

The Nativity of the Lord



May the timeless message of
Christmas
fill your heart
and home with joy now
and throughout the coming year.

*Merry Christmas
& a safe and happy New Year.*



Christmas Offering Collection

It is a Catholic tradition to include in our
Christmas gifts an offering that
contributes to the support of our priests.

This collection will be taken up during the
offertory procession.

Thanks for your Support!

Tap n Go

Now on the First Collection Bowl.



Select the amount you wish to donate then tap your card.

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St Mary MacKillop Parish

2023 Bishops Christmas Appeal

Our Christmas Appeal is one way by which the diocese can respond to the many communities from near and far who turn to us for assistance.

I thank the people of the diocese for their support of last year's Appeal.

In anticipation I thank all parishioners for their generosity!

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR

Donation Point
Available



at the rear of St Mary's Church.

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| Catholic Mission Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine | 10,000 |
| Caritas Humanitarian Aid for Gaza | 10,000 |
| St Columban's Mission, "Shared Table" Peru | 5,000 |
| Nazareth House Ballarat | 5,000 |
| St Vincent de Paul | 5,000 |
| CatholicCare Victoria | 5,000 |
| Aid to the Church in Need | 2,000 |
| Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) | 2,000 |
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| Total donations made in 2023 | \$44,000 |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEATHS:

Jenny Ackland (Niece of Eileen Lampard)

ANNIVERSARIES:

Terry Nunan, Jackie Foster, Nellie Landini, Melva Ackland, Ted Barker, Vincent Kennedy, Brian Rigney, Ron Landini, Garry Kenna, Jim McElgann.

SICK:

Lynda Freeman, Fay Rhook, Fr Damien Heath.

Prayer

While all the world, Lord God,
lay wrapped in deepest silence,
and night had reached its midpoint,
your all-powerful Word came down.
As year by year the beauty of this night returns,
so may we, proclaim:
"Glory to you, our God,
in the highest heaven, peace on earth
and in the depths of every heart".

AMEN.

New Year's Eve Vigil

An evening Prayer Vigil will be held in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel in St Mary's Church, on Sunday 31st December @ 8-10pm. Prayer intentions include thanksgiving for the year just gone, and for peace, happiness and blessings throughout 2024.

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, on the hour, throughout the evening.

All welcome for all or any part, of the evening.

Chris Jansen



2023

Marriages

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is patient and kind;

love does not envy or boast;

it is not arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way;

it is not irritable or resentful;

*it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices
with the truth.*



Baptisms

Esperance Bigirindavyi

Alyah Salonoy

Vincent Merry Weather

Hannah Saligari

Hamish Sherlock

Henry Sherlock

Jacob Treves

Theodore Holyoak

Isla Carter

Ginny Santurio Gonzalez



Deaths

Brian Glynn

Maureen Myers

Irene Brown

Skylah Stevens

Catherina Fitzgerald

Tracy Plunkett

Marshall Macklin

Alicia Dickson

Annie Hussey

Joshua Elmes

Ted Oliver

Julie Roache

Bernadette Hurley

Peter Tew

Rosie Woods

Dot Ryan

