



# ST MARY'S TOWERS

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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS

by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am each Sunday

6pm every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday [at Menangle]

5pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday for  
Youth/Young families

WEEKDAY MASS/PRAYER

in Jenkins Chapel

Monday: 5pm Prayer; 5.15pm Mass

Tues-Sat: 7am Prayer; 7.15am Mass

ALL WELCOME

TODAY WE CELEBRATE:

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY of ADVENT

YEAR C: 20 DECEMBER, 2009

Can you think of a time when you 'knew'  
something without being told? What was  
the source of your intuition?

What promises has God made to you? Do  
you believe the promises that have been  
made?

*We acknowledge the Dharawal people, traditional owners and custodians of this place. They are part of the world's oldest living human culture, deserving of our deepest respect. May we walk gently on this land.*

## DATES / TIMES TO REMEMBER...

**TODAY : YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILIES CHRISTMAS LITURGY,**

Children invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds.

4.30pm we will begin to sing carols,  
5pm Mass - bring a plate to share afterwards.

December 24 7pm Christmas Carols - traditional in the church -  
and also around the Grotto for the children

7.30pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.  
Bring a plate to share afterwards.

December 25 9am CHRISTMAS DAY Mass.



## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay, Christine Sullivan, Trish Coleman, Peter Naughton, Daphne O'Brien, Kerrie Berger (Pat Cagney's sister) Hazel Wood [Jude Flippence's mother - battling cancer] Doug Moseley [Heather's brother-in-law] Lois Martin, Brian Selem, Bill Penn, Sheree Shipley, Frank Dineen msc.

## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK:

1st: \$200.05; 2nd: \$149.40  
Thank you for your generosity.

## MARY

A teenage pregnancy:  
I saw her moving behind the lattice  
with eyes downcast  
and thought, wrongly, it was  
out of shame.

The young body swelling;  
going quietly about her work  
with mind elsewhere,  
maybe searching for  
the right name.

Veiled and unobtrusive,  
she left to visit a relative -  
Elizabeth who knew well  
how gossips snigger  
and defame.

She came home;  
awkwardly, big with child,  
veil drawn back.

And I saw her eyes  
bright as flame.

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## ADVENT PRAYERS : WEEK THREE : THEME 'love'

Last Sunday we lit the candle of joy. We light it and the candles of hope and peace again as we remember that Christ will come again and bring us true peace and joy.

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of Love. It's light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us.

**Celebrant:** We light this candle today to remind us of how God's perfect love is found in Jesus.

**All:** Loving God, we thank you for your gift of love - shown to us in Jesus Christ. Help us prepare our hearts to receive Him. Bless our worship. Help us to hear and do your word.  
We ask this in the name of the one born in Bethlehem.  
Amen

