



**CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
TUMUT
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Hello Everyone,
Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and safe travels if you are heading off during this festive season. This year has really flown by, so many things have been achieved in our Parish and we look forward to what 2024 bring to us all. Please (phone 0428 941 773 or email kshan@southernphone.com.au) with any articles you would like included or if you would prefer to receive a digital copy of this Newsletter) Best wishes to you all - Kath

Party Time at Tumut Indian Restaurant



Cutting the Cake



Happy Christmas Everyone

Christmas Mass Times

Sunday 24th December 7pm
Monday 25th December 10am



Cutting the Cake

MONSTER CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

1st Prize – Christmas Lunch Hamper
Everything you need – Food, drinks, decorations and toys

2nd Prize – 3 Vouchers to the value of \$225, Christmas drinks, and Hamper goodies.

3rd Prize – Vouchers, Hamper goodies

Tickets \$5 each. Drawn at Club Tumut on 19th December at 3 p.m.



Parish Councillors – Fr Joe Neonbasu, Eamonn Moore, Anita Mason, Trish Matthews, Gae Onions, Patrick McCabe, Francis Moreno, James McDonald, Barry Jeffries, Evelyn Cisneros, Tony Butler

Archdiocese Notice

Cost of each Priest in a parish in our Archdiocese

As a result of research with the Inner North parishes re-configuration, the following information is being offered to all parishes in the Archdiocese. This research coincides with a serious downward trend across the Archdiocese for the First Collection (Presbytery Account - that goes to the Central Presbytery Fund from which all our priests are paid). The 2024 financial breakdown is:

\$19,000	Stipend (wage)
\$12,000	Housekeeping
\$ 2,500	Health Insurance (\$2000 \$3000)
\$18,000	Sustentation based on \$90K pa for 1 st Collection (supports the Archbishop's Ministries)
\$ 4,500	CRF Levy based on \$90K pa for first collection
\$ 1,000	Sabbatical leave levy
\$ 9,600	Car
\$18,000	Presbytery cost: Electricity/Gas/Utilities
\$ 2,090	Superannuation
\$86,690	TOTAL

Please help us support our clergy!

Thank you.

Parish Financial Report

1 January 23 – 31 October 23

Total Income	\$56,847
Total Expenses	(\$56,952)
Operating Deficit	(\$ 105)

PPC and PFC Summary

22 November 2023

Fr Joe's Report

The recent priest's retreat was a great source of encouragement to Father Joe in his ministry here at the parish. He is focusing on inviting parishioners to participate in ministries and groups in the parish to support him in his ministry and build the unity of the parish.

Parish Finances

Parish finances were stronger though still slightly in the red.

School Report

Pupils are increasing rapidly with classes full across year levels including a year 12 cohort in

2024 of 20 students. Enrolments at present are at 480 for 2024 and increasing.

The school is currently recruiting staff to fill the growth of classes into 2024.

Baptism and Funeral Coordinators

There are four people who have begun in the new funeral ministry and one in the baptismal ministry. These volunteers will be trained to work with Father to deliver support for families preparing for these important ceremonies.

Fundraising

There are multiple fundraising initiatives in the parish at the present; The 100 club, Christmas Raffle, Street stalls, and the Parish dinner (***on the 8th December***) to celebrate the Parish Feast Day; starting with the Holy Eucharist at 8am and the dinner at 6pm at Tumut Indian Restaurant.

The committee will pursue possible local government grants to assist in various building and repair initiatives in the New Year

Church Restoration

There was a meeting in September and it was decided that priorities are the down pipes and these will be linked to the storm water. The committee is trying to achieve this before Christmas.



One Dark and Starry Night

By Kelly Roper

On a dark and starry night
One star shone particularly bright
And led wise men to the sight
Where a prince was born that night.

When they arrived upon the scene,
It was almost like a dream.
There lay the tiny Lord Supreme,
'Tween Joseph and Heaven's future queen.

The wisemen placed their gifts before him,
To show how much they adored him.
Their souls filled with joy to the brim,
As the angels sang their Heavenly hymn.

Now each Christmas we commemorate,
And rejoice with glee and celebrate,
The birth of Jesus, the one so great,
The Son of God, the Word Incarnate.