

WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH Glen Innes CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday Cycle A (Year of Matthew) Weekday Cycle 2
25TH DECEMBER 2019

We *live* our faith through offering our:

TIME—TALENT—TREASURE

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Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles

Faithful to Prayer

Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread

Alive in the Community of the Spirit

Sharing what we have with those in need

Acts 2:42-4

The PARISH: *if it proves capable of self-renewal and consistent adaptivity, it continues to be: "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters: (26)*

[Evangelii Gaudium §28 Pope Francis]

LITURGY THIS WEEK

TUESDAY	CHRISTMAS VIGIL 7.00pm
	CHRISTMAS NIGHT 9.00pm
WEDNESDAY	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY
	OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST 9.00am
THURSDAY	Feast St STEPHEN PROTO MARTYR
	12 noon.
FRIDAY	Feast St JOHN the APOSTLE 12 noon.
SATURDAY	Feast THE HOLY INNOCENTS 9.30am.
SATURDAY VIGIL	THE HOLY FAMILY 6pm
SUNDAY	THE HOLY FAMILY 8.30am

MINISTRY	Christmas Vigil 7:00pm	MINISTRY	Christmas Night 9:00pm
READER 1	Austin Arandale	READER 1	Bill Munro
READER 2	Chloe Arandale	READER 2	Moira Munro
PRAYERS	Clare Arandale	PRAYERS	Maureen Campbell
GIFTS	Mathewson Family	GIFTS	Tarrant Family
H. C MINISTER	J Adams & J McPhee	H. C MINISTER	Carolyn Hamilton
MINISTRY	Christmas Day 9:00am		
READER 1	Phil Correy		
READER 2	Katie Newsome		
PRAYERS	Eric Morgan		
GIFTS	Pietsch Family		
H. C MINISTER	S & B Orvad		



ACROSS THE GENERATIONS

The Parish of St Patrick's Glen Innes and the Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. glen safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au or Phone (02) 6732 5191

In the end, we are not Catholics because our leaders are flawless, but because we find the claims of Catholicism both compelling and beautiful. We are Catholics because the Church speaks of the Trinitarian God whose very nature is love; of Jesus the Lord, crucified and risen from the dead; of the Holy Spirit, who inspires the followers of Christ up and down the ages; of the sacraments, which convey the Christ-life to us; and of the saints, who are our friends in the spiritual order. This is the treasure; this is why we stay.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

THE DECEASED: Norbert Mose, Juliana Edam, Stephen Annetts, Anna Miller, (recently deceased) Aileen & Harry Flynn, Paula & Tony Donelan, Kerrie & Bob Davidson, Relatives & Friends of Brenda Stevens.

THE SICK Hazel Charles, Jill Hankinson, Pat Solomon, Rod Culbert, Daniel Owens, Simon O'Brien, Peter Hodge, Ave Pearce, Mia Henderson-Johnson, Michelle Owens, Christian Vimpany, Samantha Murphy, Ellie and

CHOIR SUPPORT THIS CHRISTMAS

parishioners who love to sing, and even those who can sing are asked to sit near the altar and help lead the Carols this year at the Christmas Liturgies...

Award Winning Christmas Tree in St Ann's Chapel

thanks to St Joseph's for putting their award winning Christmas tree in the Chapel for the Christmas Season. We will take good care of it.



It is certainly fitting to recall this fact at a moment like the present one when it happens that not without sorrow we can hear people - whom we wish to believe are well-intentioned but who are certainly misguided in their attitude - continually claiming to love Christ but without the Church, to listen to Christ but not the Church, to belong to Christ but outside the Church.

The absurdity of this dichotomy is clearly evident in this phrase of the Gospel: "Anyone who rejects you rejects me." [44]

And how can one wish to love Christ without loving the Church, if the finest witness to Christ is that of St. Paul: "Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her" [45] Evangelii Nuntiandi - Apostolic Exhortation Pope Paul VI Dec 8 1975.

Thoughts at this Christmas 2019

It's been a "tough year" 2019 - they are all saying so anyway. I asked Ms Maria Mowle the Principal of our School what was the great achievement this year? - not in sport, or academics, or obedience or good manners" but what else?....." the resilience of the Children" she said without a doubt... "these kids go home to parents often battling fires, and many of them struggling with severe drought - they pitch in and then they are back again at school full of life, zest, energy, happiness. The life of a community owes just so much to the children...." unless you become like one of these little ones He said...." As soon as the fires got close to Glen and the horrible "incendio" at Wyaliba ...the phones started ringing: *Hello Fr Hanna from Western Sydney:* we have clothes, furniture and toys about a ship's container full for you! *Phone call from University students:* in Melbourne Hello Glen Innes we have 32 large cartons full of top quality clothing; *From the North:* we have a truck on the way with donations from your local communities; *Hello we are the children at a school in Tasmania !:* We know bushfires we had big ones a couple of years ago ...we are thinking of you and sending all the families at your school a Christmas cake; *Hello this is the Diocese of Wagga Wagga:* we want to donate \$5,000 for those suffering from fires; *Hello I live in Watson's Bay* my cheque for \$1,500 is enclosed use it to help your people...etc etc and THEN.... *Hello Sr Liz here, this is a Mission of Aboriginal People in the far north of the Northern Territory:* people have helped us we want to help you....all the food and presents under our Tree we are sending to you at Glen....hope it helps you down there !!

They say when the Israelites had spent a few years in the Promised Land they began to realise that it was when they were battling in the wilderness those 40 years that they were on a honeymoon with their God...." Perhaps 2019 is a tough year that makes good Australians - resilience, looking out for others, giving when it's really needed, believing in the bigger meaning and THEN thousands fighting the fires; Government helping out; local communities working long hours; Vinnies quietly working away helping one by one the needy through drought and fire...neighbours helping neighbours and the "kids" promising "tomorrow"..... Maybe a prayer or two of thanksgiving for Australians this Christmas...

Every Christmas Wish for Glen families and residents -their friends and neighbours - and Every grace for the New Year 2020.

Fr Richard Gleeson



Every Christmas Blessing
and Good Wish

May God's Good Peace
and Prosperity Be yours
This New Year Coming
2020

Thank you for the Year and for Prayer

From All at St Patrick's

**TAP DONATE comes to
St Patrick's Stewardship
Committee sponsored**

**We have to pay our
bills!!**

**Most people do not carry
cash anymore!**

**If you would like to make
an offering to St Patrick's
Maybe TAP DONATE is
the way to go for you....**

**Terminal at South side
entrance one tap \$6**



DOING A FEW THINGS WELL

