



## Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie

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Please Note: Monday is **Father Mathews DAY OFF** so, unless it is urgent, please wait until Tuesday to contact him. Thank you.

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent / 24th December 2023

<b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b> <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am  <b>OUR LADY OF GRACE</b> Sunday 8.00am	<b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b> <b>REFER TO MASS TABLE BELOW</b> NO Monday Mass Tuesday: 8.00am Wednesday: 8.00am Thursday: 8.00am Friday: 9.00am	<b>Volunteers are needed</b> for Mass linen washing, Church cleaning, dusting, and watering the garden. Please put your name and contact number in the church foyer.
<b>RECONCILIATION</b> <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm <b>OUR LADY OF GRACE</b> Sunday Before 8.00am Mass	<b>CELEBRATIONS</b> <b>Baptisms:</b> Contact Parish Office <b>Weddings:</b> Contact Father	<b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b> 25/12 The NATIVITY of the LORD (Christmas)

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS			Planned Giving
Sat 23	6.00pm	People of the Parish	The Planned Giving program is an important part of the Parish as it allows us to maintain all aspects of the Church, Presbytery and Parish Centre. In order to keep the Parish viable we must maintain a target of 95% and above each week. Last week's giving was 75% of target. <b>Thank you!</b>
Sun 24	8.00am	People of the Parish	
	9.30am	People of the Parish	
Sun 24	6.00pm	People of the Parish	
Sun 24	9:30pm	People of the Parish	
Mon 25	8.00am	People of the Parish	
Mon 25	9.30am	People of the Parish	

#### PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN THE WORLD

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust to you the people of Ukraine, Israel, Palestine and all peoples who suffer from injustice. Protect them all in this time of peril. Let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all. We are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary Our Mother, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.

**Happy Christmas & New year 2024**  
**Glory to God in the Highest! May the blessings of God's special gifts be yours this Christmas and in the New Year. May the timeless message of Christmas Faith, Hope and Love fill your heart and home with joy now and forever. Wishing you all a Blessed Christmas and New Year.**

**Please Note: New Year morning Mass will be on 1st January Monday at 9.00am. Please do come to begin the year with God's blessings.**

#### SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience. (Source: Loyola Press)

**A Big thank you to all who supported Christmas Cake and Produce Stall fundraising event on Sunday, December 17th.. We have raised \$1,641. All proceeds will go towards upgrading the portable sound system.**

#### Christmas Mass Times

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm. Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Day 6:00pm**  
**Christmas Carols 9:00 pm & Mass 9.30pm**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day 8:00am & 9:30am**  
**Pickering Brook Masses: Sunday 8:00am & 8:00pm Vigil. Christmas Day 8:00am**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Mark Blackwell, Louise Miller, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Martinen, Ann Elliott, Barbara Chodorowski, Jim Everett, Colleen Searle, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Olive Ferguson, Emma Newman, Oliver Reid, Marc Fernandes, Mary J Wilson, Reece McCuthcheon, Herman Z, Rita Z, Beatrix Zureich, Phillip Everett, Liz Lennon, Lin Sole, Ryan Campbell, Fiona Ball, Jill Turner, Marjorie Bly, Lucy Baranca, June McGinnity, Katie Searle, Tom Ryan, Len Brajkovich, Bruno Toffoli, Annemarie Domican, Michael Gillum, Ron Byrnes, Josephine Rondena, Cecilia Norris, Fr. PaulRaj, Fr. Vittorio Ricciardi, Delta & Eris Toop, Patrick M., Blair Richards, Fr. Wayne Davies, Theo Oorschot, Jenny Conti, Mary R., Fevziye R., and those battling with illness **and all those who have asked for our prayers.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Cecilia Norris (RIP) *Eternal rest unto her O Lord and may the perpetual Light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

DECEMBER	24	24	25	25	30	31	31
MASS	6PM	9:30PM	8AM	9.30AM	6PM	8AM	9.30AM
PROCLAIMER	Christine	Volunteer	Chris L.	Sabrina	Bambi	Chris L	Melanie
ACOLYTE	George	Richard	Lou	Dermot	Dermot	Terry	Richard
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	Mark & Eddie	Choir	S. Spencer	S. Spencer	S.Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie
CHURCH CLEANER		Maggie D.				Veronika & Bernadette	