

Immaculate Conception Parish of Tumut

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD YEAR C - 24/25TH DECEMBER 2021 COVID PROTOCOLS AVAILABLE FROM PARISH WEBSITE

Check-in required

MASS TIMETABLE FOR WEEK COMMENCING 26TH DECEMBER

TUMUT		COUNTRY	MASS	SACRAMEN	NTS
Sunday 26th	10AM MASS	BATLOW	8:30AM 2 nd & 4 th Sunday	Confession	By appointment
Monday 27th	No Mass	TALBINGO	8AM MASS 5th Sunday	Marriage	By appointment
Tuesday 28th	No Mass	ADELONG	10AM 1st & 3rd Sunday	Baptism	1st Saturday or at any Mass
Wednesday 29th	No Mass			Wedding & Baptism forms on parish website, call/email to book.	
Thursday 30th	No Mass	BLAKENEY LODGE	2 nd & 4 th Wednesday 10:30AM Mass		
Friday 31st	No Mass	BUPA	2 nd & 4 th Thursday 11:00AM Mass	To arrange a Pastoral visit please contact: Fr George or Fr Namora	
Saturday 1st	6PM				

ROSTERS

MINISTRY	24 DEC	25 DEC	26 DEC	1 JAN	2 JAN
ACOLYTE	Trish Matthews	Mark Hogan	Dave Shedden	Anita Mason	Sue Bulger
READER	Patrick McCabe	Gerard Smith	Trish Matthews	Kate Dobney	Kirsty Beaven
MUSIC	Patrick / Marty / Jessica	Howard Young	Monica Webb / Pat Mangelsdorf	Howard Young	Patrick McCabe
LINEN	-	Maria Cobden	-	Tiffany Casey	-
CHURCH CARE	-	-	-	Sophie / Cathy / Angela	-
MORNING TEA	-	-	-	-	-

PRAYER REQUESTS

RECENTLY DECEASED	ANNIVERSARIES	MASS OFFERING	SICK
We pray for the repose of the souls of all the recently deceased especially Maureen Young, Ian Crawford, Lindie Madigan.		Frederick & Mabel McInemey, Lenny McInerney, Ken Roberts, Imelda McInerney, Hugh Oliver, Gavin Foley, Elvie, Leo, Lionel & Teresa Holt, Bill & Marie Sturt, Tom, Andrew, Bernard, Sam & Maurice Sturt, Elvie & Neville Back	Baby Levi, Stephen Dean, Melissa Curll and Libby McGruer, Christine Tunks, and Yvonne Guy

PARISH DETAILS

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL		
Fr. George, Fr. Namora, Mark Hogan, Eamonn Moore and Sue Bulger.		
BANKING / PLANNED GIVING		
BSB 062 786 A/C 000015049		
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION TUMUT		

ROSARY

A group of parishioners are praying the Rosary, in our own homes, at **11am every day**.

"If you are looking to carve out a few peaceful minutes for yourself—whether now or any other time—I say: Give the Rosary a try." – 'The Rosary and Christmas', Catholic World Report

ADORATION

Adoration First Saturdays – **5 FEB** – 8:30am Adoration, 8:45am Rosary, 9:00am Mass in the Church

"What we gaze upon is so simple and beautiful...That's an echo of looking at the crib at Christmas, and it's a continuing gift throughout the year." ~ 'Adoration makes every day Christmas', National Catholic Register

COLLECTIONS

Christmas Dues envelopes available at the entrance of the Church, the Christmas Dues support the clergy.

The proceeds of the Christmas Mass collections is split between the clergy, parish and Archbishops Appeal.

DECEMBER DEVOTION - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Adam and Eve were both created immaculate, without original sin or its stain. They fell from grace, and through them mankind was bound to sin.

Christ and Mary were also conceived immaculate. They remained faithful, and through them mankind was redeemed from sin.

Christ is thus the New Adam, and Mary the New Eve.

WELCOME!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We welcome all visitors to Immaculate Conception for our Christmas Masses, and welcome all those who are a part of the parish and Tumut community.

If you haven't been to Mass in a while, we are happy to see you here for Christmas, and encourage you to come more regularly. We are a family, the Eucharist is our family meal, we pray together and for one another. You are welcome, wanted and needed in this church. Visit catholicscomehome.org for resources.



ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Collections at Christmas Masses are used to contribute to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. This year, the Appeal will be used to support:

- the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal and its work in Africa, the Middle East and Asia.
- Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Africa, Thamarassery, India and Gizo in PNG. Within Gizo Diocese assistance will support construction of a school hall at Vanga Point.
- Other international endeavours will include support towards: projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province, in India and further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

You can place your contribution in the collection bags, alternatively a coupon for the Appeal can be found in the December edition of the Catholic Voice (At entrance of the church). For more information please contact Deacon Joe Blackwell 0407 909 295. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP PROWSE - BETHLEHEM AMAZEMENT

Sometimes we are offered the following Christmas greeting: "Have an amazing Christmas!" No doubt this greeting can mean all sorts of things. For Christians, the most amazing aspect of Christmas is God becoming human in the little babe of Bethlehem. For us, all other amazements in life flower from this fundamental Bethlehem amazement.

The Christmas scene of Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds, three Magi, animals, stars and angels are all stilled in silent amazement as they gaze on the Almighty God becoming a vulnerable baby in the humble stable at Bethlehem. Mary's prayer becomes our prayer as she says for all of us in amazement that our "soul magnifies the Lord."

During this Christmas and New Year Season, let us all magnify Jesus in our gratitude and humble response to all the amazing things that have happened to us during this extraordinary Covid year of 2021 - both good and not so good!

Let us show an amazing closeness to our families, neighbourhoods and cities where this time may be a real practical struggle. Now that we are able, let us visit each other- especially those who have had a very isolated and lonely 2021. Then our Bethlehem amazement will also have a real practical expression.

Rest up during this time! We are all tired!

God bless you all during this Christmas and New Year Season.

Archbishop Christopher Prowse Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

Apostolic Administrator of the Military Ordinariate of Australia