St Mary's, Gordonton. Christmas Eve Midnight Mass



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Thurs 24th 11pm Christmas Eve Midnight Mass

Homily: "Darkness & Light"

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 year has gone so quickly. I found that there has been a real bonding between parishioners, who want to see St Mary's grow and thrive after a somewhat turbulent couple of years. It wonderful to see God's hand on us as we now move towards tangible seismic strengthening of our old beloved church. 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 2022 to FEBRUARY 6th 2023: Please note that there will be no services on and between these dates. Services will resume <u>Sun 12th Feb 2023</u>.



Readings for 24th Dec

OT: Isaiah 60:1-3 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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