

Rosters for This Week 22nd & 23rd December

Counting Team No. 8	Tracey Gregg, Leanne Spiteri, Rinna Sy
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Mary Soppitt, Maria Laudato 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Di Collins
Mass Readers	6.30pm John Grieve 8.30am Mary Debenham 10.30am Jenny Furey

Roster for Christmas Eve 24th December


Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Christmas Pageant—Richard van der Merwe, Doreen Mitchell, Di Collins, Alison Silke 9.00pm Jeanette Thompson, John O’Keefe, Stephen Littleton, John Grieve, Elizabeth O’Keefe
Mass Readers	6.30pm Children’s Pageant 9.00pm Olga Reginato

Rosters for Christmas Day 25th December

Ministers of the Eucharist	9.30am Mary Debenham, Sr. Patricia Stone
Mass Reader	9.30am Charles Hili


Rosters for Next Week 29th & 30th December

Counting Team No. 1	Frank Jones, Anne Goetz, Robyn Jones, Kimberley Jones
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm To be advised 8.30am To be advised 10.30am To be advised
Mass Readers	6.30pm To be advised 8.30am To be advised 10.30am To be advised



IN OUR PRAYERS

We pray for, Leo O’Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni,
Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Jason Gilham, Brad Dobney and Matthew Busuttill who died recently and for John Wilson, Sr. Myrene Erdman, Josie Wilde, Nora Doig, Stan Woodruff, Eric Flackhlam, Maria De Grassi, Merle O’Keefe, Marion Loriente, Libero Costanzo, Andrej Edovic, Giuseppe Pecora, Maria Napoli, Shannon Gillis, Mario Camilleri, Lorenza Camilleri, Francesco Camilleri, Rita Consolandi, Carmelo Consolandi, Alberto Mangion, Celestina Mangion, Ersiglia Mangion and Rosaria Mangion, whose anniversaries are at this time.

St Mary’s Parish

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



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23rd December, 2018

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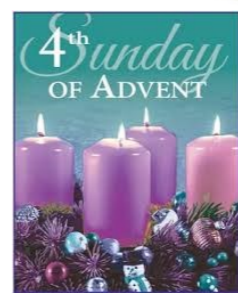
Parish Office Manager-Secretary
Heidi Zahra
Tuesday 9:15am – 4pm
Thursday 9:15am – 4pm
Friday 9:15am – 4pm

Wednesday Secretary
Kylie Skinner
8.30am—3.30pm

St. Mary’s School
Acting Principal –
Joe Caruana
Normal Mass Times
Consult bulletin inside for any changes.
Saturday at 6:30pm
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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS TIME



FIRST READING:
A reading from the book of Micah. 5:1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING:
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews. 10:5-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
I am the servant of the Lord;
let it be done to me according to your word.

GOSPEL: LUKE 1:39-44

During those days Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”



Sunday 23rd December	8.30am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
<u>Monday 24th December</u> Christmas Eve	6.30pm Family Mass and Children's Pageant at St. Mary's Church. 8.30pm Christmas Carols at St. Mary's Church. 9.00pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's Church. 
<u>Tuesday 25th December</u> Christmas Day	9.00am Christmas Carols at St. Mary's Church. 9.30am Christmas Day Mass at St. Mary's Church. 
Wednesday 26th December Boxing Day	No Service at St. Mary's Church on Boxing Day.
Thursday 27th December	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 3.00pm Marriage at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 28th December	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

A Happy and Holy Christmas to you all.

As the year draws to an end, it's time to look forward to celebrating the Christmas season, and hopefully for many of you, to have a bit of time-out after Christmas.

During the time I've been parish priest at St. Mary's, there has been plenty of activity and commitment to ongoing service in our community. Once again, I acknowledge the multitude of volunteers who enrich parish life in so many different ways, with liturgy, music and so forth. Eucharistic ministers to the sick and maintenance as well as administration and co-ordination of our different groups all play an important part in parish life. There are many, many contributors who keep the place alive and active in outreach and service, not the least are our Parish Staff. And thanks to our school leadership and to all staff, students and families in our parish school community for their involvement here too, as part of the broader parish scene. Having spent 26 years now as a parish priest and 41 years as a priest, I can only say that I couldn't have done it without the involvement of so many committed and capable people around me. I look back and appreciate the support of so many faithful parishioners as friends, despite the challenging times we, as a Church, have faced in recent times.



As the season of peace, love and goodwill envelopes us, and we focus on the enduring hope-filled message of Jesus, I wish you and your family good health and happiness at Christmas and in the year to come in 2019.

If you are around, we hope to see you at one of our Christmas Masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

Christmas greetings to all.

Fr. Greg 20 /12 /2018

JUST A FEW ITEMS FOR THE CALENDAR:

- There is a little Christmas bigger one sheet card at back seeking comments drawn from your own experiences to give feedback for the Catholic Church's Australian Plenary Council in 2020. Please send to: PO Box 747 North Sydney NSW 2059
- Choir Organist of Notre- Dame Cathedral in Paris has organised incredible array of crême of crop overseas organists called 'Young French Organists Recital' to be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Friday January 4th at 6:30pm.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 22nd December	6.30pm	Normal Mass
Sunday 23rd December	8.30am &	Normal Mass
Monday 24th December	6.30pm	Family Mass and Children's Pageant
Christmas Eve	8.30pm	Christmas Carols
	9.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Tuesday 25th December	9.00am	Christmas Carols with the Choir
Christmas Day	9.30am	Christmas Day Mass (NB: One Mass Only)





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DONATE NOW

As we welcome the season of Advent, the season of waiting and preparing our hearts for the birth of Child Jesus. May we, as individuals, schools and parishes, act and pray for a more just and fair world, a world where every women could give birth safely and cherish the miracle of motherhood.

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in the most vulnerable communities.



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GLOBAL GIFTS

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When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are providing Water, Food and Sustainable Livelihoods for women and children around the world.

Order Global Gift cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.

NB: Parishioners whose children do not attend St. Mary's School. ENROLMENT IS REQUIRED NOW

for your children to attend preparation classes in 2019 as follows:



Term 1: Yr 3+: Reconciliation (Confession) - February/March



Term 2: Yr 4+: Eucharist (Holy Communion) - April /May


Term 3: Yr 6+: Confirmation (NOT Yr 5 as in previous years)

For Enquiries and an enrolment form: Email: patricia.stone@sosj.org.au

Unable to email Sr. Patricia before school Closes???

Write your contact details and query on the invitation on the back table – place it in the box provided or post it to St. Mary's Parish Office: Attention Sr. Patricia.





2019 Columban Art Calendar

Columban Calendars 2019

The new Columban Calendars will be available for sale at the conclusion of Mass from the rear of the Church for \$9.00. Funds raised will support the St. Vincent de Paul Society.