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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD YEAR A 1ST JANUARY 2023

'MAY THE LORD UNCOVER HIS FACE TO YOU AND BRING YOU PEACE. POPE PAUL VI DECLARED NEW YEAR'S DAY THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE. IT IS APPROPRIATE BECAUSE ON THIS DAY WE HONOUR MARY WHO BROUGHT THE PRINCE OF PEACE INTO THE WORLD. BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE, SHE KNEW THE PEACE THAT IS AT ONCE HER SON'S GIFT AND THE FRUIT OF A LIFE LIVED IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

Christmas Message from Archbishop Christopher - Walking Together at Christmas - Despite COVID 19 still present in the community, in comparison to recent years we are able to enjoy this Christmas and New Year time in relative freedom from drastic restrictions. We can meet each other face to face and not simply on a computer screen. We can cultivate deeper friendships. So let us focus anew on the Christmas story.

Regardless of religion or the lack of it, people are generally happy to walk together at Christmas and reflect on their lives in the light of the coming of Jesus, the babe of Bethlehem.

Walking together and reflecting on this "Silent Night, Holy Night", gives us an opportunity to deepen inner silence in our chaotic lives. We can permit ourselves to be still for a moment in our change of era. A response can be made in simplicity in contrast to life's confusions.

I trust that such reflections can make us more graceful and peaceful. Hope is given. A star leads us.

Humble shepherds help us to reflect on the lost, lonely and least around us. We are given motivation to offer practical assistance.

By walking together at Christmas, we realise afresh that we are not alone. We dismiss the temptation from self-appointed ideological elites that life is merely about "my choice" and "my Rights". We start to talk also about "our responsibilities and duties" to family and society's poor and oppressed. Walking together means that this time is not simply "the festive season". We are not reduced merely to eating and shopping. It is also "the Christmas season". It is when "God-is-with-us" (Emmanuel) in Jesus. There is joy and laughter. There is song and hope. There is transcendence and radiance. Let us pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine. May we do all we can to make peace flourish as we walk locally under God's "Star of Wonder". May Jesus bless and protect you all at this Christmas time!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

MASS TIMES

TUESDAY: Mass 5.00pm
WEDNESDAY: Mass 10.00am
THURSDAY: Mass 10.00am
FRIDAY: Mass 10.00am

SATURDAY: Mass 10.00am Reconciliation – 10.20am

7th January Mass 6.00pm – ARIAH PARK

SUNDAY: Mass

8th January Mass 8.00am – BARMEDMAN, 10.00am - TEMORA

MEETINGS

6PM MASS SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2022

ACOLYTE: J Morton READER: P Bleyer PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: S Coleman ROSARY: A Letson ALTAR SERVER: J Oliver & J Collins MUSIC: C Drumore

10AM MASS SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023

ACOLYTE: P George READER: J Collins
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL: S McKelvie ROSARY: F Fiegert
ALTAR SERVER: G & H Drumore MUSIC: C Glasgow

PLANNED GIVING COUNTERS: 31st – R Coleman & J Goode 8th – J Morton & G Parsons

IF UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS PLEASE FIND OWN REPLACEMENT

Dear Parishioners,

We wish each other a Holy and Blessed Christmas and Peaceful New Year 2023. We are God's gift to one another; none of us can pass through life without being supported by others. The existence of our parish is brought about by people like you, who show their faith in action. I'm touched to see how many of you devote your time, energy and money to support the parish. I pray that God who inspires such action may be your reward. Our church building is getting a fresh look as the painting of the interior and the pews is in progress. We gratefully remember the financial and spiritual contributions of our former Parish Priest Fr. Phil Harding. May he Rest In Peace. Christmas and New Year is a time of peace and joy, a time to celebrate with family, and loved ones. It is also a time to renew our relationship with God and with one another; a time to forgive and let go.

May you be blessed with Peace and Joy at Christmas and in the New Year 2023.

Fr.Sijo

First Collection for Sunday 25th December 2022 **\$180.00.** Second Collection for Sunday 25th December 2022 **\$775.00.**

Church Refurbishment – The interior of the church is currently being painted and all Masses will be said in St Joseph's Hall until February 2023.

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us A mighty flame

So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR

SICK:

Beryl Muir
Jim Clancy
Cliff Cook
Patrick Cook
Bernie Gaynor
Allan Pinney
Pat Morton
Michael Brady
Carly Ison
Mavis Murphy
Rita Martin
Arch Francis Carroll

Noel Rigney-Johnson
Jake Tucker
Kathy Norman
Dillon Wells
Lisa Skrypzack
Len Haines
Barry Keir

Jack Williamson
Could you please contact
the presbytery if you are
aware of any changes to
our sick list.

MASSES OFFERED:

Libby Gaynor
Lorraine Hartwig
Tracey Lewis
John Snell
Noel Goode
Deceased Members of
Pinney Family
Christopher Hingerty
Harold & Maryann Grief
Irene Cullen
Dot Cooke
Joan Preston

DECEASED:

Vera McCormack

ANNIVERSARIES

Mavis Callaghan Jim Field Jarred Martin Margaret Mahon **Graham Krause** Marie McAuley Liz Walker Gladys Green Cooper Simpkin Harrison Rayner George Murphy Frank Gaynor **Betty Wallace** Rene Harding David Weir Les Weise