

PARISH NEWS

St Vincent de Paul Gift Hampers

Each year the St Benedict's Vinnies Conference provides food and Gift Hampers for the needy in the parish. Once again this year we are seeking donations of gifts and non-perishable food items to be left up until Monday 21 December. The Parish Giving Tree has been erected in the church.

Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Altar cleaning and flower arranging

Parishioners are invited to assist with the weekly preparation of the church by helping with the arrangement of flowers and **light cleaning. This does not include vacuuming the church. Volunteers are rostered** every 5-6 weeks, usually for about an hour on Saturday morning. The next roster period will run from late December until approximately May to June 2021. For further information or to offer to join the roster please call Sue on 0407 269 193 before 11 December.

MGL Manila Christmas Hamper Appeal

During this most difficult time our MGL Manila Parish (also St Benedict's!) is raising money for Christmas Hampers to bring some joy into the lives of families struggling just to survive. A family hamper costs between AU\$12-15. Our Canberra "MGL Mission Account" will transfer directly into our Manila Account. The bank details are: BSB 062-786. A/C number: 027325, with reference "MANREL".

Engaged Encounter Retreat 20-21 February 2021

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Gifts of Faith

A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. One can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. Find out more: www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait

Are you looking for further spiritual growth in 2021?

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invites you to apply for our **Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola 2021** program. It runs from February onwards spanning 30-35 weeks. Anyone is welcome to apply - no prior experience necessary. Expressions of interest close 28 Feb 2021. Contact Sandra on 1300 392 636 or info@jisa.org.au for details.

Our Sick: Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Simon Keay, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:

Domenic Antonio Cirillo, Thomas French, Concetta Denaro, Gloria Loewe, David Young, Mary Grech, Charles Morella, Francesco Barbero, Kevin Power, Caroline Brunner, John and Antoinette Martin, Pam Pini, Donal Dwyer, Albert Alfred Bonansea, Kathleen Kensey, Ian Patterson, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, Margaret Burnell, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Betty O'Brien, Gerry Agnew, Zeta Evans, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Lawrence Power, Edna Keir, Stella Ienco, Barrie Marshall, Sam & Nina Agius; Fred and Antoinette Martin, Heather Daly

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 21 & 13 December 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Emy Nicols & Mattia Wellspring	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith and volunteers	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19 & 20 December 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
1ST READING 3 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16	2ND READING Rom 16:25-27	GOSPEL Lk 1:26-38
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario Priscilla Kinyanjui
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker & Brian Barron	Barry Murphy & Peter Stauffer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mary Brown, Leita Barron & Loretta Thomas	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	



The Archbishops Christmas Appeal is now available within your Parish Qkr! App. Please help us to make a difference, both locally and globally, by donating to the appeal.



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

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre)

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Asst. Priest)

Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

3rd Sunday of Advent Year B 12 & 13 December 2020

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9am
(Streamed via Facebook)

Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 6pm Youth Mass
(Fourth Sun of the Month)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (Healing 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

ROSARY:

Saturdays after 8.00am Mass

Thursdays – 7.00pm (during May & October)

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday 9am – 8pm **Tuesday** 10am – 9pm

Wednesday 11am – 10pm **Thursday** 11am – 10pm

Friday 9am – midnight **Saturday** 12am – 8am

****hours may vary should the use of the Church be required**

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.

Dear brother and sisters,

Good news the parish has signed up to **Check in CBR** (Canberra) so if you are able, please download the app. If you can't please continue to use the sign in sheets.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve:

- 6pm Family Mass (at least 2 people receiving Sacraments) in the School Hall
- 8pm Family Mass in the School Hall
- 8pm Charismatic Mass in the Church
- Midnight Mass (run by Catholic Aboriginal Ministry) at Midnight in the Church

Christmas Day:

- 9am Mass in the Church

St Benedict's 2021

Dear St Benedict's brothers and sisters as you know, due to our MGL personnel issues, I have been asked to rejoin our Darwin Mission. Unfortunately St Benedict's is not able to welcome Fr Brian as we had hoped. Fr Ken has appointed Fr Rembert to be Administrator of the Parish for one year as of February 1. Fr Baiju will continue in his role as Mission Centre Director and supporting Fr Rem in his role. We continue to ask for God's blessings upon all that happens at St Benedict's.

Yours in Christ

Fr Dan

To mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, the Holy Father has proclaimed a **"Year of Saint Joseph"** from, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 12 & 13 December 2020

3 Advent Year B.

First reading

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

He has sent me to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;
to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.
'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.
'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy.



Lighting of the Three Candles

Second reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

May you all be kept safe for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

'There stands among you the one coming after me'

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.