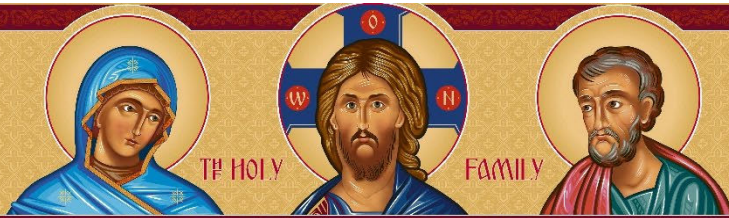


*Holy  
Family*



*Catholic  
Parish*

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – YEAR A – 25th OF DECEMBER 2022

### *Readings for Christmas Night Mass*

#### **FIRST READING : Isaiah 9:1-7**

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

℟. *Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.*

#### **SECOND READING : Titus 2:11-14**

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

#### **GOSPEL : Luke 2:1-14**

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn. In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

### *Readings for Christmas Day Mass*

#### **FIRST READING : Isaiah 52:7-10**

How beautiful on the mountains, are the feet of one who brings good news, who heralds peace, brings happiness, proclaims salvation, and tells Zion, 'Your God is king!' Listen! Your watchmen raise their voices, they shout for joy together, for they see the Lord face to face, as he returns to Zion. Break into shouts of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord is consoling his people, redeeming Jerusalem. The Lord bares his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

#### **PSALM RESPONSE**

℟. *All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.*

#### **SECOND READING : Hebrews 1:1-6**

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is. He is the radiant light of God's glory and the perfect copy of his nature, sustaining the universe by his powerful command; and now that he has destroyed the defilement of sin, he has gone to take his place in heaven at the right hand of divine Majesty. So he is now as far above the angels as the title which he has inherited is higher than their own name. God has never said to any angel: *You are my Son, today I have become your father; or: I will be a father to him and he a son to me.* Again, when he brings the First-Born into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

#### **GOSPEL : John 1:1-18**

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and he was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through him, and the world did not know him. He came to his own domain and his own people did not accept him. But to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as his witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because he existed before me.' Indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

**SEE THE FOLLOWING PAGES FOR MASS HYMNS, MASS PARTS, AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

# MASS PARTS - NIGHT MASS AND MORNING MASS

## LORD HAVE MERCY

V. **L** Y-ri-e \* e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Christe  
e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri-e e-lé-  
i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri-e \* \*\* e-lé-i-son.

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

V. **G** Ló-ri-a in excé-l-sis De-o. Et in terra pax ho-mí-  
nibus bonæ volun-tá-tis. Laudá-mus te. Be-ne-dí-ci-mus  
te. Ado-rá-mus te. Glo-ri-fi-cá-mus te. Grá-ti-as á-gi-  
mus ti-bi propter magnam gló-ri-am tu-am. Dó-mi-ne De-  
us, Rex cœ-léstis, De-us Pa-ter omní-po-tens. Dó-mi-ne Fi-li-  
u-ni-gé-ni-te, Je-su Christe. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Agnus De-i,  
Fi-li-us Pa-tris. Qui tollis pec-ca-ta mundi, mi-se-ré-re  
no-bis. Qui tollis pec-ca-ta mundi, sú-sci-pe de-pre-ca-ti-ó-  
nem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexte-ram Patris, mi-se-ré-re no-  
bis. Quóni-am tu so-lus sanctus. Tu solus Dó-mi-nus. Tu  
so-lus Al-tí-s-si-mus, Je-su Christe. Cum Sancto Spí-ri-tu  
in gló-ri-a De-i Pa-tris. A-men.

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

VI. **S** An-ctus,\* Sanctus, San-ctus Dó-mi-nus De-us  
Sá-ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cœ-li et ter-ra gló-  
ri-a tu-a. Ho-sán-na in excé-l-sis. Be-ne-dí-ctus  
qui ve-nit in nó-mi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Hosán-na in ex-  
cél-sis.

## MYSTERY OF FAITH

III. **R:** Mortem tu-am annunti-á-mus, Dó-mi-ne, et tu-am  
re-surrecti-ó-nem confi-témur, do-nec vé-ni-as.

## LAMB OF GOD

VI. **A** -gnus De-i,\* qui tollis pec-ca-ta mundi: mi-se-  
ré-re no-bis. Agnus De-i,\* qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta  
mundi: mi-se-ré-re no-bis. A-gnus De-i,\* qui tol-  
lis pec-ca-ta mundi: dona no-bis pa-cem.

- Jesus to St. Faustina

"Lay your head on  
my shoulder, rest and  
regain your strength.  
I am always with you."

**1** **Entrance Hymn**

***O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL***

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
born the King of angels,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

God of God, Light of Light,  
Lo, He abhors not the virgin's womb.  
Very God Begotten not created,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing all ye citizens of heav'n above:  
Glory to God in the highest.  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

Yea Lord we greet Thee,  
born this happy morning,  
Jesu to Thee be glory giv'n.  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing.  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
O come let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

**2** **Offertory Hymn**

***ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH***

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er our plains,  
and the mountains in reply,  
echo still their joyous strains:  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your rapturous strain prolong?  
Say what my your tidings be,  
which inspire your heav'nly song:  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing,

Come adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

See within a manger laid,  
Jesus Lord of heav'n and earth,  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
Celebrate our Saviour's birth.  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo  
Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**3** **Communion Hymn**

***SILENT NIGHT***

Silent night, Holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, Holy night,  
Shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar,  
Heav'nly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ the Saviour is born  
Christ the Saviour is born.

Silent night, Holy night,  
Son of God loves pure light.  
Radiance streams from Thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth,  
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

**5** **Recessional Hymn**

***JOY TO THE WORLD***

Joy to the world,  
the Lord is come,  
let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
and heav'n and nature sing!  
and heav'n and nature sing!  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing!

Joy to the earth the Saviour reigns,  
let men their songs employ.  
While fields and floods  
rocks hills and plains  
repeat the sounding joy!  
repeat the sounding joy!  
repeat repeat the sounding joy!

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove the glories  
of His righteousness and wonders of His love!

and wonders of His love!  
and wonders, wonders of His love!  
Incarnate God, Emmanuel!  
in flesh is manifest,  
He comes to die that we might live  
forever in His rest!  
forever in His rest!  
For e'er and ever in His rest!

**6 O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That doth in exile homeless mourn  
Until her Saviour Christ be born.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Is born to save thee Israel.

O come thou day star seen on high  
with healing for our hearts draw nigh:  
Do thou the mists of night dispel  
and death's foreboding darkness quell.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Is born to save thee Israel.

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.  
A world that needs thee ransoming.  
And save thy Servants who confess  
with humbled hearts their faithlessness.  
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Is born to save thee Israel.

**7 GABRIEL'S MESSAGE**

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as  
flame.  
"All hail" said he thou lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favoured lady.  
Gloria.....

For known a blessed mother thou shalt be:  
all generations laud and honour thee:  
thy Son shall be Emmanuel by seers  
foretold,  
Most highly favoured lady.  
Gloria.....

*Men:*

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head.

*Women:*

To me be as it pleaseth God

*Men:*

She said

*Women:*

My soul shall praise and magnify his holy  
name!

*All:* Most highly favoured lady.

Gloria...

Of her Emmanuel the Christ was born  
in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,  
and Christian folk throughout the world  
will ever sing:

Most highly favoured lady.

Gloria...

**8 AWAY IN A MANGER**

Away in a manger no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet  
head,  
the stars in the bright sky looked down  
where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the  
sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

Be near me Lord Jesus,  
I ask Thee to stay close by me forever  
and love me I pray,  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender  
care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with Thee  
there.

**9 GAUDEAT ECCLESIA**

Let the church rejoicing sound,  
the hundredth has at last been found,  
Once had been a staying sheep,  
Drachma found in searching sweep.

*Alleluia, we sing,  
for our Husband and our King,  
Royal Church rejoicing!  
Eya et eya,  
Regia egregia,  
Gaudeat ecclesia.*

Now has dawned the Righteous Sun,  
the King of hosts, the Saviour's come,  
Heralding all gladness, Banishing all  
sadness.

Once in exile, now we see  
the King of all humility,  
The Rose has borne the Lily,  
God the Son from Mary.

Today! Today!  
is born the King of glory everlasting,  
Born of Mary is this day  
He who will Goliath slay.

God from Mary's womb is born,  
while hell is left in trembling scorn.  
Prisoners no more to own,  
Satan's angels left to groan.

**10** ***ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY***

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for His bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
who is God and Lord of all.  
And His shelter was a stable  
and His cradle was a stall.  
With the poor, oppressed and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
through His own redeeming love.  
For that child so dear and gentle  
is our Lord in heav'n above.  
And He leads His children on  
to the place where He has gone.

**11** ***HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING***

Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem,  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King!

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time, behold Him come,  
offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see,  
Hail th' incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King!

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace,  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness,  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more to die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth,  
Hark the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new born King!

**12** ***WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS BY NIGHT***

While shepherds watched  
their flocks by night  
all seated on the ground,  
the angel of the Lord came down  
and glory shone around.

Fear not said he for mighty dread  
had seized their troubled mind  
Glad tidings of great joy  
I bring to you and all man-kind.

To you in David's town  
this day is born of David's line  
a Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
and this shall be the sign:

The heav'nly babe you there  
shall find to human view displayed,  
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands  
and in a manger laid.

Thus spake the Seraph and  
forthwith appeared a shining throng  
of angels praising God who thus  
addressed their joyful song:

All glory be to God on high  
and on the earth be peace,  
Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men  
begin and never cease.

**13** ***SLEEP NOW, GENTLE JESUS***

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,  
baby most blest,  
One night Your foes with dreadful blows  
will rob You of Your rest.

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,  
while shepherds sing,  
You'll be one day for sheep astray  
the Lamb of offering.

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,  
wise kings bow down,  
One night You'll stand with reed in hand  
and thorns Your only crown.

Drink now, gentle Jesus,  
hush, and don't cry,  
One day, not far, harsh vinegar will greet  
Your dying sigh.

Sleep now, gentle Jesus,  
laid in the hay.  
Your mother same will lay Your frame  
into a tomb one day.

Let my heart be, Jesus,  
Your manger still.  
I pray that I might also die to self,  
to do Your will.

14

**COVENTRY CAROL (LULLY LULLA)**

*Lully lulla, thou little tiny child,  
by by lully lullay.*

O sisters too, how may we do for to  
preserve this day this poor youngling for  
whom we do sing? by by lully lullay.

Herod the king in his raging, charged he  
hath this day, his men of might in his own  
sight all young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee!  
and ever morn and day,  
for thy parting neither say nor sing  
by by, lully lullay!

15

**O SANCTISSIMA**

O most holy one, O most lowly one,  
Loving Virgin, Maria!  
Mother, Maid of fairest love,  
Lady, Queen of all above, Ora, pro nobis!

O sanctissima, O pissima,  
Dulcis Virgo Maria! Mater amata,  
intemerata.  
Ora, pro nobis!

Virgin ever fair. Mother, hear our prayer,  
Look upon us, Maria! Bring to us your  
treasure,  
grace beyond all measure;  
Ora, pro nobis

Virgo, respice; Mater, adspice.  
Audi nos, O Maria!  
Tu medicinam portas divinam.  
Ora pro nobis!



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« If we want to find the God who appeared  
as a child, then we must dismount from  
the high horse of our “enlightened”  
reason. We must set aside our false  
certainties, our intellectual pride, which  
prevents us from recognizing God’s  
closeness. »

~ Pope Benedict XVI, 2011

**Do not fear God because  
of the greatness of His  
majesty, but fear Him  
because of the greatness  
of His love.  
-Isaac the Syrian**

**PRAYER** *before* **MASS**

Almighty and ever-living God, I approach the sacrament  
of Your only-begotten Son Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the  
fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light,  
and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth.

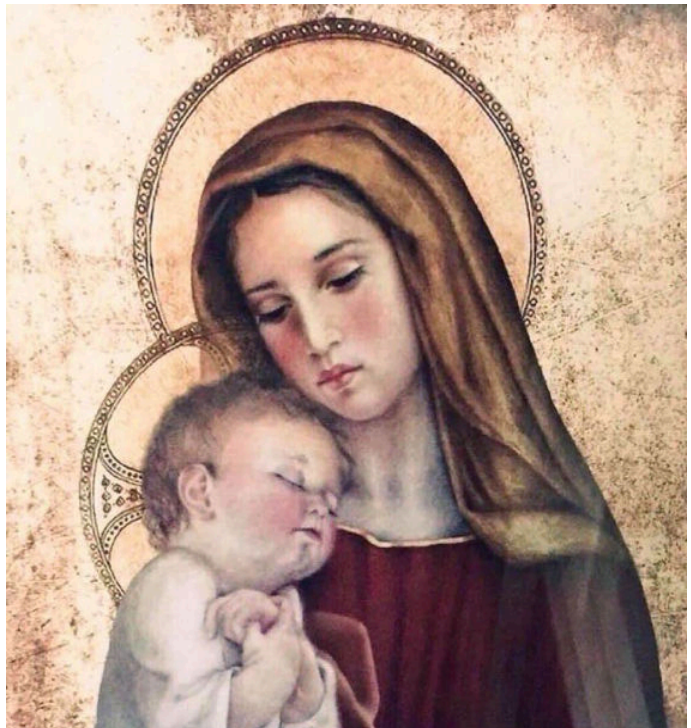
Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness,  
wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness,  
enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness.  
May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings  
and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with  
the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the  
determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation.

May I receive the sacrament of the Lord’s  
Body and Blood, and its reality and power.

Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your  
only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,  
born from the womb of the Virgin Mary,  
and so be received into His mystical body  
and numbered among His members.

Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive  
Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament,  
may I one day see him face to face in glory,  
who lives and reigns with You for ever. **Amen.**

- Saint Thomas Aquinas



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES

## REMINDER

Parish activities that take a break during January  
Please make a note on your calendar the starting dates  
for 2023

**Monthly Adoration** - starts 3 February 2023

**Sunday Cup of Tea** - starts 5 February 2023

**Catechism Classes** - starts 5 February 2023

**Rosary for Life** - starts 5 February 2023

**Parish Newsletter** - starts 5 February 2023

**Hall Bookings** - starts 5 February 2023

**Church Cleaners** - start 12 February 2023

**Thursday Night Formation** - starts February

## The Parish Office will be CLOSED from

the 24th December till 24th January.

Fr Jeremy will be away at Hearts Aflame from the 30<sup>th</sup> Dec to the 9<sup>th</sup> Jan. If you have an emergency and need a Priest, please contact Holy Cross Parish, Henderson on 022 560 6522 or St Paul's Parish, Massey on 09 8337420

Please see: the foyer door and noticeboard for  
changes in Mass-Times from 27<sup>th</sup> December 2022 to  
10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

The Church will also be CLOSED from Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan to  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Jan due to work being done in the Church  
during this time.

Please remember that there will be **NO 8am LATIN MASS on January 1 and January 8**, due to Fr Jeremy being at Hearts Aflame. If you wish to attend a Latin Mass on those Sundays, Fr Sumich FSSP, will be offering one at St Paul's College, Ponsonby at 9:30am.

## FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR 2022

A huge "Thank You" !! to all our helpers who have kept Holy Family ticking along this year. May all parishioners have a very safe and Holy Christmas and a very Joyful New Year.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM FR JEREMY

Dear Holy Family Parishioners, and Friends in Christ, Merry Christmas! At this time of Christmas, let us take time to truly thank God for all His blessings; and in the trials that He allows, let us also make sure that we keep God first in our priorities. Let us also keep in prayer those who are suffering at this time, and for whom Christmas is a difficult time. Let us thank God for the faith that He has so graciously given us. To have a clear, solid, and loving faith, at this time in human history, is an incredible gift. Let us never let go of it, and let us cherish it with all our heart. Let us ask the Infant Jesus to teach us to love more deeply and selflessly in 2023, both His Father, and his brothers. Fr Jeremy

« The best way to look at Christmas, is to stand on one's head. Contemplating the crib, everything looks upside down: the angels looking down on the God who made them, God looking up at His own creation. There in the manger, where He is homeless, we all find our home ... Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox; that the birth of the homeless should be celebrated in every home. »

~ GK Chesterton

## NEXT SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

*Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Yr A)*

*Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21;*

## LITURGY ROSTER

**Readers:** R. Lopez, M. D'Souza

**Prayers of the Faithful:** T. Molloy

**Offertory:** Drabble Family

**Special Ministers:** S. Molloy

## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

starts 12 February 2023

please keep the Church tidy.

## SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

starts 5 February 2023

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**25 Dec:** Gloria Petica

**26 Dec:** Derek Nicholson

**31 Dec:** Teresa Gilmer

**1 Jan:** Kathleen McCormick, Vitolena Iese

**2 Jan:** Mare Radaly

**3 Jan:** Allan Forsman, Mary O'Flaherty,  
Kenneth Rush

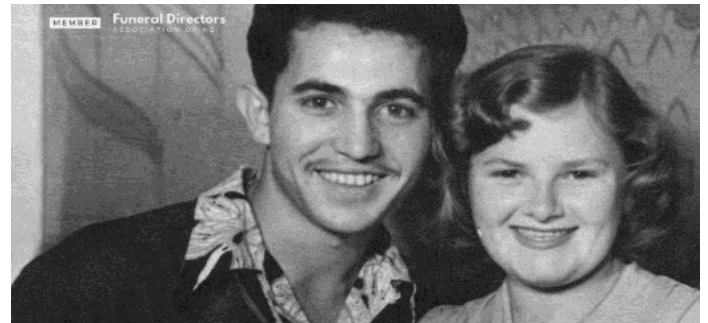
**4 Jan:** Patrick Graham

**6 Jan:** Sr Anna Bugler, Anica Ujdur

**7 Jan:** Eileen O'Reilly, Henry Goldfinch,  
Brian Heenan, Noel Blackman,  
Violet Mary Gomez

## PARISH FINANCES

<b>Parish</b>	\$2,253.67
<b>Priests</b>	\$1,126.83
<b>Total Cash and AP's</b>	\$3,380.50



Look after them the way  
they looked after you.

There are certain people in life who shape who you are. Special people who were always there to give you advice, support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly.

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