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Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm. 1st for 2023 Sun 22nd Jan.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE: Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church. **NOW BACK!**

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month.

Video Sunday Mass - 9:00am

NEW SETTINGS FOR VIDEO MASS

Watch Mass Live: Every Sunday 9AM
Link:

<https://vimeo.com/event/2744563>

Or go to website to copy link:

<https://www.stmacartansparish.com.au>

ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOpptks0Fw/videos>

HOLY DAYS THIS WEEK:

Tue 2nd Jan: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Sun 8th Jan: The Epiphany of the Lord

OFFICE CLOSED:

22ND OF DECEMBER TO 9TH OF JANUARY.

Open from Tuesday 10th January

Happy New Year 2023

First Reading

Nm 6:22-27 A reading from the book of Numbers

They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples.
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading Gal 4:4-7 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father', and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

Gospel Acclamation - Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:16-21 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

Communion Antiphon - Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.

THANK YOU!

The Liturgy Team would like to sincerely thank all who assisted with the Parish Christmas Masses. We offer thanks to Fr Geoff and Fr Jude for celebrating the Christmas Masses and their religious guidance.

To our Parish secretary, Cynthia Goorah, sincere thanks for many hours of administration. To those who assisted with the Liturgy, especially Clive Tucker, Terry Roberts, Len Seal, Michael Kerr, Damien Coyne and all who so generously gave of their time as Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Mass Coordinators, Ushers, Collectors and AV Team.

We thank all the Musicians and Singers (Choir Members and Justin Peters) under the guidance of Veronica Ryan and Louise Kesik for your uplifting and emotive musical contribution.

Sincere thanks to Mary Arter and all the Flowers Ladies for their magnificent floral arrangements and Jody Kerrins for her spirit of generosity. To Helen Deason, Alwyn Azopardi, Gabriela Bartosikova and Eloise Price for their assistance with the Church Decorations; and also Trish Thomas and the Piety Store Members for their dedicated contribution, especially during this Christmas Season.

A special thanks to our young parishioners, Harrison, Joshua & Violet Coyne, Mitzi & Chloe Gonsalves, Amelia & Will Lane, who assisted with the Children and Family Mass and all children who dressed as Nativity Characters.

Lastly, we sincerely thank all those who have contributed in so many ways. We ask and pray for Christmas Blessings for them and their loved ones.

Note: Thank you to Tricia Duryea for organizing the Ceremonies.



Jokes of the Week



Humorous New Year's Resolutions:

- 1) Wife to Spouse:** "I don't want to brag, but here it is February and I've kept every one of my New Year's resolutions. I've kept them in a manila folder in the back of my desk!"
- 2) George, said to a friend:** "There's nothing like getting up at six in the morning, going for a run around the park, and taking a brisk shower before breakfast." His friend Bob asked, "How long have you been doing this?" George said: "I start tomorrow."
- 3) Dad's resolution:** Last year when I called my parents to wish them a happy New Year, my dad answered the phone. "Well, Dad, what's your New Year's resolution?" I asked him. "To make your mother as happy as I can all year," he answered proudly. Then mom got on, and I said, "What's your resolution, Mom?" "To see that your dad keeps his New Year's resolution."
- 4) New Year prayer:** Dear Lord! So far this year I've done well. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on ,I'm probably going to need a lot more help. Amen
- 5) "Insanity:** doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results." — Albert Einstein
- 6) Giving up cigarettes:** Mark Twain wrote: "Giving up cigarettes is easy. I do it a hundred times a week." Many of us, like Twain, grow easily discouraged from one broken resolution or other. I heard about one poor fellow who decided to make only resolutions this year he could keep. He resolved to gain weight, to stop exercising, to read less and watch more TV, to procrastinate more, to quit giving money and time to charity, not to date any member of the cast of Baywatch, and never to make New Year's resolutions again.

Prayer for a New Year

Dear God, as I look back over this past year I thank You for Your goodness to me far beyond what I have deserved. I thank you graciously for the New Year 2023. May the year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon me and my family, and bestow upon each of us a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. Amen.