



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie

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Parish Office: Tuesday 9.00-3.30pm

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

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St Mary of the Cross / B 8th August 2021

SUNDAY MASS TIMES OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday 8.00am	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES NO Monday Mass Tuesday 9.00am or 9.15am (School Mass) Wednesday: 9.00am Thursday 9.00am Friday 9.00am	PLEASE REMEMBER Covid-19 directives remain in place. These guidelines must be followed to keep us all safe and well. There is no room for complacency!
RECONCILIATION OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday 11.30am-12.00pm & 5.15pm - 5.45pm OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday Before 8.00am Mass	CELEBRATIONS Baptisms: Contact Parish Office Weddings: Contact Father	FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK 08/08 St Mary of the Cross 10/08 St Lawrence 11/08 St Clare 14/08 St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

PARISH EVENTS

- ♦ Parish Prayer Group **Thursday from 10.45am** in the Parish Centre
- ♦ Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, **Saturday, August 28 @ 10am**, St Mary's Cathedral

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS			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. This week's giving was 76% of the target. <i>Thank you!</i>
Sat 07	6.00pm	Mass for the People	
Sun 08	8.00am	Mary McGrown (Ann)	Plenary Council Prayer Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land. O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council. Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road. Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying. Lead your Church into a hope-filled future that we may live the joy of the Gospel. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen. Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.
	9.30am	Basilio Collura (Ann)	
	5.30pm	In Thanksgiving	
Tues 10	9.00am	Ivan Separovich (Ann)	
Wed 11	9.00am	Maria Fiume R.I.P.	
Thur 12	9.00am	Gary Bouwhuin (Ann)	
Fri 13	9.00am	Holy Souls	
Sat 14	6.00pm	Holy Souls	
	8.00am	In Honour of B.V.M.	
	9.30am		
Sun 15	5.30pm		

Prayer in time of COVID

Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.



SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Christians are very use to be criticised for all sorts of things. “Ah the church is too wealthy. The leaders are focused on power. The leaders don’t care enough for the poor” and the list goes on. Generally, there are very good answers for these accusations, and it is easy to dismiss them as “the arrogance” of unbelievers. Yet perhaps there is a need to listen to what lies beneath the claims. While these people might be trying to reason for not to submit their lives to God, they may also be reacting out of genuine sense what Christianity should be. The high standard that the world places on the Church might actually well be a prophetic call for us to rethink the way that we live. Back in the fifth century the very passionate preacher John Chrysostom who once said to his Church “Do you know the reason why the heathen refuse to believe us? Because they expect of us to prove the Truth of our teaching by deeds and not by words. When they see us building fine houses, buying baths and gardens and broad lands they do not believe that we really regard our time here on earth as simply a preparation for eternal life. Thus, do we betray the mission that Christ has entrusted to us?” John Chrysostom was truly challenging his Christian community. His direct words also challenge us today. Maybe God is using our most vocal critics to call us to look again how our lives and where our priorities lay. We may cast our minds to how Jesus sent out the disciples on the mission. Christianity is like that. It is never something to be kept for oneself. It always involves outreach to others. Without that element it would not be Christianity. Jesus empowered the disciples. Christ also empowers us. The apostle’s mission was first a spiritual one and of preaching repentance, the imminent coming of God and it involved also the physical and mental healing. For God is concerned with the whole person, soul and body. As disciples of Christ, he challenges, us to be active not passive nor possessive followers of his. No matter what our social position is we are called always to be mindful of the poor and to be by continually lobbying for justice for those who have no voice. The story is told of a man who was exasperated of the state of the world around him. He shouted to God, “Why don’t you do something about this!” “But I have.” replied God – “I have created you.” We are God’s hands, voice and feet.

St. Mary of the Cross (St. Mary MacKillop). There is a larger-than-life bronze statue which portrays a young vibrant Mary. Sculptor, Louis Laumen, explains the image depicts Mary descending a staircase, as if she had just been upstairs to put on her habit for the very first time” We see a Sister Mary MacKillop, not on a pedestal, but stepping down and stepping out, with love that is real and active, and clutching a book. And we recall Mary writing, “**To me, the will of God is a very dear book which I never tire of reading.**” (1873). The bronze statue of Mary MacKillop is a reminder to us to step out and follow Christ by serving those around us with love”. “Never see a need without doing something about it. Have courage and patience and God will help you in all things right.” “Let us resign ourselves into His hands and pray that in all things He may guide us to do His Holy Will. When thoughts of this come, I turn to Him and say:” Only what you will, my God. Use me as you will”. “Whatever troubles you may before you, accept them bravely, remembering Whom you are trying to follow. Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you all your life. God will reward you as only He can.” Mary MacKillop.

The Australian census will be held on the 10th August 2021. The Census will provide a snapshot of who Australians are. The census is a key tool that government uses to determine how organisations, schools, church ministries and community groups are prioritised, funded and empowered to best operate in our State. The information collected has implications for the planning and future placing of parishes, schools and church agencies. **Within the census there is a question on religious affiliation. This question is optional. It is important that those who are practicing Catholics or those who identify as Catholic answer this question. I ask that you encourage those who attend our parishes and their extended families and those who are part of our local parish community answer this question by stating their religious affiliation as Catholic. The data collected will greatly assist this Archdiocese and the wider Catholic Church in Australia in responding to the needs of Catholics in the future. Thank you for your co-operation.**

Thank you A sincere thanks to the unnamed volunteers this week who attended to the grounds of the church and parish. Thank you so very much. Fr. M.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK Louise Miller, Keith Hawkins, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Marttinen, Ann Elliott, Fiona Mackenzie-Round, Barbara Chodorowski, Kathy Young, Jim Everett, Colleen Searle, Vincent Ramsay, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Paula Silla, Chris Burke, Olive Ferguson, Helen C, Emily C, Fred Fernandes, Emma Newman, Oliver Reid, Paula Liddle, Harvey Loftus, Irene Kitchen, Elaine Keble, Karl Ambrose, Fiona Chandler, Bryan Keble, Marc Fernandes, Giuseppe Fume, Leanne Joyce, Stephen Wiseman, Fr. Francis Ly, Gloria Perera, Mary J Wilson, Reece McCuthcheon *and all those who have asked for our prayers.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Fiume, Gary Bouwhuin,

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Ivan Separovich, Basilio Collura, Mary McGrown *Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.*

AUGUST	14	15	15	15		21	22	22	22
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	5.30PM		6PM	8AM	9.30AM	5.30PM
PROCLAIMER	Bambi G	Chris D	Mitch S	Emily G		Melanie D	Ellita D	Julia E	Laurie
ACOLYTE	Dermot	Terry	George	Martin		Richard	Dermot/Patrick	Lou	George
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers		Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	Shirley	Quiet Mass	Mark. Eddie, Karl	-		Shirley	Quiet Mass	Mark, Eddie, Karl	-
CLEANING	Maggie D					Veronika & Bernadette			

