

Sacred Heart Parish, Moruya

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St Mary's Primary School "In All Things May God Be Glorified"

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25th - 31st December

Monday 25th	The Nativity of The Lord Mass at The Pines, Tuross 8.00am Mass at St Edmunds, Bodalla 9.15am Mass at SHC 10.00am
Tuesday 26th	Saint Stephen Mass 5.30pm
Wednesday 27th	Saint John Mass 9.15am Followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 4pm
Thursday 28th	The Holy Innocents Mass 9.15am
Friday 29th	Saint Thomas Becket Mass 9.15am
Saturday 30th	Rosary 9.30am Reconciliation 10.30am Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 31st	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH Mass at The Pines, Tuross 8.00am Mass, SHC 10.00am Mass, St Edmund's Bodalla 2.00pm

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2017 is conducted at all Masses on Christmas Day throughout the Archdiocese and will again have the funds raised split.

Our support will continue for the **ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal** and its work in Australia and beyond.

Contributions will be made to support **Diocesan** projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese as well as the Wilcannia Hub project supporting young indigenous families, and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria and Tagbilaran, Cebu, Philippines for their Diocesan Seminary.

Other endeavours will include support towards: **Providing** a school bus to transport young children to school from poor surrounding villages within the La Salette Matha Province in India and student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

This will be a leaving collection; please look out for the people with the yellow buckets. Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Linen:	January	Jan Morris	
Counting:	9am 27th December	Chris Heffernan Rachel Glover	Cletus Heffernan Dave McWilliams
Flowers:	29th December	Marcia Geerey	Beverly Ponitka
	Saturday 30th December 6pm	Sunday 31st December 8am	Sunday 31st December 10am
Ministers	Mike Kennedy Ron Parnell	Brian Jelfs Suzi Sager	Jacqui Heffernan Han de Grave
Readers	Robyn Kennedy Heidi Jay	Michael Kermode Jo Rummery	Karen Hadley Paddy Pollock

COMBINED CHURCHES COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH CHRISTMAS DAY 11.30AM FOR 12 NOON RED DOOR HALL NEXT TO ST JOHN'S CHURCH LUNCH IS FREE. ALL WELCOME. SMALL GIFTS FOR ALL. BOOKINGS PLEASE CALL 4474 0300 OR COME ON THE DAY

Nothing says Christmas like the Christian image of the family (Joseph Mary and Jesus)a true community of life and of love. The mother and father of every family have a likeness to God by virtue of their mutual love for each other and their nature as man and women. God's life is what we see in the Christ child our infant King ...something we now share in...and how are we supposed to understand how much God loves us other than by considering the birth and death of Jesus...his death brought life his birth brought life.... His birth pulls into sharp relief all of humanity....no one would have expected God to actually appear as a human person...like one of us...he was instead thought to be so utterly a part from humanity that this was unthinkable...beyond anything that anybody could conceive. Keep in mind that people of Jesus' day thought that those who saw the face of God would die...we though see the face of God and live.... His mother Mary gave Jesus flesh who used her very body as a canvas that allowed us to see the face of God and live.

Fr Dominic.



Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra & Goulburn

Christmas Message 2017

-"NO ROOM IN THE INN" - EXPRESSING HOSPITALITY IN PRACTICAL CHARITY

Surely one of the saddest lines in the Gospel is when Jesus came to be born in Bethlehem and Joseph and Mary had to find emergency accommodation at a stable as there was "no room in the inn." (Luke 2/7)

Already Jesus is found to be on life's periphery. He seems homeless. There is a lack of hospitality in Bethlehem.

We can easily sentimentalise these moments but, in fact, they hide a harsh reality that still ought to trouble us even today.

The social services agencies of the Catholic Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn advise me that homelessness is increasing at an alarming rate in our area. This real poverty has an increasingly younger face and involves many more single mothers with young children.

Like Jesus, there seems to be "no room in the inn."

Let us give priority this Christmas and New Year season to practical charity. We could focus on our families, neighbourhoods and the wider communities. For a start, we could give generously to Christmas appeals for monies or Christmas gifts to the marginalised, especially the homeless.

Then this Christmas will begin to reverse the inhospitality of the first Christmas over two thousand years ago.

May you and your families and loved ones be blessed in these fragile and troubled times.

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse
Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn**

We wish our Visitors and Parishioners a happy and holy Christmas and a fruitful New Year.

We thank you all for your help and support throughout the year.

