



Mary, the Holy Mother of God
1st January 2017

Mary, Mother of God - New Year 2017



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A religious feast it is today - of Mary! A secular feast too with sacred intent - prayer for a new day of Peace for all humankind. Actually, the two feasts which have fallen together on a Sunday for the first time in a quarter century, go quite well together.

The Lord bless and keep you!

The Lord let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!

The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!

What better way to begin the new year than with this blessing? The Virgin Mother herself probably heard it pronounced over her and her people. As she gave birth to the Son of God, so our world cries out for the birth of His Kingdom in our time and place.

We pray in the words of Bruce Prewer.

God of the year

Which is passing away,

We commend to your mercy

Those who are glad to finish this year.

God of the new year

which is dawning,

we also commend to your mercy

Those who enter the new year eagerly.

We lift up before you

Those who have critically overworked,

Those who had no opportunity to work,

Folk whose health has broken up,

Or whose career has been shattered;

Our neighbours who have tasted grief,

Or who have contracted terminal illness;

People who will end this year homeless,

And those who end it in hunger or thirst.

We hold up before you

all who will take up new work,

or who will retire from work;

all who plan to be married,

or who look forward to parenthood;

the people who will buy their own home,

or who will commence at universities;

those who will come to faith in you,

And all whose faith will grow stronger.

God of the past, present

And the limitless future,

Bless all your people,

That, set free from old fears

Or shallow optimism,

We may live with the joy

Of the children of God.

From: Australian Prayers

By: Bruce Prewer

Frank Lourigan



The Grovelly Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society has been very active throughout 2016 in seeking to provide a hand up to those doing it tough in our Community.

During the year we have conducted 533 visits to assist 1493 people of which 767 are children under the age of 16. It would simply not be possible to do our work without the support of all the generous people who have joined with us in 2016.

Thank you to Father Frank for supporting us and all the Parishioners who have made donations, cooked for us, attended a fundraising event, our schools St Andrews Catholic Primary School, St Andrews Community Association, St Williams Catholic Primary School and Noel and Ann Stallard who give their time and their talent at Verses for Vinnies.

The St Williams Church may be closed at times over the holidays. Please feel free to ask at the Parish Office should you wish to access the Church at any time during office hours.

LITURGY TIMES

2nd January - 8th January

Grovely	St William's
Monday	9.15am Mass <i>Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops</i>
Wednesday	7.00pm Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass
Friday	7.00am Mass
Saturday	7.00am Mass
	11.00am—12 noon Reconciliation
	Next Weekend Masses
Saturday	6.00pm Sunday Mass
Sunday	6:30am, 8.00am, 9.30am 5:30pm
Oxford Park	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.30am Mass
Mitchelton	Our Lady of Dolours
Monday	8.30am Mass <i>Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops</i>
Tuesday	8.30am Mass
Friday	8.30am Mass
Saturday	3.45—4.30pm <i>Reconciliation</i>
	Next Weekend Masses
Saturday	4.30pm Mass
Sunday	8:00am Mass
Samford	Sacred Heart
Thursday	7.00pm Mass
	Next Weekend Mass
Sunday	8.00am Mass

GROVELY NEWS



The Second Collection:
amounted to \$9214.65
We thank all who contributed.

Counters this week:
1st Coll: Sue Skehan & Jan Whiteway
2nd Coll: Monica & John Birchley
& Lester Whiteway

Baptism:
We joyfully announce the baptism of James Gammon and welcome him into our faith community.

MITCHELTON NEWS



Collections:
1st Coll: \$175.00
2nd Coll.: \$2767.65

Counters this week:
Group C - Michael Saide
Counters next week:
Group D - Dermott O'Moore

Family Rosary:
This week: Isma McIntyre
Next week: Ross and Juliet Blackwell

Parish Office Hours Christmas / New Year

The Parish Office is closed and will reopen on Tuesday 3rd January 2017, when normal hours will recommence:

Tuesday to Friday: 8am—4pm

In an emergency please call the Parish Office number: 3355 2667

Mitchelton & Grovely - Samford

Faithful Departed

Recently:
Marie Stower, Mick Silvester,
Howard Stewart, John Riddle,
Patrick Roche, Kath Evans,
Sr Margaret Lyons SGS,

Anniversary:
Florence O'Hara

Prayers for the sick

We pray for:
(Please let us know when your loved one's name may be removed from the list)

Vincent Arthur, Ian Anderson,
Jeannette Baker, Maureen Campbell,
Patricia Carter, Daphne Cavanagh,
Gerald Cavanagh, Heather Ceccato,
Kellie Clayton, Fr John Dobson,
Noelene Ellis, Joe Gorup, Peter Haiveta,
Cheryl Heunis, John Kavanagh,
Margaret Lally, Laraman Ling,
Nelinda Maroni, Joanne McLean,
Rita McCaskill, Madonna Moloney,
Gail O'Connor, Joyce Powell,
Margaret Ross, Jeffrey Saks,
John Weier, Patrick Yzelman.

The Feast of the Epiphany next weekend marks the end of the Christmas Season



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Adoration before Mass in recess till resumes 25th Jan.
St. William's Church*

**World Day of
Peace
Sunday 1st
January**



This Week's Readings
Mary, the Holy Mother of God Year A

Num 6:22-27;
Gal 4:4-7;
Lk 2:16-21

Next Week's Readings
The Epiphany of the Lord Year A

Is 60:1-6;
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12



The Timor-Leste Companions hope our fellow parishioners enjoyed a peace-filled Christmas and happy start to 2017. Our brothers and sisters in Timor also send their greetings at this time. A friend of our parish, Liquiça local and St John de Brito parishioner, Julio (Jay) has written:

Parish Sao joao de brito Liquica TLS companions group want to give Our Merry Christmas 2016 and Happy new year 2017. With this Christmas [we] hope that [it] brings us Peace, love, solidarity, and always love to help each other, between Timor-Leste and Australia. With this Christmas 2016 and New year 2017 also we hope that our relationship always continue till Whenever. Best Regards: TLS Companions Group, Parish Sao joao de Brito de Liquica. Big Hug for you All in Australia.

As we sign off for 2016 and welcome 2017, we gratefully reflect on our community's continued commitment to the people of Liquiça. We are humbled and heartened by the generosity of our Grovely-Samford and Mitchelton parishioners and we also thank our parish schools for their ongoing support throughout 2016.

The good work and the growing partnership between our faith communities is something in which can all genuinely share. As Fr Frank is wont to say, "It's a good news story!" However, the Timor-Leste Companions is a small group of parishioners who have committed time and energy to keeping up communication and the relationship alive, so for our sister-parish partnership to continue and thrive, we ask you to get involved. To become a *companion* in 2017 or even just to find out more, simply come along to our first meeting for the year: **Thursday 2 February, 7.30pm** in the parish library. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to speak with Clare Locke – ph 0414 650 546 or Michael Stevens – ph 0407 785 940
We'd love you to be part of our parish effort to share faith and love with our brothers and sisters in Liquiça, Timor-Leste.