



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 3rd Sunday in ordinary time Year B / 21st January 2024

<u>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</u>	<u>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</u>	Volunteers are needed for Church cleaning, dusting, and watering the garden. Please contact the parish office. Your 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		
<u>RECONCILIATION</u>	<u>CELEBRATIONS</u>	<u>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</u>
OUR LADY OF LOURDES Saturday 5.15pm - 5.45pm	Baptisms: Contact Parish Office Weddings: Contact Father	24/1 St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor 25/1 The Conversion of St Paul, apostle 26/1 Australia Day
OUR LADY OF GRACE Sunday Before 8.00am Mass		

Solemn Blessing for Australia Day

May God who formed our southern land be for you a rock of strength.

May God who rules the great seas keep you safe in every storm.

May God who made the skies above turn your darkness into light.

<u>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</u>		
Sat 20	6.00pm	Deceased members of Anderson family
Sun 21	8.00am	Holy Souls
	9.30am	Michele Zurzolo (Ann)
Tue 23	8.00am	Holy Souls
Wed 24	8.00am	Holy Souls
Thu 25	8.00am	Holy Souls
Fri 26	9.00am	Australia Day
<p>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.</p>		
<p><u>Parish Office</u> To your kind attention please: Fr Bill Ousley Omi, could be contacted on 92911509 for any spiritual emergency.</p>		

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 three week's giving were 73%, 72% and 79% of target. <i>Thank you!</i>
<p><u>Prayer of Peace - Saint Francis of Assisi</u> 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.</p>

SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. Remember that in Cycle B of the Lectionary, most of the Gospel readings are taken from the Gospel according to Mark.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom? Source: Loyola Press).

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

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 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, 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 Gaitskell families and those battling with illness *and all those who have asked for our prayers.*

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: Michele Zurzolo. Eternal rest unto them O Lord and may Perpetual Light shine upon them.

JANUARY	27	28	28	FEB 3	4	4
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	6PM	8AM	9.30AM
PROCLAIMER	Melanie	Leon	Sue	Peter	Chris L.	Mitch
ACOLYTE	Terry	Richard	Dermot	George	Terry	Lou
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie
CHURCH CLEANER	Steph B.			Veronika & Bernadette		
				MORNING TEA	Kathy W.	

