**Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**

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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till 10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **Holy Family Sun 26 Dec 21** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  | scan0004 |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Lobo family |
| **Music ministry**  | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr CrispinSomeone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Volunteers |
| **New Year’s Day** | **Saturday 1st Jan 2022**  | **Adoration and then 9.00 am Mass**  |
| **Epiphany Sun 2 Jan 22** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Lobo family |
| **Music ministry**  | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Crispinsomeone will be nominated | Fr VittorioSomeone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Volunteers |
| **Baptism Sun 9 Jan 22** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Lobo family |
| **Music ministry**  | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittoriosomeone will be nominated | Fr CrispinSomeone will be nominated |
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**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 19/12/2021 – 634.00$**

**Loose Money: 19/12/2021 – 112.00$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

In this Christmastide, the sacrament of Reconciliation will continue every Saturday at 10.30 am in preparation for all the other feast of Christmas.

This year, Fr Vittorio will be available for the individual confessions also by appointment, but every Saturday will be dedicated to the confessions at 10.30 am, excluding the Saturday of Christmas.

**NOTE FROM GOVERNMENT COVID-19 AFFECTING OUR MASSES**

FOLLOWING TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER, FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR INDOOR GATHERINGS (EXCEPT IN THE HOME) FOR PEOPLE AGED EIGHT AND OVER, OR FOR THOSE WITH MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS.

**ON BEHALF OF OUR PARISH**

**IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY: MOTHER OF GOD**

Just a reminder that on the **1st of January 2021**, **the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 9am for Adoration and solemn Blessing followed by Holy Mass.**

**The catechism of the Catholic Church can help us to discover Mary’s divine motherhood.** Called in the Gospels “the mother of Jesus,” Mary is acclaimed by Elizabeth, at the prompting of the Spirit and even before the birth of her son, as “the mother of my Lord.” In fact, the One whom she conceived as man by the Holy Spirit, who truly became her Son according to the flesh, was none other than the Father’s eternal Son, the second person of the Holy Trinity. Hence the Church confesses that Mary is truly “Mother of God” (*Theotokos*). (CCC 495)

In the past, the Nestorian heresy regarded Christ as a human person joined to the divine person of God’s Son. Opposing this heresy, St. Cyril of Alexandria and the third ecumenical council at Ephesus in 431 confessed “that the Word, uniting to himself in his person the flesh animated by a rational soul, became man.” Christ’s humanity has no other subject than the divine person of the Son of God, who assumed it and made it his own, from his conception. For this reason the Council of Ephesus proclaimed in 431 that Mary truly became the Mother of God by the human conception of the Son of God in her womb: “Mother of God, not that the nature of the Word or his divinity received the beginning of its existence from the holy Virgin, but that, since the holy body, animated by a rational soul, which the Word of God united to himself according to the hypostasis, was born from her, the Word is said to be born according to the flesh.” (CCC 466)

**For this reason, we can pray,** *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death*. Amen

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH (CCC)**

During the greater part of his life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labor. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period, it is revealed to us that Jesus was “obedient” to his parents and that he “increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.”

Jesus’ obedience to his mother and legal father fulfills the fourth commandment perfectly and was the temporal image of his filial obedience to his Father in heaven. The everyday obedience of Jesus to Joseph and Mary both announced and anticipated the obedience of Holy Thursday: “Not my will.…” The obedience of Christ in the daily routine of his hidden life was already inaugurating his work of restoring what the disobedience of Adam had destroyed.

The hidden life at Nazareth allows everyone to enter fellowship with Jesus by the most ordinary events of daily life. As Paul VI wrote in 1964, “the home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for *silence*, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us … A lesson on *family life*. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character … A lesson of *work*. Nazareth, home of the “Carpenter’s Son,” in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work.…”

**Mon: 27th Dec St John, Apostle and Evangelist**

***December is the Month of the Divine Infancy***

**Tue: 28th Dec The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**Wed: 29th Dec St. Thomas Becket**

**Thu: 30th Dec St. John Alcober**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 31st Dec St. Sylvester I, Pope**

**Sat: 1st Jan 2022 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.