





# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Lesmurdie

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Parish Office: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00-3.30pm

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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## Third Sunday of Advent A 11th December 2022

<u><b>SUNDAY MASS TIMES</b></u>  <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 5.30pm  <b>OUR LADY OF GRACE</b> Sunday 8.00am	<u><b>WEEKDAY MASS TIMES</b></u> <u><b>REFER TO MASS TABLE BELOW</b></u>  NO Monday Mass Tuesday: 8.00am or 9.15am (School Mass) Wednesday: 8.00am Thursday: 8.00am Friday: 9.00am	<b>COVID-19 as of 23 Nov 2022</b> 1. Book your Fourth dose if eligible. 2. Wash or sanitise your hands regularly. 3. If unwell, stay home and get tested. 4. Wear a mask if necessary 5. Collect your free RAT's from locations across state: register positive results.
<u><b>RECONCILIATION</b></u> <b>OUR LADY OF LOURDES</b> Saturday 11.30am - 12.00 pm and 5.15pm - 5.45pm <b>OUR LADY OF GRACE</b> Sunday Before 8.00am Mass	<u><b>CELEBRATIONS</b></u> <b>Baptisms:</b> Contact Parish Office <b>Weddings:</b> Contact Father	<u><b>FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK</b></u>  13/12 St Lucy, virgin, martyr

### PARISH EVENTS:

- **Christmas Cake Stall Sunday 18th December** after Sunday Morning Masses. Donations of Cakes and baked goods much appreciated. For more information please contact Shirley (0412 762 788)
- **Busy Bee Tidying up the church and surrounds for Christmas!! Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December.** Volunteers, gather at 8.00am. Bring your own tools.
- **Choir Practice for Christmas Midnight Mass** held weekly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm

<u><b>WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS</b></u>			<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 was <b>86%</b> of target. <b>Thank you!</b>
Sat 10	6.00pm	Holy Souls	
Sun 11	8.00am	Holy Souls	<b>PROFESSION OF FAITH</b>  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, consubstantial 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. <b>Amen.</b>
	9.30am	Holy Souls	
	5.30pm	Holy Souls	
Tue 13	8.00am	Int of Donor	
	1.00pm	Funeral	
Wed 14	8.00am	NO MASS	
	7.00pm	2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION	
Thu 15	8.00am	NO MASS	
Fri 16	9.00am	Holy Souls	
<b>Prayer for Vocations</b> 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. <b>Amen.</b>			
<b>Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine</b> 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. <b>Amen.</b> Mary Our Mother, Queen of Peace, Pray for us.			

## SPECIAL PARISH INFORMATION AND ARCHDIOCESAN EVENT

**Current Mass Attending Parishioners.** Dear Parishioners, the joint Parish Committees invite you to that you take up your copy of the Parish Survey Sheet before leaving Mass this weekend. It is encouraged that you take it home, give some prayerful thought and complete and return the form back to the church by the weekend of the 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> December. Your feedback and cooperation are greatly valued and appreciated. (Returns can be placed in the collection bag, dropped off at the presbytery Door letter box or handed into the Parish Office during normal Office hours).

**PARISH ADVENT: Second Rite of Reconciliation Christmas Preparation (COVID PERMITTING)**  
**This Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00p.m.** Keep this date and time free and noted in your diaries. It will be that wonderful opportunity to hand over to the Lord that which we have been keeping and carrying in the “dark space” of our being.

**Do you believe that I can do this?** Two challenging and beautiful readings we are given in this Advent period comes from Isaiah 29:17-24 and from the gospel of Mathew 9:27-31, the telling of the two blind men seeking Jesus and pleading for his mercy. There is a clear question in these texts. Do you believe that God can do this? Do we really believe that God can open the eyes of the blind, bring fruitfulness and fertility, bring down tyrants and those who scoff, destroy those who are disposed to do evil? I am sure at times we are all left with doubts as we look out at our society. Wars continue to rage, injustice towards the poor and the marginalised continues. Domestic violence and addiction riddle our society. Personally, we may be suffering hardships, losses, and setbacks in our own life journey. However, Jesus continues to ask the question especially on our witness “Do you believe I can do this? Do you believe that I can bring healing and hope and new life to what seems insurmountable problems, difficulties, and sufferings? Our Gospel provides a clue as to the steps we need to take in answering “YES” to Jesus’ question. Firstly, the blind men turn to Jesus, they sought Him out and desired to come into his presence. How often do we first turn to ourselves or one another rather than firstly turning to Jesus? Turning to him personally is always the first step, turning towards Jesus with the desire for healing and new life. Secondly, they ask with confidence and trust believing that indeed He did have the power to answer their request. How often would the shepherd leave the ninety-nine and go after the missing one? Most of the time, apparently. That is why Jesus phrases it as a rhetorical question, as though saying, this is just common sense: a shepherd always goes after the one that wanders off. It follows then that if the average shepherd goes after one lost sheep, then if God is our shepherd, no matter how lost we get, we can count on him coming after us. This verse is to many a favourite verse in Scripture – the idea of God valuing each one of us, pursuing us, finding us, rejoicing over us. God cares for the lowliest, the most morally erring, the ones that have wandered farthest. And I like that Jesus opens with “what do you think?” Well, as ones who have done our share of wandering, we like it. As we approach the birth of Jesus let us ask him to strengthen our faith and trust that through Him all things are possible. Let us ask for our deepest need and desire, not just out of habit but out of a trusting faith that says “Yes, Lord you can do this. Lord, I place my trust in you.”

**St Vincent De Paul** The Lesmurdie Vinnies conference has placed a Christmas collection box in the Church foyer for donations of appropriate food-stuff to be distributed to the needy over Christmas time. Due to the circumstances this year our Christmas hampers will be made up only from our generosity of non-perishable foods as they are no longer supplied by head office. **Please have your donations in by Sunday 15th December.**

**St Vincent Donation Envelopes** in their effort to help Australians in time of need reach-out to our community to donate as generously as we can by using the provided envelopes (located in the pamphlet shelves next to the entrance door in the foyer). To donate, please return the completed form in the envelope attached or donate by calling 13 18 12 or give online at **[vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)**

**Christmas Mass Time-Table** *Saturday* 24th 6.00pm Christmas Vigil; 11.45pm Christmas Carols and 12.00am Midnight Mass. *Sunday* 25th Masses at 8.00am and 9.30am. *No 5.30pm Mass.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** Mark Blackwell, Louise Miller, Elvin Fernandez, Matt Don, Pekka Marttinen, Ann Elliott, Fiona Mackenzie-Round, Barbara Chodorowski, Jim Everett, Colleen 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 McCutcheon, 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 *and all those who have asked for our prayers.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

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

DECEMBER	17	18	18	18		24	Midnight	25	25
MASS	6PM	8AM	9.30AM	5.30PM		6PM	12AM	8.00AM	9.30AM
PROCLAIMER	Pam	Chris L.	Bambi	Eric		Christine	Eric	Leon	Mitch
ACOLYTE	George	Richard	Lou	N/A		Terry	Richard	Lou	Dermot
COLLECTION	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers		Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
MUSIC	S. Spencer	Quiet Mass	Mark & Eddie			Mark & Eddie	Choir	S. Spencer	S. Spencer
CHURCH CLEANER	Steph b.					Pam			
MORNING TEA									

