



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie

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Parish Office: Tuesday and Friday 9.00-3.30pm

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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The EPIPHANY of the LORD / 7th January 2024

<u>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</u>	<u>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</u> <u>REFER TO MASS TABLE BELOW</u>	Volunteers are needed for Church cleaning, dusting, and watering the garden. Please con- tact the parish office. You help will be greatly appreciated.
OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am	NO Monday Mass Tuesday: 8.00am Wednesday: 8.00am Thursday: 8.00am Friday: 9.00am	
OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday 8.00am		
RECONCILIATION OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday 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 8/1 The Baptism of the Lord 13/1 St Hilary, bishop, doctor

PARISH EVENTS:

Parish Morning Tea will be after 9:30am Sunday Mass. All welcome!!

<u>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</u>			Planned Giving
Sat 6	6.00pm	Holy Souls	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. Three weeks update will be given on 21st January. Thank you!
Sun 7	8.00am	Thanksgiving	
	9.30am	Thanksgiving	
Tue 9	8.00am	Holy Souls	Prayer of Peace - Saint Francis of Assisi Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us. Amen.
Wed 10	8.00am	Carol Coyle (RIP)	
Thu 11	8.00am	Holy Souls	
Fri 12	9.00am	Holy Souls	

Safeguarding of our children in the Parish

The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Project was started in 2016 by Archbishop Timothy Costello SDB with the aim of providing a safe and secure environment for all its members, leaders and especially children and vulnerable adults. Our Lady of Lourdes is committed to creating a safe parish.

Parish Office

To your kind attention please, Parish office will be closed from 8th to 15th January. Fr Bill Ousley Omi, could be contacted on 92911509 for any spiritual emergency.

SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . ." The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana. (Source: Loyola Press)

New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we have begun a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. Amen.

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 McCutcheon, Herman Z, Rita Z, Beatrix Zureich, Phillip Everett, Liz Lennon, Lin Sole, Ryan Campbell, Fiona Ball, Jill Turner, Marjorie Bly, Lucy Barranca, June McGinnity, Katie Searlle, Tom Ryan, Len Brajkovich, Bruno Toffoli, Annemarie Domican, Michael Gillum, Ron Byrnes, Josephine Rondena, Cecilia Norris, Fr. Paul Raj, Fr. Vittorio Ricciardi, Delta & Eris Toop, Patrick M., Blair Richards, Fr. Wayne Davies, Theo Oorschot, Jenny Conti, Mary R., Fevziye R., Thomas Lee, Judy & Richard Gaitskell families and those battling with illness **and all those who have asked for our prayers.**

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: .Carol Coyle. *Eternal rest unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.*

DECEMBER	13	14	14	20	21	21
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	6PM	8AM	9.30AM
PROCLAIMER	Bambi	Chris D	Sabrina	Pam	Ellita	Aida
ACOLYTE	George	Dermot	Lou	Dermot	Lou	George
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie	S.Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie
CHURCH CLEANER	Julia E.			Pam		