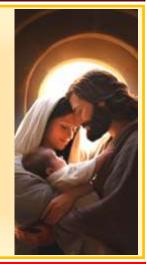
The Nativity of the Lord



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 StMary's Church.

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
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.

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

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.



2023

Marriages

1 Corinthians 13:4-80

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



Brian Glynn Maureen Myers Irene Brown Skylah Stevens Catherina Fitzgerald Tracy Plunkett Marshall Macklin Alicia Dickson



Deaths

Annie Hussey Joshua Elmes Ted Oliver Julie Roache Bernadette Hurley Peter Tew Rosie Woods Dot Ryan

