



## 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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## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph / 31st December 2023

SUNDAY MASS TIMES	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES REFER TO MASS TABLE BELOW	Please Note
<b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> 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	<b>On Monday 1st January ,we have a Holy Mass at 9.00am. I invite all of you to come along and we shall entrust ourselves and families to Mary, the Holy Mother of God.</b>
<b>OUR LADY OF GRACE</b> Sunday 8.00am		
<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> 1/1 MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD 2/1 Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

**PARISH EVENTS:**  
Parish Morning Tea will be Sunday 7th January after 9:30 Mass. All welcome!!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS			Planned Giving
Sat 30	6.00pm	Thanksgiving	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 <b>81%</b> of target. <b>Thank you!</b>
Sun 31	8.00am	Thanksgiving	
	9.30am	Thanksgiving	
Mon 1	9.00am	Thanksgiving	<b>Safeguarding of our children in the Parish</b> 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.
Tue 2 & Wed 3	8.00am	Holy Souls	
Thu 4	8.00am	Holy Souls	
Fri 5	9.00am	Holy Souls	

### 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.

### A Big Thank you

Dear brothers and sisters,  
I take this time to thank each of you for your constant support and willingness to give the best of yourself to our faith community in 2023. In particular, all those who are in different parish ministry, Parish staff and Volunteers. God Bless your family. I am offering this weekend Mass for your intentions. Let us always be united in prayer, love and charity.

### SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

According to the Law of Moses as presented in the Book of Leviticus, a woman was considered ritually unclean during her menstrual period and for a prescribed period of time following the birth of a child. After the birth of a son, a woman was considered ritually unclean for 40 days. After the birth of a daughter, a woman was considered unclean for 80 days. In order to be restored to ritual purity, a Jewish woman performed the appropriate rites of purification and made the prescribed ritual offering.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor. Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Cantic of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimittis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours. (Source: Loyola Press)

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK :** Mark Blackwell, Louise Miller, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Marttinen, 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 Rondona, 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:** To all our deceased family members, relatives and friends. **Eternal rest unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.**

January	6	7	7	13	14	14
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	6PM	9:30PM	8AM
PROCLAIMER	Peter	Chris L.	Mitch	Bambi	Chris D	Chris L.
ACOLYTE	Richard	George	Terry	George	Dermot	Lou
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie	S.Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie
CHURCH CLEANER	Aida			Julia E.		
Morning Tea	Ana & Mary					