

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon 10:00am Regina RIP

Tues 10:00am Deceased Partitioners

**A very happy Christmas to everyone,** make sure that the birthday baby Christ is at the centre of all you do. Olu has some beautiful Christmas cribs cheap and expensive ones, every home should have one, and make sure you pray around it with all your house members.

The Christmas collection is your personal gift to Fr Jack, your generosity is appreciated.

### Christmas Eve

Weds 06:00 pm Annette Bernard RIP

08:00 pm Peace in the World

### Christmas Day

Thurs 10:00am People of the Parish

### Feast of St Stephen

Fri 12:00am Special Intention

### **Followed by Servers Party**

Sat 06:00pm Dorothy Burgess FM

Sun 08:30am People of the Parish

10:00am Peace & Justice

12:00noon Thanksgiving

Mon 10:00 Personal Intention

Tues 10:00 People of Africa

Weds 10:00 Thanksgiving for 2025

### **Mary Mother of God – New Year's Day**

We look forward to a fruitful and holy 2026. Please everyone in the parish ,play your part to make the parish the kind of parish you want. You are the church it's your parish and it's as good as you are., all efforts appreciated.

Thurs 12:00 Blessings on our parish for 2026

Fri 10:00am Emergency Services

### **Epiphany of the Lord**

Sat 06:00pm People of the Parish

Sun 08:30am People of Gaza & Israel

10:00am People of the Parish

12:00noon Thanksgiving

### Fr Jack

Today is Saint Joseph's day. He never speaks a word in the whole of the bible. He listens to the Word of God and does what he is told. He is a model for all fathers and grandfathers. Mary is pregnant. He is not the father but he is an upright man. He knows the law. But he is not a legalistic bully. He knows Mary should be stoned to death but yet he feels there must be another way. And that came in a dream. Dare I say a higher consciousness. He must be the protector of this woman and child. Then he has to go to Bethlehem in a land full of thieves and brigands and corrupt police. He has got a ticking time bomb on his hands. No room in the inn. But a wet, dark, dingy, smelly cave or shed. *Just pause and contemplate for a few moments.*

Then with a baby and a price on his head from the notorious king, Herod, they must flee to Egypt. Wild animals and many horrible people. *Just Pause again and contemplate for a few moments.*

All to protect the Body of Christ. That same man now protects the Mystical body of Christ, You and me. Fathers and grandfathers stand erect and be counted. Protect your children and lead them to Christ.

### SINCEREST THANKS

As this year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to give my sincere thanks to each and everyone of you who have made this parish go round. Many of you work behind the scenes effectively and diligently, quietly and unseen. Thank you so much for your contribution to making this parish what it is and thank God for a good year.

Next year we've all got to work to get a good Parish Council into shape, your help is appreciated.