

St Mary's, Gordonton. Christmas Eve Midnight Mass



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Thurs 24th 11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Homily: *"Do Not Be Afraid"*

*For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given;
And the government will be upon His shoulder.
And His name will be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

This has been a year that has cemented the church of St Mary's. We have understood that the church is not the building but the people. This was reinforced when one Sunday we gathered outside for a wonderful "picnic" service during a covid level restriction. We hold Hebrews 10:25 to our hearts; *to keep meeting with one another, and to encourage each other as we see the day of the Lord approaching.* Take care, Merry Christmas, and God bless, David.



DEC 25th 2021 to FEBRUARY 6th 2022: Please note that there will be no services on and between these dates. Services will resume Sun 13th Feb 2022.



Readings for 24th Dec

OT: 2 Samuel 7:1-17

NT: Acts 13:16-26

Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

+ Prayer Points +

- For those who are grieving, sick, sad, or lonely this Christmas; may we be Christ's hands and feet to them.
- Don't forget to pray for God's creatures this Christmas season – life can be tough on them during Christmas. Pray for those involved in the Animal Welfare and rescue
- For safe, happy and refreshing holidays for all



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