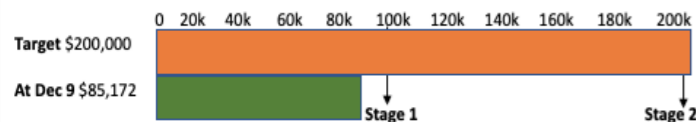


hampers. Please take a tag from the tree to provide toys/ gift cards for the appropriate age child. Gifts do not need to be wrapped and preferably are not wrapped. Food items including, cakes, biscuits, cordials, soft drinks, canned goods, chips and sweets, Christmas crackers etc are required for the hampers. Traditionally the parish has been very generous and supportive of the Christmas hamper and we thank you for your continued support. Should you be aware of any family that would benefit from a hamper please advise the parish office. Please return the gifts by 19 December so the society can distribute them for Christmas

From the Parish Pastoral Council:

Please keep the donations coming in for this appeal. As a Parish we need to care for our Priests but their current living conditions are substandard. If you would like to learn more about why it is important to contribute to this appeal, please do not hesitate to contact me at mtcn52@gmail.com

A further **\$1,840.00** has been donated in the past week bringing the total to **\$85,172.00**: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs and \$29,172.00 from parishioners.



We have a **further \$21,000 to go to reach our Parish target** of a contribution of \$50,000 towards the renovation.

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**.

Yours in Christ
Moira Najdecki
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2021

As we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, parishes will be conducting the annual Archbishop's Christmas Appeal at their Christmas Masses, **in our parish it will be a retiring collection.** Funds raised will again be used to support the National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal and to assist Church communities in Ethiopia, Gaza, Syria Indonesia and Sri Lankans in India. Further support will be given for projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Africa and Thamarassery in India along with projects of the La Salette Martha Province, in India. Continuing assistance will be given for the Bethlehem University as well as contributing to construction of a school hall at Vanga Point within the Diocese of Gizo, PNG.

Generosity in the face of COVID challenges will again be needed to enable us to reach out and assist our neighbours in need this year. **You can use the Qkr! App to make a donation** or please send to:

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal
Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell
GPO BOX 3089, Canberra ACT 2601
Enquiries: Deacon Joe Blackwell Tel. 0407 909 295

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>

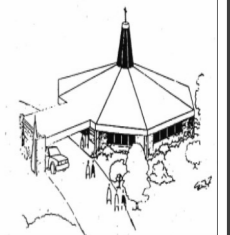
Archdiocesan Zoom Advent Groups

Join a Zoom Advent reflection 4pm this Sun 12 or 10am this Tue 14 December. Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540. Be enriched by the reflections or our Archbishop and of lay people from around our Archdiocese on Amoris Laetitia - Pope Francis' document on the family. Videos & handouts freely available at

www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT

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



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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)

**Third Sunday in Advent Year C
11 & 12 December 2021**



Lighting of the Three Candles

One of the four candles on an Advent wreath is usually rose-coloured. This is the candle lit today, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Sunday also named Gaudete or 'rejoicing' Sunday, a name taken from the opening word of the Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass.

Before the birth of Christ people often seemed to be at a loss about how to live in harmony with God. While they received the law through Moses as a gift, they soon tragically reduced this life-giving direction to little rules that served to bind rather than free. Those who are captive struggle to sing songs of rejoicing. Such directionless people flock to John asking: What must we do then? At this point John presents the first clear social teaching of the Christian era, firstly to the people, then tax collectors, then the soldiers. Afterwards John declares before them all that Christ whom they had awaited was immanent and the era they had long awaited had arrived.

The risk we face is to see the arrival of the Messiah only as an historical event. The reality is that Jesus Christ, who overcame death, is present in our world today, and wherever there is love, there is God. There is no greater cause for rejoicing than awareness of this fact

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 no longer mandatory, but encouraged 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>



Public Square Rosary

& Advent Carols

Sunday, 12 Dec 2021

Two o'clock in the afternoon at

Garema Place City Walk

Canberra Centre

For more info ring Legion of Mary on 0405 669 022

The best gift that we can give this Christmas is to share our Faith!

The St Vincent de Paul Conference

at St Benedict's distributes some 60 food and toy hampers to needy families in Narrabundah for Christmas each year. We rely on donations from the parish, and local schools to furnish the



Sunday 12 December 2021

Advent 3 year C.

First reading Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
 Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
 The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away.
 The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear.
 When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp.
 The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.
 He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12

Truly, God is my salvation,
 I trust, I shall not fear.
 For the Lord is my strength, my song,
 he became my saviour.
 With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation. R/-

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
 for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel*

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
 Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
 Declare the greatness of his name. R/-

Sing a psalm to the Lord
 for he has done glorious deeds;
 make them known to all the earth!
 People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. R/-

Second reading Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near.

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1(Lk4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
 He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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

Anniversaries: Edna Brisco, Patricia Bugden; James Gowing; Edward Green; John McMahon; Bernard Meere; Thomas Stephenson

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.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

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

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)	Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am	Wednesday 12.30pm
(Streamed via Facebook)	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 3rd 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 1st Thursday of the month
 10.30am at Mt View 3rd Thursday of the month

Adoration daily hours:

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.

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>

Adoration roster

You can join as an ongoing commitment or an occasional substitute. Hours that are totally vacant and in **urgent need of filling are: Monday 11-12pm, 9-10pm; Tuesday 7-8am, 8-9am, 3-4pm; Wednesday 3-4pm; Friday 1-2pm.** Please contact **Anne Sutherland 0413203901.**

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

11 & 12 December 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	—
Readers	Don Jeffery & Helen Bennett	Paula Keating & Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	N.A.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jesús Salazar	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	volunteer & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

18 & 19 December 2021

1ST READING Micah 5:1-4	2ND READING Hebrews 10:5-10	GOSPEL Lk 1:39-44
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Sally Cotsell	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth & Marlene Keir	Philippe & Coline Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	N.A.
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Lunn	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas, Margie Arvellino, Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith & Amir	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

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.

Positions Available:

Parish Administrative Support Assistant

Part-time permanent position two days, supporting parishes inputting financial data and producing reports & quarterly BAS. Applications close COB 13 December. Contact deborah.foote@cg.org.au Full information <https://cgatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/>