S t P a t r i c k ' s P a r i s h G u n d a g a i
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25th DECEMBER 2017 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 6:00pm C/Eve
Monday 8:00am C/ Day
Tuesday 5:45pm
Wednesday 8:00am Liturgy
Thursday 5:45pm Liturgy
Friday 5:45pm Liturgy

Mass at Uralba last Saturday of the month 11am
Weekend Mass Saturday 6pm Vigil
Tumut Sat. Vigil Mass 6pm
Tumut Sun. Mass 10am

CONFESSION
Sat. 5.00pm - 5.30pm. Or any time by request

BAPTISMS
Saturday 6.00pm during Vigil Mass **or 11am 3rd Saturday of each month.** Contact
A Saunderson 0408441317
D Reardon 0448787788
Meg Lloyd 0439454251

	24 DEC 2017	25 DEC 2017	30 DEC 2017	31 DEC 2017
Acolytes	Volunteer needed	Volunteers needed	Bill Barton	**NO MASS**
Readers	Sarah Graham		Mary McCormick	
Offertory	Anne Elphick & Jill Jones		Anne Elphick & Bernadette Loch	
Altar Servers	Paddy Reardon		Ruby Wilson Lochie Wilson	
Sanctuary St V de Paul	Ann Metcalfe & Remi Field Peter F Reardon & Craig Ferguson		Anne Saunderson & Kathy Reardon Peter & Denise Reardon	

Home Communion 24 DECEMBER	Kathy Reardon	Betty Somerville	Mary McCormick
Home Communion 31 DECEMBER	Marie Nelson	Anne Saunderson	Michael Marffy

Prayers for the eternal repose of the souls of: Recently deceased – Bruce Graham, Fr. Paul Tarpey, Carmel Carberry, Heather Carberry, Graham Last, Paula Maloney, Jean Castles, John Gilpin, Norrie Sutton, Lorna Smart, Marie Shooks, Shirley Brooke, Bill Dawson (Wellington N.Z.) Ann Sullivan (nee Henery), John Swinney, Sr. Elizabeth Couch, Sr. Annette Joan Johnston. Fr. John Airey (CSsR), Bill Carberry, June Hindmarsh, Jeffrey Coggan, Cederic Walsh.
Anniversaries - We remember all who have died and whose anniversaries occur at this time. June & Bill Perry, Brian & Barbara Carberry.
Christmas Mass intentions - We pray for the eternal repose of the souls of:- Frank Hindmarsh, Cecily & Jim Bartlett, Nola Field, deceased members of the Hindmarsh, Bartlett & Field families, Michael Grange, deceased members of the Grange and Quirk families, Ernie, Mary & Lawrence Chalker, Verlie Thomas, deceased members of the Chalker & Thomas families, deceased members of the Carberry & Varman families, Patricia Yapp, deceased members of the Perry family.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHERR PROWSE

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.

ROSARY

The Rosary will be said in the Church **Tuesday 26th December** at 10:30am

Contact details for Fr. Sijo – Mobile 0470110189 Tumut Parish 69474599

WELCOME

We welcome all visitors to St. Patrick's, Gundagai. May you enjoy the festive season with family and friends and have a safe journey home.
May God 's blessing always be with you!

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal at all Christmas Masses. Contributions to help support Indigenous families within the Wilcannia Forbes Diocese as well as the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria, Tagbilaran, Cebu and the Philippines diocesan Seminary.

CHRISTMAS DUES

Your generous support is very much appreciated. Envelopes available.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass at Uralba on Saturday 30th December.

COUNTRY MASS

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Mass at Gobarralong on Sunday 31st December. (Fifth Sunday)

PARISH WEB SITES

st.patricksgundagai.com.au and cg.org.au/gundagai

BANKING DETAILS ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

BSB 062 786 A/C No. 14943

Prayers for the sick – Judy Bell, Jenny Lindley, Sandy Mellis, Mary Fitzpatrick**,** Mary Scholtens, Ben Lott, Jack Turner, Louise Cook, Peter Carberry, Keith Tozer, Louise Kilby.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE 2017

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December — **Mass at 6:00pm Vigil Mass - Gundagai**
Christmas Day Monday 25th December — **Mass at 8:00am Gundagai**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST PARISH JUGIONG

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December — **Mass at 8:00pm Jugiong**

HAVE A HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS