**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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| **Epiphany Sun 2 Jan 22** | **6.00 pm *NO Vigil* Mass**  | **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 |
| **Christmas weekday Masses**  |
| **Monday 3 January 2022** | **9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time** |
| **Tuesday 4 January 2022** | **9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time** |
| **Wednesday 5 Jan 2022**  | **9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time** |
| **Thursday 6 January 2022**  | **9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time** |
| **Friday 7 January 2022**  | **9:00am Mass Weekday of Christmas Time** |
| **Saturday 8 January 2022** | **10.30 Confession** |
| **Baptism Sun 9 Jan 22** | **6.00 pm Mass** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Angelina Robinson | Lobo family |
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**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 26/12/2021 – 506.00$**

**Loose Money: 26/12/2021 – 626.40$**

**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**

**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 SOLEMNITY OF MARY: MOTHER OF GOD**

The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family’s flight into Egypt. Matthew’s Gospel tells a version of Jesus’ birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . . ” The story of the census is found only in Luke’s Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew’s Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew’s Gospel, they represent the Gentiles’ search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus’ role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus’ kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus’ death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ’s early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

**Mon: 3rd Jan the Holy Name of Jesus**

**January is the month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

**Tue: 4th Jan St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

**Wed: 5th Jan St. John Newmann, Bishop**

**Thu: 6th Jan St. Andre Bessette**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 7th Jan St. Raymond of Penyafort**

**Sat: 8th Jan St. Atticus of Costantinople**

**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.