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—+— Lord, Grant Eternal Peace to: —+—

Recently Deceased;
Gerard Price, John Mills, Helen Bombala, Glenn Michael Dorman, Thelma Gaye Bloye, Lurline Anne Grime, Marta Rojas Rojas, Peg Cockram, Val Cobcroft.

We remember those whose Anniversaries we commemorate at this time:
Rocco Prestia, Father William Hannon (1st Anniversary), Charles Bombala, Irene Hayler, Robert Hudson, John Pickin.

Also; *Roy & Mary Esplin, Lean Family, John Vincent Sidgreaves, The Holy Souls, Deceased and Members of the Friendship Club.*

We pray for all the sick of our Parish Community and their carers.

Amelda Guardiano is very critical in Denver USA with COVID. She is the mother of Amy Patel, a parishioner with a family with 3 young children.

Please pray for the family. *Pamela Andreallo, Elaine Bain, Gerry Banister, Maria Bartolo, Jean Bell, Pam Buckley, Robert Cashman, Marie Cregan, Alice Elliott, Carmel Farnham, Carmel Fisher, Dorothy Fraser-Bell, Bev Hurst, Jonah Iona, Cheryl Lim, Rosemary Mayborn, Issa Mourtada, Aileen & Larry McDonnell, Veronica Nugent, Marié Rayner, Elva Ross, Tony Ryan, Evelyn Spiteri, Megan Thomas, Lindy Webb, Father Reg Wilson.*

The above List of names for the sick is only kept for 4 months and will be started over again shortly. If you wish for a loved one to be mentioned, please contact the Parish Office. In 2021 we will extend the List of Names to 'pray for' on to the Parish Website.

26 / 27 December 2020

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph -
 Year B*

| | Sat 5 pm Vigil | Sunday 7:30 am | Sunday 9:30 am |
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| Acolyte | Kevin Bourke | Sam Keir | Graham Ward |
| Minister | David Gormley | Gary Reneker | Paul Marsden |
| Minister | Cathy Bonello | Amelia Paras | Julie Banister |
| 1st Reading | Jodie McKay | Jeff Greenaway | Barbara Foster |
| Psalm | Maureen Pocock | Doreen Vernon | Sue Day |
| 2nd Reading | Emma Honey | Judith Rumsey | Michele Anthony |

May God and our Lady of Lourdes
 care for and protect all of us.
 God bless each one of you.

Mons



May I wish you all a holy and safe Christmas period and a year of blessings through 2021. I am very grateful for the generosity of the parishioners of Gymea, particularly those who work directly in apostolic endeavours in spreading the Faith, especially our Catechists who work so hard in our State Schools. To all who contribute with Time, Talent and Treasure, we all owe a real debt of gratitude for your care for the Parish in so many ways.

To our Parish Secretary Kerry Ginman and to Grahame Cashman, our Liturgy Coordinator, and all who ensure the Parish functions well in the Secretarial, Financial, Sacred and Liturgical side of things, I wish to acknowledge their untiring efforts and cheerful generosity of spirit.

To all those who work in the financial side of our parish, my gratitude for your time and effort, particularly all who donate financially on so many occasions.

To all those who have dedicated their time to the care of the Sanctuary, Church grounds, Liturgy, Choirs, Acolytes & Ministers, Readers and all our Pastoral & Ministry endeavours, during this most trying of years, I trust you too also enjoy the break and this time of holiness.

To our Choirs who have practised at home during this time of pandemic to keep their voices tuned and who are most generous with their time, many thanks and certainly to the members of our Legion of Mary who provide me with information of those who are sick or hospitalised ensuring priestly pastoral care. To Jodie McKay and the school staff especially Cathy Rizzo the school/parish Family Educator, who support our parish school ensuring it is a centre of excellence and effort, I pray 2021 will be a year of blessing and grace.

Also, thanks to Fikry and the staff of our before and after school care for caring for our students and the staff of the Montessori Academy All Day Care for their support of families.

I am so grateful to Barbara Pearce who has retired from the Altar Society after 15 years. Her husband, Harry, her chauffeur was always at the Church supporting her generous work. Thanks too Harry!!!

To Norma Wong who supplies and arranges the flowers each week for Our Lady's Altar, your time and generosity is acknowledged. Kath Lloyd who cates for the Altar linen, washing, ironing, etc. for the dignity of the Mass, my thanks too,

*To the generous parishioners who donate to Fiji and also the men who load the containers and those who contribute financially through the special collections at Christmas, be assured your care for the poor Fijians will be repaid one hundredfold. To all who work on various committees - **THANK YOU***

Mons

Dear Parishioners,

WELCOME BACK: from last week-end, 13 December we welcomed back our Choir at the Sunday 9:30 am Mass. When there is a Choir in place, please **DO NOT** access that area – wait until they have left before going to the Statues or candelabra. Please be aware that you must still maintain your distance, wash/sanitise your hands, preferably wearing your face mask & you must continue to sign in.

Mons

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Thursday, 24 December Christmas Eve – the Vigil Masses are:

5 pm, 7 pm and 9 pm (THERE IS NO MIDNIGHT MASS)

Friday, 25 December Christmas Day Masses are: **7:30 am & 9:30 am (THERE IS NO EVENING MASS)**

TIMES FOR RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION:

Friday, 18 Dec: 7 pm until finished. **Saturday, 19 Dec** after the 9:15 am Mass until finished and **Tuesday, 22 Dec** after the 9:15 am Mass until finished and again from 7 pm until finished.

CHRISTMAS BUSH FOR THE ALTAR can be left at the door to the Sacristy **NOT later than 9:30 am Christmas Eve, Thursday, 24 December. Thank you.**

NEW B-POINT TAP AND PAY SYSTEM: You will notice the new tap and pay DONATION machine at the entrance to the Church. It accepts your Mastercard and Visacard (including Visa debit cards) The DONATION is NOW set at \$10 per Tap. If you wish to donate more, you simply wait until the machine is ready and you can tap again. You can tap as many times as you would like – each tap is a \$10 donation to the Parish. **PLEASE NOTE:** that there are **NO** receipts (as they appear on your card's bank statement as Gymea Parish – GYMEA), also, there are **NO** refunds or tax deductibility.