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David. He went to be enrolled with Mary, his wife, who was expecting a baby. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, an animal feed box, in a stable because there was no room for them at the inn.



Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were struck with great fear. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy, a joy for all the people. Today in the city of David a saviour has been born for you who is Christ the Lord. This is how you will recognise Him: you will find Him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly with that angel there was a whole multitude of the angels, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”



## The Gospel of the Lord