

SAINT MARGARET MARY'S

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9:00am (English)
Sunday 10:30am (Italian)
Sunday 5:00pm (Vietnamese)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday – Friday 9:00am
(Wednesday - Italian)

Reconciliation (1st Rite)

By appointment

Baptisms

1st Sunday of the month

Weddings

By appointment

Holy Hour

(English/Italian)
Every 1st Friday of month 8:00am – 9:00am
(Vietnamese)
Every Sunday 3:00pm - 4:00pm

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

SPECIAL ROSTER

PARISH DIARY / DIARIO PARROCCHIALE

23 / 24 DECEMBER 2023

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT- Year B

DECEMBER

24 CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00pm Family Mass English

8:00pm Vietnamese Carols
followed by Mass

11:30pm English & Italian Carols
followed by Midnight Mass

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00am English Mass

10:30am Italian Mass

5:00pm Vietnamese Mass

28 Office closed until 15th January

FINANCE/FINANZE – 17/12/2023

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

- Church \$308.20
- Presbytery \$152.00

LOOSE CASH

- Church \$381.28
- Presbytery \$381.27

DIRECT DEPOSITS TO CHURCH

- November \$315.00

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH ELECTRONICALLY

CASHLESS PAYMENTS:

CDFPay for Parish:

<https://bit.ly/CDFpayBrunswickNorth>

OR DIRECT DEPOSIT:

Church A/C: BSB: 083-347 ACC: 542820812

Presbytery A/C: BSB: 083-347 ACC: 543011742

Thank you/Grazie



Welcome to St Margaret Mary's Parish

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School Principal: Mr Daniel Ryan 9383 6699

SATURDAY 23RD & SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2023
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR B



You will conceive and bear a son.

Luke 1:26-38

Please remember in your prayers / Gentilmente ricordate nelle vostre preghiere:

OUR SICK / NOSTRI MALATI

Our family members and friends and our parishioners.

WE REMEMBER / RICORDIAMO

Carmelo & Pina Lucisano, Alfredo Giofrè, Salvatore & Maria Giofrè, Giuseppe & Teresa Ciurleo, Vince Truda, Mario & Assunta Truda, Amabile & Margherita Falzon, Angel Hope Falzon, Salvatore Trovatello.

RECENTLY DECEASED / RECENTEMENTE DECEDUTE

Domenica Violi.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

THE HAMPERS RAFFLE WINNERS

- 1st - Pina Cerra**
2nd - Annie Nicolini
3rd - Mrs Varisano



The raffle raised a magnificent total of \$1,965
Thank you to all who bought tickets!

This couldn't have been achieved without our ticket sellers: Mary Zampogna, Cath & Angelo Lizzit & Bro Dat



ST VINNIES NEEDS YOUR HELP TO SUPPORT FAMILIES STRUGGLING WITH THE ESCALATING COST OF LIVING CRISIS THIS CHRISTMAS.



You can bring some joy by donating non-perishable food and items for vulnerable people in Australia. Your items can be placed in the box located in the Church gathering space next to the Christmas Tree. Please support our local St Vinnies Group.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING / OFFERTA PER NATALE

Christmas offering envelopes are located in the church entrance and gathering space for all to use **OR support it electronically.**

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THANK YOU!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

During **Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th December** there'll be **NO 9:00am Mass.**
Da Martedì 26 fino Venerdì 29 dicembre **NON** ci sarà la messa delle 9:00.

MARY'S DECISIVE 'YES'

Our regular Gospel guide throughout 2022 was Matthew. We have already met Mark our regular guide for 2023, and on the Third Sunday of Advent we listened to Luke who told us his story of the Annunciation. The Angel who delivered the important message to Mary was Gabriel, fresh from having brought some good news to the elderly priest Zachariah: both he and his equally elderly wife would 'finally' have a son whom they would name 'John'. As Mary was greeted with the daunting title of 'full of grace', she would have wondered, no doubt, as to what she might have done to deserve such an honour; she was, after all an ordinary teenager among others, an ordinary woman among others. Surely there would have been many other more worthy women in her village, and perhaps more in the surrounding countryside.

With our knowledge of Scriptures, we are aware that when God chooses a man or woman for a special task, chances are that the performance of the task could take the person in a totally new direction, as well as causing some unforeseen difficulties. What would Joseph say, what would their respective parents say, what would the authorities say? Mary's trust in God must have been really deep: "Be it done to me according to your word!"

Everyone of us, each in our own way shares Mary's vocation. She was chosen to bear our Saviour. Through Baptism we have been asked to do the same, to bring Christ to the world, to be Christ for the world. Mary gave Jesus a body, and so do you. "I am the handmaid of the Lord, Let it be done to me as you say." Am I willing to say the same? Am I willing to repeat it again and again? If I can follow Mary's example, then my life will be Christmas for my brothers and sisters, every day will be Christmas for someone.

Thank you to everyone for your support, participation, and loyalty to the parish throughout this year. May the transforming light of Christ shine on you all this Christmas illuminating the darkness in which we walk.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS

May the year 2024 be a safe, healthy, fulfilling and peaceful year for everyone and may God continue to bless us in all that we do.

Fr Anthony

Grazie a tutti coloro che hanno dato supporto partecipando lealmente durante l'anno ai lavori della parrocchia. La trasformante luce di Cristo risplenda su di voi questo Natale e illumini le tenebre dove noi camminiamo.

TANTI AUGURI DI UN SANTO NATALE A TUTTI

Ci auguriamo che il 2024 sia un anno felice, e pregiamo che il Signore vi benedica tutti.

Fr Anthony

Dear Parishioners, this is the last bulletin for the year, recommencing 28th January 2024.