

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER: DECEMBER: Harry & Diana**CRYING ROOM:** Feel free to use this room during Mass. Kindly pack away toys at the end of Mass.**PIETY STALL:** If you wish to buy religious articles, books or cards please contact Fr Marlon**FIRST AID BOX:** located inside the Crying Room at the entrance to the Church.**TOILET FACILITY:** Situated at the back of the Parish house; nearest to school oval.**RCIA/RCIC:** Anyone interested in learning about becoming a Catholic please contact Fr Marlon or Julie Poett.**WEEKDAY MASSES: NO WEEKDAY MASSES UNTIL WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY****WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:**

<u>SATURDAY</u>	<i>30th December</i>	<i>6th January</i>	<i>13th January</i>	<i>20th January</i>
TAMBELLUP		6.00PM		6.00PM
BROOMEHILL			6.00PM	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	<i>31st December</i>	<i>7th January</i>	<i>14th January</i>	<i>21st January</i>
KOJONUP	8.30AM	8.30AM	8.30AM	8.30AM
KATANNING	10.30AM	10.30AM	10.30AM	10.30AM

PARISH MINISTRIES: *If you are unable to attend on your rostered date please arrange for someone to replace you. Thank you!*

	<i>31st December</i>	<i>7th January</i>	<i>14th January</i>	<i>21st January</i>
<i>Greeter</i>				
<i>Intro & Second Reader</i>	A. Schiano	R. Whitmore	H. Cavoli	J. Poett
<i>First Reader</i>	S. Benitez	P. Kerin	A. Jacob	M. Hanna
<i>Minister of the Eucharist</i>				
<i>Offertory</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<i>Acolyte</i>	Albert	Angelo	Sam	
<i>Altar Servers</i>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

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PARISH PRAYER: Please refer to the overhead screen**SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER 2023 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH YEAR B****First Reading: Book of Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3**

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth. **The word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**Second Reading: letter to the Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19**

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of

this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: *It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on.* He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead. **The word of the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel’s comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: ‘Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel. As the child’s father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, ‘You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.’ There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God’s favour was with him. **The Gospel of the Lord**

Next Week’s Readings: 7th January 2024 : The Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6; St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Minutes of the recent Pastoral Parish Council Annual General Meeting are available to read on the front notice board or via email on request.

PARISH NEWS

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.



Today we welcome and thank Fr Aldin Odippattil from Mandurah who has come to offer Mass for us today in Fr Marlon’s absence. Please make him welcome!

Envelopes are still available in the pews for Christmas Offerings to our Parish Priest Fr Marlon. We are very fortunate to have the spiritual guidance and presence of a priest in our community and this is a tangible way of offering our appreciation.



Let us continue to pray for the sick members of our families and also within our Parish especially: Aris Mills, Laline Ford and David McGuire; Also our parishioners in Kerry Lodge and Bethshan, Eileen Smith, Clara Illiano, Ted Schaefer, Bonnie Quartermaine. Please keep them in your prayers.



NEW PARISHIONERS: welcome to our Parish! We pray you will find peace and comfort in our Parish and with our God. Please join us in fellowship and community events. Please complete the “Welcome to our Parish Form” from the front entrance of the Church and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless.

The ability to budget can only come about through the ‘generous financial support of members of the Parish who make a pledge through the “Planned Giving Programme.” Like all families, everyone’s pledge is important and commitment to the financial well-being of St Patrick’s Parish is **VITAL**. If you would like to join or know more about the programme please contact the Parish Office or Mr Peter Kerin.



COLLECTIONS	17th December	24th December	24th December
1 st Collection	\$ 273.45	\$ 156.10	\$ 295.50
2nd Collection	\$ 58.50	\$ 22.60	\$ 72.50
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$ 175.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 70.00
Planned Giving Direct Debit	\$ 302.00	\$ 302.00	--
Candles	--	--	--
Bishop’s Appeal SVDP	\$ 20.00	--	--