

## First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

The fruits of this the have been gathered together in a new report that contains dozens of proposals to shape the ongoing Plenary Council journey.

Access the document at:  
<https://bit.ly/FirstAssembly>

## St Benedict's Parish Census forms

Dear parishioners, we are trying to complete our parish database that we want to use for all communications. However, we do not have full details for all parishioners and sometimes we just have a name. If you haven't yet completed and returned a Census form, Father would be very grateful for your help in sending the form to the office as soon as possible. Census forms are in the foyer.

A more complete database helps the parish to function effectively because we can contact you at the right place, provide assistance more efficiently (eg home visits), protect your parish work (eg keeping Working With Vulnerable People cards current) and keeping you in better touch with what's happening in the parish.

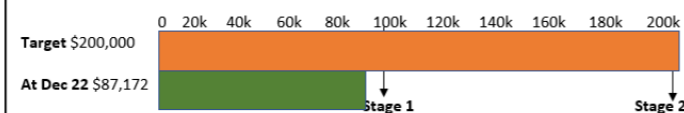
## World Meeting of Families 22-26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness" In our Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn it is envisaged that celebrations will happen in three locations: one in Canberra, one in the Eastern Deanery and one in the Western Deanery. For more local information contact [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869. General information at : [www.romefamily2022.com](http://www.romefamily2022.com)

## Parish Pastoral Council

Thank you to everyone who has been thinking about our Priests' accommodation and making donations to ensure that the Presbytery is habitable in 2022. The photos we showed at Masses earlier this month demonstrated the sorry condition of the moisture damaged and mould - ridden bedroom and bathroom. Your donations have made it possible for these two rooms to be fully renovated by early next year. However, there is still much to be done to make the Presbytery liveable.

A further **\$1900.00** has been donated in the past weeks bringing the total to **\$ 87,072.00: \$56,000** from the initial donor via the MGLs and **\$31,072** from parishioners



We have a **further \$ 18,928 to go to reach our Parish target** of a contribution of \$50,000 towards the total renovation of Stages 1 and 2.

If you are able to contribute, please take a donation envelope from the back of the Church or contribute online to:

Account Name	BSB	Acc No
St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

When making a donation please advise under the reference bar that the donation is for **Presbytery**.

The Parish Pastoral Council wishes everyone a blessed Christmas

Moira Najdecki

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledge the **Ngunnawal People**, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

# St Benedict's Catholic Church



## In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Parish Team:

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer, Wednesday 8.00am—12midday)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Jeremiah Wilkes (Youth Minister)

## Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord 1 & 2 January 2022

### God's Word reflection: The Epiphany of the Lord

The visit of the Magi or three kings to the infant Jesus is a beautiful and touching event, recorded in Matthew's Gospel only. Each of the gifts offered is an eloquent symbol of Christ's future destiny. The splendour of gold represents kingship and sovereignty. Frankincense, delicate and richly aromatic, expresses the mystery of his divinity. The bitterness of myrrh, an analgesic sap extracted from a small, thorny tree, foretells the pain and suffering which lay ahead. Let each of us, like the Magi, seek out and follow the star which will lead us to our Saviour. No matter how oppressive the blackness may be which envelops us, no matter how empty and barren may seem the sky which looms above us, the small star—hope— shall not fail to shine through, if we seek it with open eyes. May we follow its golden radiance, even if it be but the faintest glimmer; for it will surely lead us to that tranquil resting place where our God abides.

### Parish Office hours over the Christmas break

The Parish Office will be closed from 23 December and open Tuesday 4 January.

### Adoration roster

**Adoration for this year will finish on Saturday 18 December and recommence on Monday 31 January.** Thankyou all for your prayerful support and look forward to seeing you again at the end of January. Anne Sutherland 0413203901.

### Out of lockdown

Dear brothers and sisters, great news! Masses have recommenced at the usual times. **170 people** are able to attend each Mass in person. Please follow social distancing and sanitise before entry. Face mask are mandatory indoors for those 12 years and above. Parishioners are not required to produce evidence of vaccination. **Upon entry please sign in using the CBR app, if you are unable to do so please use the sign in sheets that are available.** If you are unwell due to immunity issues it is better to stay home.

### CBR check in card

A Check In CBR card is now available, designed for those people who do not own a smartphone or who are unable to download or use the Check In CBR app. To apply for this card you can either call access Canberra on **13 22 81** or apply online using the following link: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/check-in-cbr-app/check-in-cbr-app-form>

### Laudato Si Action Platform

The much-anticipated Laudato Si' Action Platform was officially launched last week. The platform offers Catholics and "all people of good will" concrete steps and support towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology as described in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on the care of creation. The platform identifies 7 sectors working towards 7 goals over 7 years. Everyone is invited to participate by enrolling in the platform. Further information -

- <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/>
- <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>

**Sunday 2 January 2022**

Epiphany year C.

**First reading Isaiah 60:1-6**

Rise up in splendour, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13.**

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

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The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

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Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R/-

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

R/-

**Second reading Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:

that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
We have seen his star in the East;  
And have come to adore the Lord.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Matthew 2:1-12**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

(Parish Office closed 23 Dec – 4 Jan)

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES: WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Saturday (25th cancelled) 6pm (Vigil) Tuesday 5.30pm  
 Sunday 9am Wednesday 12.30pm  
 Thursday 5.30pm  
 Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass) Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)  
 Sunday 6pm Youth Mass Saturday 8.00am

**RECONCILIATION:**

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6:15-7pm  
 Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by appointment

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Padre Pio 5pm  
 Every Saturday 7.30am

**BAPTISMS:** during Weekend Masses or by appointment

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays,  
 10.30am at Jindalee 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
 10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

**Adoration daily hours:**

(Closed 18 Dec – 30 Jan)

Monday 6am-10pm Tuesday 6am-10pm  
 Wednesday 1pm-10pm Thursday 1pm-10pm  
 Friday 6am to Saturday 8am

**Hearing Loop** is located in the right Centre rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

**ST BENEDICT'S WORSHIP GROUP** gathers after Thursday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

**Request for volunteers to clean the Church**

Recently a few of our wonderful volunteers who clean the Church have had to step back. If any parishioners have the time to volunteer to clean the Church for two hours on a Saturday morning (approximately once every 4 weeks), please contact the Parish office to be placed on the cleaning roster.

**READINGS & ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND**

1 & 2 January 2022 (Epiphany)

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario —
Presentation of the Gifts	Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry & Claudine Smith Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario, Nhung Booth	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

8 & 9 January (Baptism of the Lord)

1ST READING Is 40:1-5, 9-11	2ND READING Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7	GOSPEL Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Volunteer
Readers	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	Paula Keating Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	BA Daly	
Eucharistic Ministers	Noreen Dick	Peter Stauffer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Louise Gaudry & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith & Amir	
Mt View		
Jindalee		



**Let us pray for those in our parish**

**Recently Deceased:** Sr M Andre Guthrie, RSJ (Goulburn); Heinrich Frank; Marvel Nobleza; Dorothy Lamb, Ignacio Serrano.

**Anniversaries:** Victor Martin; Margaret Burnell, Tom Daly, Margaret Davis, Thomas Erpei, Maree Jenkins, Sarah Maitland, William Malone, Marion Murphy, Ivo Webb, Anne Witt.

**Other Celebrations:**

**Our Sick:** Jindalee & Mt View residents, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Fr Laurie Blake, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Caroline Evans.