



Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie

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The Nativity of the Lord / B 25th December 2020

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 8.00am
Wednesday: 8.00am
Thursday 8.00am
Friday 9.00am

PLEASE REMEMBER
Covid-19 directives remain
in place. These guidelines
must be followed to keep us
all safe and well.

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

25/12 The Nativity of the Lord



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 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.

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL WITH A
HAPPY & PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS SEASON**

A reason for the Season.

I knew someone once; we use to call her "Billy". She really would be pleased that I am telling you this. She is in heaven now. As an old lady, Billy would sit in our parish church every Christmas and cry. It was because every Christmas she would remember the years past when as a young alcoholic mother she would spend Christmas Day and indeed most days in an alcoholic haze. Her four children would always do without. She would remember their disappointed little faces when they saw that Santa had been to every other house in the street but not theirs. And no matter how many years she lived in sobriety those memories would always come up to haunt her. She didn't now then what she knows now. There are a lot of Billie's out there. I know people who have deliberately gone away this Christmas or who have physically shut themselves in their house so that they don't have to face the past or the relatives with whom they have differences. I know people who have been dreading today. I know people who are not looking forward to today; to sitting down to a Christmas dinner with everyone else because someone they have loved is no longer alive and therefore not there. Or they have someone who has not remembered them this Christmas and it's a knife in their heart. So often Christmas tends to show up what divides us, what is unhealed, who and what is missing. Grief is so often worse at Christmas. That makes sense really, because today we celebrate **the person Jesus** who does unite, who heals, who restores and who by his very presence in our lives tells us that things do not have to stay the way they are. I wish Billy had seen that. She could have lived without the haunting memories. **God has truly come**, and he has come to unite what is divided. To heal what is broken. To restore who and what has been lost. To captivate us as only a little baby can and to make us see that all things are possible. You know, the Truth is this, **HE CAME FOR YOU!** There was a phrase a long time ago that said "Jesus is the reason for the season". Jesus would say "YOU are the reason for the season. You haunted with memories today I came for You! You who are running away because you can't face people, I came for **You**. Yes you, you are sitting on your own with no one around you, I came for You. You, who are frightened about what is to come. I came for **You!**" "Can you hear me? "God says. "I came for YOU. Bethlehem for me is where, wherever You are. I came to give you fresh memories. I came to fill you with courage for what is to come. I came to restore what has been lost". He has a vested interest in **US** in getting the message this Christmas and every Christmas. He is hoping that throughout this coming year that **YOU LET HIM** to make a difference in your life, but you'll **let Him keep coming**. When you wish someone a Happy Christmas today, may I suggest that you look them in the eye and when you utter the words "Happy Christmas", pray swiftly in your heart for that person. May you know that **HE CAME FOR YOU**. Go fill as many houses and streets as possible with that wish and pray. Souls will hear and the Christmas Good News will truly have come. An angel, you will have visited them and told their hearts" I bring you tidings of great joy for today in your Bethlehem a Saviour has been born for you!" I pray that this Christmas that you will feel that prayer deep within you. A very blest an holy Christmas to you All. God Bless!

Fr. Michael.



