

# St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Parish Team:

Fr Dan Benedetti MGL (Parish Priest)  
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## Third Sunday of Advent

14 December & 15 December 2019

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 9am  
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)  
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass  
(every last Sun of the Month)  
Saturday 8am

#### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm  
Wednesday 12.30pm  
Thursday 5.30pm  
Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

#### 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

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Christmas Mass Times 2019

Christmas Mass times are as follows:

#### Christmas Eve

- Family Mass at 6pm (in the school hall)
- Charismatic Mass at 8pm
- Midnight Mass

#### Christmas Day

- Morning Mass at 9am

### Christmas Masses—

#### Signup, and Setup for 6pm Vigil:

The setup in the School Hall for the Christmas Family Vigil Mass (6pm) will happen on **Sunday 22 December**, from about 10:00am (after Mass). The School Hall pack up for the Christmas Family Vigil Mass will happen on **Friday 27 December** from 10:00am. The "signup sheets" for this vigil and other Christmas Masses are up on the noticeboard in the "carpark foyer". Please add your name and contact details wherever you are able to assist. Thank you from the Parish Pastoral Council.

### Perpetual Adoration Roster over Christmas/

#### New Year

The Perpetual Adoration Roster will finish on Saturday 21 December and recommence Monday 3 February 2020. During the December/January period Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be available for an hour before each weekday mass. Any enquiries please contact Anne Sutherland on 0413 203 901.

### Parish Office hours over Christmas break

The Parish Office will close at 12pm on **Tuesday 24 December**, and will reopen at 9am on **Thursday 2 January 2020**. During this time, please direct any urgent enquiries to the emergency number.

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### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 35:1-6,10*

*God himself is coming to save you*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalms 145(146):6-10*

**Lord, come and save us.**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age.

## SECOND READING

***James 5:7-10***

***Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon***

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

## 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

***Matthew 11:2-11***

***'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'***

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

## PARISH NEWS

**Fr Dave's farewell postponed:** Please note that due to the unexpected death of his father in Perth last week, Fr Dave's farewell will now take place on **Saturday 21 December at 6:00pm** for a bring your own BBQ, at the MGL brothers house 6 Boake Place, Garran.

**National Drought Prayer Campaign**—The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have asked us to devote November as a month to pray for those affected by the drought and to pray for the gift of rain. Resources can be found at: [www.catholic.org.au/drought](http://www.catholic.org.au/drought)

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders**— If your card is due to expire in November or December 2019 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office.

**Ministry to the Newly Married** is a mentoring program for couples married in the Catholic Church, in the first five years of marriage. A newly-married couple is matched with a different adoptive-couple each year. Couples meet together four times a year, and cover 20 topics over the five-year program. Couples in their first year of marriage are invited to register now for the program in 2020. For more information please contact Ralph or Angela on 0490 686 857.

**Altar Flowers for Christmas:** Please call Sue on 0407 269 193 if you would like to donate flowers, or money toward the purchase of flowers, for the church over Christmas.

**Parish Pilgrimage: In the Footsteps of Sts Benedict, Francis & Anthony**—Consider Joining **Father Dan** on a magnificent pilgrimage with **St Benedict, St Francis and St Anthony:** Rome, Subiaco/Montecassino/Pompeii/Norcia, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, Venice and more! With daily mass at sacred sites and the Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis. **Departing September 2020.** For more information call or email the Parish Office Fr Dan. For centuries, Christians have gone on pilgrimage, to seek and immerse themselves in the presence of God.

**Plenary Council Phase Three:** The Plenary Council's six themes invite people to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia. We are welcome to join other Parishes in this phase. St Christopher's will have their second meeting with the theme 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal' on **Tuesday 21 January 2020 from 6:30-9:00pm** at the Haydon Hall in Manuka. The Theme is 'Prayerful and Eucharistic'. For further meeting dates, see the poster in the Church foyer.

### As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

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

**Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:** Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, Andrew Italiano, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Richard (Dick) Brennan, Betty O'Brien, Zeta Evans, Frank Pantano, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Sr Anne Derwin RSJ, John Newlyn, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Gerry Agnew, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Louis Camilleri, Sam & Nina Agius

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 14 & 15 December 2019

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Priscilla Kinyanjui
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	P & C Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Sally Cotsell BA Daly	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Noreen Dick	B Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Margie Avellino, Anne Hobday & Noreen Dick	
Church Cleaners	Zbiggy Zmurko & Muneko Ono	
Mt View	Maralyn	
Jindalee	Rita Parker	

### READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21 & 22 December 2019

<u>1ST READING</u> Is 7:10-14	<u>2ND READING</u> Rom 1:1-7	<u>GOSPEL</u> Mt 1:18-24
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	M Stratford
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	Louise O'Rance Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Vacant	
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	M Stratford Janice Kely
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View	Carmel Henry	
Jindalee	Brendan	

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