





# 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 4th Sunday in ordinary time Year B / 28th January 2024

<b><u>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</u></b>  <b><u>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</u></b> Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am and 9.30am  <b><u>OUR LADY OF GRACE</u></b> Sunday 8.00am	<b><u>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</u></b>  NO Monday Mass Tuesday: 8.00am Wednesday: 8.00am Thursday: 8.00am Friday: 9.00am	<b>Volunteers are needed</b> for Church cleaning, dusting, and watering the garden. Please contact the parish office. Your help will be greatly appreciated.
<b><u>RECONCILIATION</u></b> <b><u>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</u></b> Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm  <b><u>OUR LADY OF GRACE</u></b> Sunday Before 8.00am Mass	<b><u>CELEBRATIONS</u></b>  <b><u>Baptisms:</u></b> Contact Parish Office  <b><u>Weddings:</u></b> Contact Father	<b><u>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</u></b> 31/1 St John Bosco, priest 2/2 The Presentation of the Lord

<b><u>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</u></b>			<b>Planned Giving</b> 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 were <b>90%</b> of target. <i><b>Thank you!</b></i>
Sat 27	6.00pm	Holy Souls	
Sun 28	8.00am	Holy Souls	
	9.30am	Thomas Peter Lustig (Ann)	
Tue 30	8.00am	Holy Souls	
Wed 31	8.00am	Holy Souls	
Thu 1	8.00am	Vera Coyle (Ann)	
Fri 2	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: Fr Bill Ousley OMI, could be contacted on 92911509 for any spiritual emergency.

### **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.

## SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'. Early in Mark's Gospel we already find evidence of the tension that will manifest itself fully in Jerusalem.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Our modern understanding of illness is very different. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today. It may have even been a way of describing certain kinds of physical conditions. There is evidence that there were many kinds of exorcists and healers in first-century Palestine. Jesus appears to be like these healers, but he heals with unique authority and connects his healing activities with the words of his preaching.

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, however, if we try to explain away the healing work of Jesus. The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. Mark's Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee. Source: Loyola Press).

**A LENTEN PROGRAMME** is being offered each Thursday in the Parish Centre 11am - 12 noon, beginning on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February. All very welcome. Enquiries to Shirley 0448 391 819 or Kathy 0407 777 387

**FLOWER ROSTER:** Have you ever thought of joining the flower team? We work in groups of three, so **no experience** is necessary. For more information, please contact Shirley 0448391819.

**MORNING TEA** Please join us for a cuppa after next Sunday 9:30 am Mass at the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** : Mark Blackwell, Louise Miller, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Marttinen, Barbara Chodorowski, Jim Everett, Colleen Searle, Katie Searle, Ralph Leon Mendoza, Olive Ferguson, Emma Newman, Oliver Reid, Marc Fernandes, Mary J Wilson, Reece McCuthcheon, Herman Z, Rita Z, Beatrix Zureich, Phillip Everett, Liz Lennon, Lin Sole, Ryan Campbell, Fiona Ball, Jill Turner, Marjorie Bly, Lucy Barranca, June McGinnity, Tom Ryan, Len Brajkovich, Bruno Toffoli, Annemarie Domican, Michael Gillum, Ron Byrnes, Josephine Rondena, 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 Gaittskell families and those battling with illness ***and all those who have asked for our prayers.***

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:** Thomas Peter Lustig, Vera Coyle. Eternal rest unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.

FEBRUARY	3	4	4	10	11	11
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	6PM	8AM	9.30AM
PROCLAIMER	Peter	Chris L.	Mitch	Bambi	Chris D	Sabrina
ACOLYTE	George	Terry	Lou	Lou	Dermot	Richard
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	S. Spencer
CHURCH CLEANER	Veronika & Bernadette			Aida		
MORNING TEA	Kathy W.					

