



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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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary / B 15th 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 20/08 St Bernard 21/08 St Pius X 22/08 The Queenship of Mary

PARISH EVENTS

- ◆ Parish Prayer Group **Thursday from 10.45am** in the Parish Centre
- ◆ Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, **Saturday, August 28 @ 10am**, St Mary's Cathedral
- ◆ Father's Day Stall—**Sunday 5th September** after 8.00am and 9.30am Masses

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS		
Sat 14	6.00pm	Mass for the People
Sun 15	8.00am	In Honour B.V.M.
	9.30am	Brian McGinnity (Ann)
	5.30pm	Peter Sia & Benedict Ngian R.I.P.
Tues 17	9.15am	Yr 5 Class Mass Peter Sia & Benedict Ngian R.I.P.
Wed 18	9.00am	Katie Petkovich R.I.P.
Thur 19	9.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 20	9.00am	Matthew Sala Tenna MM Departed Henderson Family
Sat 21	6.00pm	
Sun 22	8.00am	
	9.30am	Ian Broberg (Ann)
	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.

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 84% of the target.
Thank you!

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.



SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

There was a wonderful Cardinal Archbishop of London some years ago. His name was Basil Hume. Many of you may remember him. Every couple of weeks Basil had a policy where he would visit an elderly woman who was bed ridden. She was cared by her unmarried daughter. There was a set procedure to the pastoral visits. What happened, Basil was met at the door by the daughter, she would take him into the room where her mother was. Basil would stay there for however long talking and praying with the woman and then he would come out and would have a cup of tea together and then he would go. In the room where they would have a cup of tea there was a picture of Jesus. Now trust me when I tell you that this picture did Jesus no favours at all. Indeed, it offended Basil's artistic sensibilities. To add insult to injury there were words attached to this picture, "He' is watching you!" That made Basil absolutely cringe. It reminded him of all the times as a child when his mother said the same words to him, "He is watching you!" Anyway, one day the woman came in with the cups of tea and caught Basil looking at the picture. All the thoughts I had just described to you were going through Basil's head. The woman said to him "Oh Father don't you just love that picture!" Fortunately, before Basil could open his mouth the woman continued. "Oh, I love it and particularly the words underneath "He is watching you" Yes, because I think to myself that's right, he loves me so much he can't take his eyes off me". The message went home to Basil, big time. God's watching us not to make sure that we trip things up. Not to make sure we are going wrong. God's eyes are totally focused on us because he loves us. In this coming week may we too understand and know in the fibre of our being that our dear and loving God is eternally looking at us with the eyes of relenting love.

Self-Condernation. It is a strange thing that many Christians are afraid of looking at the Cross. For many people when they look upon the Cross and the message that they hear is that; "You are not good enough: This is a symbol of how horrible you are: Your sin is so great that you did this to me." That is what we think we hear Jesus saying to us. Now Christians would never admit that this is what they think. But this false belief is often betrayed by a reluctance to pray or the fact to find that it is a struggle to find joy in the gift of the Cross. When Jesus died on the cross, he was speaking only the message of pure love and forgiveness. The whole point of the Cross is that God is saying he loves us while we are sinners, and it is only when we receive that love that we will be able to stop sinning. This comes from two places. Firstly, we can have some deep false beliefs in our life that we can never be forgiven or that we can never be loved. But this self-condernation can also come from a deep pride. "I am ashamed that I am not perfect so I will try to make myself perfect by beating myself into shape. I need to realise that every time that I feel shame of and over sin. The pain has more to do with my wounded pride than with a genuine feeling of being condemned by God. We need to pray for the grace of absolute confidence in the mercy of God to heal those false beliefs but also the humility to accept that I am not perfect and never will be and only then can we be truly free to rejoice in the Cross. On this solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we remember her, the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the Cross who also had to look forward in faith to the meaning and freedom that the Cross brings to all of us as God's children.

The Real Presence. "Sometimes people are dismissive of a sacramental, non-literalist understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. There maybe be a fear that the "real" is downplayed in favour of something which is merely "symbolic". But this is to misunderstand the structure of the sacramental reality. For Aquinas, a sacrament has three inter-related dimensions, none of which can be disregarded: **Sacramentum** - the sacrament itself, which is the bread and wine. **Res**- the ultimate reality or purpose, which is our unity with God as the Mystical Body of Christ. **Sacramentum et res** - the intermediate or bridging sacramental reality, which is the Body and Blood of Christ. Thus, the sacramental sign of bread and wine is not irrelevant: rather it is how we participate in Christ who is present sacramentally, the way to union with God. The signifying and the reality are two sides of the coin. Sacraments are efficacious instruments of God's grace ... so that our sacrament not only effects what it signifies, but also signifies what it effects. Acceptance of the sacramental nature of Christ's real presence liberates us from scruples." Dr. Tom Eliche.

Fathers Day Stall preserves and baked goods will be on sale **Sunday 5th September** after both the 8am and 9.30am Masses. If you are able to assist with sales on the day or provide goodies for the stall please contact Shirley on 0412762788.

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: Peter Sia, Benedict Ngian, Katie Petkovich, Vince Juras,

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Brian McGinnity, Matthew Sala Tenna, **Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.**

AUGUST	21	22	22	22		28	29	29	29
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	5.30PM		6PM	8AM	9.30AM	5.30PM
PROCLAIMER	Melanie D	Ellita D	Julia E	Laurie		Volunteer	Volunteer	Aida P	Eric m
ACOLYTE	Richard	Dermot/Patrick	Lou	George		Terry	Martin	Richard	Lou
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers		Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	Shirley	Quiet Mass	Mark. Eddie, Karl	-		Shirley	Quiet Mass	Mark, Eddie, Karl	-
CLEANING	Veronika & Bernadette					Glenys & Aida			

