



Immaculate Conception Parish of Tumut

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD YEAR B 24TH + 25TH DECEMBER 2020

MASS TIMETABLE

TUMUT		COUNTRY MASS		SACRAMENTS	
Saturday 26 Dec	6PM VIGIL MASS	BATLOW	8:30AM 2 nd & 4 th Sunday	Confession	By appointment
Sunday 27 Dec	10AM MASS	TALBINGO	8AM 5 th Sunday MASS	Marriage	By appointment
Monday 28 Dec	NO MASS	ADELONG	10AM 1 st & 3 rd Sunday	Baptism	1 st Saturday or at any Mass
Tuesday 29 Dec	NO MASS	BLAKENEY LODGE	2 ND Wednesday 10:30AM	<i>Wedding & Baptism forms on parish website, call/email to book.</i>	
Wednesday 30 Dec	NO MASS	BUPA	Suspended	To arrange a Pastoral visit please contact: Fr George or Fr Namora	
Thursday 31 Dec	NO MASS				
Friday 1 JAN	10AM MASS				

ROSTERS

MINISTRY	24 DEC 7PM	24 DEC 11PM	25 DEC 10AM
ACOLYTE	Anita Mason		Trish Matthews
READER	Anne Huebner		Sue Bulger
MUSIC	Patrick McCabe		Monica Webb / Pat Mangelsdorf

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED	ANNIVERSARIES	SICK
We pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently deceased Palmira Merlo	We pray for all souls whose anniversary is at this time.	We pray for all the sick of our parish community, especially Stephen Dean

MASS OFFERING

Tom & Andrew Sturt, Dot Marzol, Angela Guthrie, Alan Guthrie, Dulcie & Arthur Piper, Ruben & Harriet Arentz, Marie Cowan, Kevin Cowan, Kevin Hawthorne, Tommy Arentz & Merle Arentz, Kevin Arentz, Gordon Barg, Rosemary Hall

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH COUNCIL	PRIESTS / PARISH	BANKING / PLANNED GIVING
Fr George, Fr Namora, Peter Malone, Tony Butler, Anita Mason, Trish Matthews, Anne Huebner, Eamon Moore, Barry Madigan	Fr George - 0484 604 273 Fr Namora - 0450 438 444 Secretary - 0478 000 526	BSB 062 786 A/C 000015049 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TUMUT

A copy of the Church Bulletin is available on our website each week - www.cg.org.au/tumut
 Parish updates and Catholic articles are published on our Facebook page - @tumutcatholics
 Please send any notices to tumut@cg.org.au by midday Wednesday each week for inclusion in the bulletin

COLLECTIONS

First Collection supports our **clergy**, it contributes to their living expenses and a stipend for their service to the church.
Second Collection supports our **parish** including building maintenance, gas water & electricity, staff, supplies and more.
 In 2020, the parish experienced significant income loss due to Covid-19, church closures and restricted numbers of attendance. The community however still relies on the parish for special occasions such as baptisms, weddings, anointings and funerals. Your support is needed and appreciated.
 Collections are received by cash, online giving or using the TAP Cash Point terminal.
 If you would like to join our Planned Giving Program and give regularly to the parish please contact the Secretary Madeline Ryan on tumut@cg.org.au

NOTICES

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to everyone celebrating Christmas Mass with us over Christmas, our regular parishioners and their families, community members, and visitors to our parish. Merry Christmas and God blessings to you all for being here to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, our Lord and our God, Jesus Christ.



Fr George and Fr Namora wish you peace, joy, love, faith, and good health for all!

ADVENT WREATH – PRAYER RESPONSE

As the white candle (representing Christ) of the Advent Wreath is lit, Fr will offer three prayers celebrating the coming of Christ, our response after each prayer will be: **“Praise to you , Lord Jesus Christ”**

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Please endeavor to leave appropriate distance between parishioners and reception of Holy Communion is still **in the hand only**. Under current COVID restrictions priests and extraordinary ministers are not permitted to offer communion on the tongue. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



COVID PROTOCOLS UPDATE

Updated Covid rules for places of worship NSW From **Monday 7th December**:

- 4sq metre rule is now the 2sq metre rule both outdoors and indoors. Approx 130 allowed in the church
- Singing allowed both indoors or outdoors - masks recommended but not mandatory.
- Covid safe plans are still required for major events, i.e. outdoor Masses.
- Hygiene and social distancing are still important and sign-in is still a requirement.



Thank you to all our parishioners for maintaining all the changes we've had this year, and we continue to pray for those in places where they still cannot gather to worship and receive the Eucharist.

CHRISTMAS DUES

Please utilise the Christmas Dues envelopes to support the clergy; including provision for those in retirement and associated health needs. Please pray for all priests and be generous in your giving. With thanks.

ARCHBISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Parishes will again be conducting the annual Archbishop's Christmas Appeal at their Christmas Masses. The generosity of our communities will enable contributions towards the provision of a number of projects. These include 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. The university seeks to train future leaders within a Catholic education environment in the place Jesus was born.

There is also continued support for the National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal, the Diocese of Wilcannia Forbes as well as the Wilcannia Hub project supporting young indigenous families.

Enquiries: Deacon Joe Blackwell Tel. 0407 909 295. Thank you for your support.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



To mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, the Holy Father has proclaimed a **“Year of Saint Joseph”** from, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

“Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation” ~ Pope Francis. St Joseph, patron of the church, pray for us.

NEW YEARS DAY MASS – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

1 January is the Octave of Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God., Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception at **10am**.

On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin Mary played in the plan of our salvation. Christ's birth was made possible by Mary's fiat: **“Be it done unto me according to Thy word.”**