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## Born unto Us!

*Eberhard Arnold*

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11) .*

**There is no event** in the history of salvation that so expressly calls forth joy as does the experience of Christmas. Into the world of fear and worry, right into the midst of all our troubles, comes the proclamation of great joy, "Today a Savior has been born to you!"

The coming of the deliverer among people who groan under their need in loneliness and death must truly be a source of abundant joy. One is born who brings us the greatest thing of all: fellowship with the living God! Here is One who through his life and death brings God to all those who are willing to accept him.

Christ's birth was a prelude to his death. The lowliness of his birth, the immediate persecution by Herod, and the terrible massacre at Bethlehem – these are the signs over the manger signifying the life that awaited him; they are the sign of the cross. But they are also the sign that the broken bond between us and God will be restored.

**This brings us great joy!** Here is someone who will sacrifice everything in order to free us and redeem us.

*The angel does not merely say that Christ is born; he says, "for you," for you he is born. He does not say, "I bring news of great joy"; he says, "to you, I bring news of great joy."*

This little child is our Saviour because he is born to redeem us from our sins. His life and death, the action of his spirit, proves that he is the Son of the living God. This is the gospel: what

was promised through the prophets is the Son who in the flesh is born of the seed of David and whose power is proven as Son in the Spirit.

This living, risen Son can only be known by faith. "The real, blessed faith that God's word and work demands," Martin Luther says, "is the firm faith that Christ is born for you and that his birth is yours, that it took place for your sake; for the gospel teaches that Christ was born for our sake and that he died and suffered all things for our sake. The angel does not merely say that Christ is born; he says, 'for you,' for you he is born. He does not say, 'I bring news of great joy'; he says, 'to you, I bring news of great joy.'"

**The birth of Jesus** took place under the sign of light. If we want to become united with the One who was born, we will give ourselves wholly to him – with all our sins! For, as Luther reminds us in the old words of the mystic Angelus Silesius, "Were Christ born a thousand times in Bethlehem and not in you, you would still be eternally lost."

For Luther the Redeemer is identified with the sinner. "See, Christ takes our birth from us to himself and immerses it in his birth and gives us his, so that in it we might become pure and new, as if it were our own. Thus every Christian may rejoice and glory in this birth, as if he, like Christ, were born of Mary." Therefore, Christ must become ours and we his. To us a child is born, to us a son is given. Born to us, to us, to us!

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## OÍCHE NOLLAG 2018

AIFREANN NA GINE  
Dé Luain 24 Nollaig  
Masses in Irish on  
Christmas Eve  
Monday 24 December

**7.30 p.m.**

### ARD AIDHIN

AIREAGAL AN AISÉIRÍ  
Bóthar na Cille Móire,  
Baile Átha Cliath 5

### ARTANE

Oratory of the Resurrection,  
Kilmore Road, Dublin 5

**9.00 p.m.**

### BELFIELD

AN SÉIPÉAL OLL-  
SCOILE  
An Coláiste Ollscoile,  
Baile Átha Cliath 4

### BELFIELD

University Chapel,  
UCD, Dublin 4

### In Memoriam

#### Masses this Weekend

Masses on 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

11am: Irene Sharpe (Anniversary)

5pm: James Mannion (Anniversary)

25 December

9.30: Maeve Mulligan Anniversary

29/30 December

11am: Billy Hederman Anniversary

### W/e 16th December 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Collection: €1050

Share Collection: €980

Weekday collections: €455

THANK YOU



### Christmas Programme 2018 Confession

After 10.00am Mass Saturday 22nd September  
And after 10.00am Mass Monday 24th December

*Monday 24th December 2018* Mass at 10.00am only

### Christmas Eve 2018

Vigil Mass commences 6.00pm preceded by Carols  
First Mass commences 9.00pm preceded by Carols  
Croatian Christmas Mass 11.00pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY 2018

Morning Masses 9.30, 11.00am  
Croatian Mass 12.30pm

THERE IS NO EVENING MASS

### ST STEPHEN'S DAY 2018

Wednesday 26th December

Morning Mass at 10.00am

There will only be one weekday mass from Wednesday  
26th December until  
Saturday 29th December

### Saturday 29th December:

Mass at 10.00am.

Vigil Mass, 6.00pm

### Holy Family Sunday 30th December

Masses 9.30am, 11am, 5pm

Croatian Mass, 6.30pm

### Tuesday 1st January 2019

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God*, Mass at 10am only

Normal weekday Masses resume on Wednesday 2nd  
January 2019, 10.00am and 12.40pm

### Feast of the Epiphany 6th January 2019

Saturday 5th January—Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday 6th January—Masses at 9.30am, 11am and  
5pm

Croatian Mass at 6.30pm

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