

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie

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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 Nativity of The Lord / A 25th December 2022

SUNDAY MASS TIMES WEEKDAY MASS TIMES COVID-19 as of 23 Nov 2022 REFER TO MASS TABLE BELOW 1. Book your Fourth dose if eligible. **OUR LADY OF LOURDES** 2. Wash or sanitise your hands NO Monday Mass Saturday Vigil 6.00pm regularly. Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm Tuesday: 8.00am or 9.15am (School Mass) **3.** If unwell, stay home and get tested. Wednesday: 8.00am **4.** Wear a mask if necessary 5. Collect your free RAT's from loca-Thursday: 8.00am **OUR LADY OF GRACE** tions across state: register positive Sunday 8.00am Friday: 9.00am results. RECONCILIATION **CELEBRATIONS** FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK 26/12 St. Stephen, the First martyr **OUR LADY OF LOURDES** 27/12 St John, apostle, evangelist 28/12 The Holy Innocents, martyrs **Baptisms:** Contact Parish Office Saturday 11.30am - 12.00 pm and 5.15pm - 5.45pm Weddings: Contact Father **OUR LADY OF GRACE** 30/12 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Sunday Before 8.00am Mass

PARISH EVENTS:

Next Parish Morning Tea will be the First Sunday of February

Working Bee A sincere thanks to the many volunteers who gave generously of their time in the Parish Working Bee. **Christmas Cake Stall** Thanks again to *Shirley Spencer and her tireless helpers*. The Cake Stall raised \$1587.50 In light of the Bishop's recent appeal for assistance in the Ukraine, half of the stall's proceeds have been forwarded to that appeal. Again, *Thank you everyone for your generous support*.

| WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS | | | | |
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| Sat 24 | 6.00pm | Int. of Donor | | |
| | 12.00am | Mass for the People | | |
| Sun 25 | 8.00am | Int. of Donor | | |
| | 9.30am | Mass for the People -Angelo Fonte (M.M.) | | |
| | 5.30pm | NO MASS | | |
| Tue 27 | 8.00am | Milojka Gavranich (Ann) | | |
| Wed 28 | 8.00am | Int. of Donor | | |
| Thu 29 | 8.00am | Int. of Donor | | |
| Fri 30 | 9.00am | In Thanksgiving | | |

Prayer for Vocations

Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who is always mindful of your Church. Watch over those who are baptised in your name and grant peace and harmony to all families. We ask you to choose from the families of our Parish many priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers who will gladly spend their lives making you known and loved. Amen.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them 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.

Planned Giving

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 will be posted next week.

Thank you!

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consub-

stantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy,

catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Give a Name

One of the most valuable tools in dealing with life is our growing capacity to name things. It seems once we can do that, we seem to be able to deal more easily and constructively with the presenting issue. We know how important that is in our physical illnesses because once something has been accurately diagnosed, we can get the medicine to treat it. It used to be that we didn't have names for a lot of the ills human and otherwise that beset us. Now we know that there is such a thing as for instance a postal natal depression. The people who suffer can therefore get the right treatment instead of wondering around in protracted misery. We can name grief. We can name as I said depression in its many forms. We can name post-traumatic stress syndrome and the list can go on and on. This also applies of course to our dealings with one another. How freeing it is when two people wanting to sort out their varying differences are able to name that which is affecting both. It could be the source of healing peace. It is a great thing when you can name and all sorts of levels, jealousy, dishonesty, integrity, justice, joy and again the list goes on and on. We do need to be careful of course that our naming is correct. How many children have had their behaviour wrongly named as "whatever" and then have been treated accordingly, when the real fact they were too bright for the class? I recall a fellow primary school classmate being continually punished for his so-called misbehaviour in class but in hindsight today he would have been diagnosed as being on "the spectrum". The point I am simply making here is that once a thing has been named, we know what we are dealing with and can plot away forward. So it is with God. Joy makes way across our hearts. Do we call out "that's God!" Or a dream is fulfilled, or an answer found, and we really can accurately say "That's God!" When difficulties in life arise and challenges seem insurmountable, I recommend in every day take a moment to actually ask God to be in your life. Invite Him into your heart, then you will always be able to tell what is God and what is not. The mere naming of what is not God will set you just as free as knowing what it is. On this great solemnity, celebrating the nativity of the holy Child, we name and acknowledge who is God. We acknowledge that the foretold oracles of the prophets are fulfilled and He who is conceived of the Holy Spirit and born is named; we too acclaim as did Elizabeth that this child who was still in the womb of his blessed Mother has a heavenly and earthy nature and is Lord; we share in the song that John the Baptist sang of this named holy child and our hope is raised as the bearer of Good News has dawned; we are dawn together in awe by the mystery, and innocence and by the purity of the Virgin who longed for this holy child and cared for him with love beyond all telling; we rejoice that Joseph who of the House of David gives the holy child a name, that gives him a family belonging; we hear the angels proclamation to the shepherds of the heavenly event and of the invitation for them to go, see and believe. Our heavenly Father at the time of his baptism in the River Jordan names Him as his beloved Son. Now named, may we too proclaim in faith that "a Saviour has been born to us He is Christ the Lord!" and liberated go forward in living life not in, darkness, fear and uncertainty but in light, joy, peace and hope. May Christ our Lord and saviour always be our guide and centre of our life!!! A blest Christmastide to ALL and may the new Year abundantly be blest with good health, peace, joy and steadfast hope.

Fr. Michael

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK</u> Mark Blackwell, Louise Miller, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Marttinen, Ann Elliott, Fiona Mackenzie-Round, Barbara Chodorowski, Jim Everett, Colleen Searle, Katy Searle, Vincent Ramsay, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Paula Silla, Olive Ferguson, Helen C, Emily C, Emma Newman, Oliver Reid, Fiona Chandler, Marc Fernandes, Mary J Wilson, Reece McCuthcheon, Herman Z, Rita Z, Beatrix Zureich, Amparo Ortiz, Phillip Everett, Liz Lennon, Lin Sole, Ryan Campbell, Jenny Conti, Deane Breseland, Fiona Ball, Greg O'Connor, Joan Jacobs, Mgr. Tim Corcoran, Jill Turner, Marjorie Bly, Gail Goerke, Isabelle Tysoe, Fred Fernandes, Julia Everett, Katie Ammendolea, Ursula McClure, Marjorie Bly, Lovro Stokovich, Vanessa Schofield, Lucy Barranca, Natalizia Zurzolo *and all those who have asked for our prayers.*

RECENTLY DECEASED: Sveta Puljich

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Angelo Fonte, Milojka Gavranich Eternal rest unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.

| DEC/JAN | 31 | 01 | 01 | 01 | 07 | 08 | 08 | 08 |
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| MASS | 6PM | 8AM | 9.30AM | 5.30PM | 6PM | 8AM | 9.30AM | 5.30PM |
| PROCLAIMER | Melanie | Chris L. | Julia | Louis | Peter | Chris D. | Sue | Santino |
| ACOLYTE | Lou | George | Terry | N/A | Terry | Dermot | Richard | N/A |
| COLLECTION | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers | Volunteers |
| MUSIC | Mark & Eddie | Choir | S. Spencer | | S. Spencer | Quiet Mass | Mark & Eddie | |
| CHURCH CLEANER | Veronika | | | Aida | | | | |
| MORNING TEA | | | | | | | | |