### **Chaplaincy Newsletter**

## Week Beginning 24<sup>th</sup> April



# Scripture Luke 2:1-20 (The birth of Jesus)

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. <sup>2</sup> (This was the first census that took place while<sup>[a]</sup> Quirinius was governor of Syria.) <sup>3</sup> And everyone went to their own town to register.



<sup>4</sup>So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. <sup>5</sup>He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, <sup>7</sup> and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

### **Faith in Action**

We did look at this scripture at the time of Christmas; however, we look at this week remembering the role of Mary.

How brave and courageous she was and how she showed true faith that Jesus is the Messiah.

For this, Mary is known as the first disciple and a role model for how she stayed strong in faith throughout her life. We encourage our students this week to discuss how we can be more like Mary in our lives and show strong faith in God, though we may sometimes find our faith challenged.

#### Prayer

Dear Lord,

Please provide me with the strong faith that we see displayed by Mary in the scripture. Teach us how to be strong, wise and merciful.

We ask this of you especially when things are most difficult for us.

Amen