Rosters for This Week 26th & 27th		
Counting Team No. 5	John Richardson, Larry Rigoni, Susan	Jamieson
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm Mary Soppitt 8.30am Peter Kirwan, Doreen Mitch 10.30am Di Collins	ell
Mass Readers	6.00pm Ashleigh Fulcher 8.30am Anthony Verhoef 10.30am Olga Reginato	
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No Children's Liturgy	

Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly	
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.00pm John O'Keefe, Gail Tull 8.30am Mary Frisby, Stephen Littleton 10.30am Alison Silke	
Mass Readers	6.00pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Christal Augustin 10.30am Jane McLaughlin	
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Rachelle Pantalleresco	



#### IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Kevin Murphy, Sarah Rodgers, Cathy Reid, Assunta Delgrosso, Yemme Reddy, Mary Debenham and Peter Conroy.

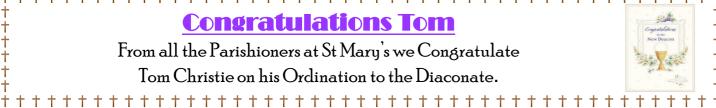
#### **RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES**

We pray for Sally Cutmore who died recently and Diane Vlasak, Marie Kosowski, Sr. Eileen McHugh, Stephen Rush, Mladenka Obradovic, Mollie Maine, Dr. John Anchen, Ignazio Kucich, Teresa Rimbaldo, Dan Buckley, Ellen Croke, Gary Metcalf, Guiseppe Pecora, Maria Ivelja, Michael Hoctor, Graeme Bloedorn, Patrick Kirley, Carmelo Pagliaro, Kath Allman, Joel Finn, Cecilia Penn, Edward Maguire, Roland Zammit, Francesca Oliveri, Margherita Mangion, Peter Wenzel, Cath and Ray Willmott, Pam Neely, Luiza Kucich, Emanuel and Rosaria Raffaelle and Vera Rice whose anniversaries are at this time.



# **Congratulations Tom**

From all the Parishioners at St Mary's we Congratulate Tom Christie on his Ordination to the Diaconate.



#### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022 AT ST MARY'S**

Christmas Eve Saturday 24th December

6.00pm Family Mass and Pageant at St Mary's

8.30pm Carols

9.00pm Mass at St Mary's

Christmas Day Sunday 25th December

8.30am Mass at St Mary's Church 10.30am Mass at St Mary's Church



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# A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

27th November, 2022

#### Parish Priest

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#### Pastoral Associate

Monique Julian 0450 789 951 Monday, Tuesday

#### Parish Office Manager

Heidi Zahra Tuesday 8:30am - 4.00pm Thursday 8:30am - 4.00pm

#### Parish Secretary

Kylie Skinner-Wednesday 8.30am-3.30pm Sheridan McCutcheon-Friday 8.30am-3.30pm

#### St. Mary's School

Principal Anthony Hockey

#### Normal Mass Times

Consult bulletin inside for any changes. Saturday at 6:00pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am

Tuesday to Friday 9:15am

#### Reconciliation

Saturday 10:00am

#### Silent Adoration in Church

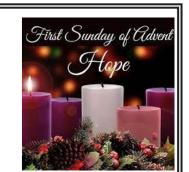
2:30pm - 3:30pm Wednesday

#### **Baptism Preparation Night**

Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

Baptisms 12:30pm Sunday

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A



#### FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah. 2:1-5

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

#### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans. 13:11-14

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

#### GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:37-44

For as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.



So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left. Therefore stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.

Tuesday 29th November	9.15am 7.00pm	Mass at St. Mary's Church.  Continuation of Catholic Faith at the Presbytery with Fr. Greg.  All welcome especially those who desire deeper faith.
Wednesday 30th November	9.15am	Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 1st December	9.15am 6.30pm	Mass at St. Mary's Church. Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery.
Friday 2nd December	11.30am	Senior's Mass at St. Mary's Church, followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre.
Sunday 4th December	6.00pm	Memorial Mass at St Mary's Church for all deceased relatives and friends who passed away during the year.

#### **Dear Parishioners**

I couldn't have predicted what has happened since I left on annual holidays! The fete had to be postponed due to incredibly bad weather. Also due to other unforeseen circumstances our normal annual 'Opera/ Music night scheduled for Dec 3rd has also had to be postponed to early next year. And I could not have predicted normally healthy Columban priest Fr Tony Cox having a heart attack two days before he was supposed to supply my weekend Masses while I was away!! Fortunately I gather an other Columban priest Fr Tom Cleary was able to fill in. I will need to ring and thank him for that. By the way Fr Tony Cox informed me that he was recovering well after his own particular heart attack.

This weekend is the **First Sunday of Advent**. Advent is divided into two parts. The first part, which runs from the beginning until December 16th, focuses on the final coming of Christ at the end of time as we know it. The second part which runs from December 17th to December 24th, focuses on the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem.

Today's first bible passage from the great Old Testament prophet Isaiah contains a vision of a world at peace under God. The most compelling image then is that of nations turning their weapons of war (swords and spears - tell that to Putin) into farm instruments (ploughshares and sickles).

The Gospel passage is a brief extract from Jesus' discourse concerning the Parousia. The emphasis is on readiness. Since the exact time of the Lord's final coming is not known, the disciples (that means us in our time) are urged to be ready to greet him at any time. The phrases "stay awake" and "stand ready" convey a sense of urgency.

Most Christian denominations and particularly the Catholic consider the Second Coming of Christ (Parousia) to be the final and external judgment by God of the people in every nation resulting in the glorification of some and the punishment of others. This brings us to the importance of Advent's message of not only being ready to 'stay awake' but to cultivate a better way of loving others. For surely the image of God is at its best and brightest in us when we love. People who love shed light around them. They are like a lamp alight and shining. Those who live in the light have no fear of the Lord's final coming. Quite the contrary. They ought to welcome it.

YOUR CHILD CAN FLOURISH AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL. Technical terms can be very helpful or they can be very confusing. For instance, although VISION STATEMENTS are often difficult to explain, as I see it a 'vision statement' is mainly to do with the objective of an organisation. Our Parish objective is to encourage every student who comes to our school to be inspired by a love of learning. Our objective as a team together with the parents of our school is to try and encourage progress in academic, artistic and sporting activities without neglecting what should be the icing on the cake 'spiritual formation'. This cannot be achieved without cooperation between parents, teachers and priest. It should go without saying that as a vital cog in the wheel we should hope for and expect from teachers good teaching, commitment, prudent judgment, enthusiasm and expertise. Luckily, as I also see it, St Mary's Primary School is such a place that meets the main objectives of running a Catholic school in inspiring the vast majority of the present day students to a love of learning and a knowledge of God. No school staff is perfect but going into 2023 we have a terrific blend of experienced staff, younger enthusiastic staff, and a great mix of men and women on staff. We are also doubly fortunate to have Anthony Hockey as our Principal as he has a vast knowledge of modern educational methods and needs.

Yours 'in Christ 'Fr Greg 24/11/2022



The 16 Days campaign against gender-based violence continues this week. Pope Francis reminds us that

"It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods!"

ACRATH'S website <u>www.acrath.org.au</u> has much interesting material on this campaign with prayers and actions that you may wish to examine and undertake this week.

### ACRATH calendars \$10

Calendars will be available for sale or order after each Mass from next weekend. These are full of information about human trafficking in Australia and globally. Please support ACRATH by purchasing at least one!





# SENIOR'S MASS AND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our annual Senior's Mass and Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday 2<sup>ND</sup> December at 11:30am at St Mary's Church followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre.

All Welcome.



## **Memorial Mass**

All are welcome to attend a Memorial Mass on Sunday 4th December at 6.00pm

at St Mary's Church for recently deceased parishioners and family There will be light refreshments following Mass in Parish Centre.