

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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3rd Sunday of Advent 15 & 16 December 2018

PARISH OFFICE HOURS : Tues –Thurs 9am - 3pm

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 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 9am – 7pm
Tuesday 9am – 10pm
Wednesday 4pm – 10pm
Thursday 11am – 10pm
Friday 10am – midnight
Saturday 12am – 8am

*Please
sign up
for an
hour*

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.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

1ST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18

RESP PSALM:

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

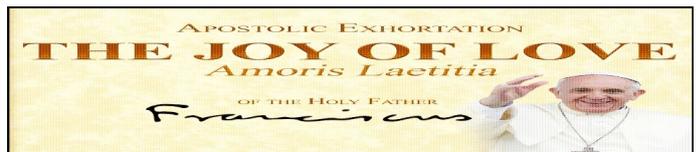


2ND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good news to the poor. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:10-18



LOOKING TO JESUS: THE VOCATION OF THE FAMILY

Jesus restores and fulfils God's plan

The Synod Fathers noted that Jesus, “in speaking of God’s original plan for man and woman, reaffirmed the indissoluble union between them, even stating that ‘it was for your hardness of heart that Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so’ (Mt 19:8). The indissolubility of marriage – ‘what God has joined together, let no man put asunder’ (Mt 19:6) – should not be viewed as a ‘yoke’ imposed on humanity, but as a ‘gift’ granted to those who are joined in marriage... God’s indulgent love always accompanies our human journey; through grace, it heals and transforms hardened hearts, leading them back to the beginning through the way of the cross. The Gospels clearly present the example of Jesus who... proclaimed the meaning of marriage as the fullness of revelation that restores God’s original plan (cf. Mt 19:3)”⁵⁵

(Cont.. paragraph 63 Amoris Laetitia)

PARISH NEWS

OFFICE IS CLOSED THIS TUES 18 DEC 2018

Thanks to our Volunteers:

It was great to thank our St Benedict's Volunteers last Saturday at the afternoon Tea. A big thank you to Mel Stratford and the School for organizing and hosting the event. It was a wonderful way to get to know each other. A big thank you also to Bob O'Heir who has been tireless in maintenance around the School and Parish this year and caps it off with the Working Bee. Giving and volunteering our time and skills is a great blessing to our Community and the Church, there are so many who go about their work so humbly, the Lord sees this even if others don't. Let's together continue to build St Benedict's spiritually and practically!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Prepare Spiritually for Christmas! **Thursday 20 Dec at 6:30pm** there will be a Second Rite of Reconciliation including individual Confessions.

Christmas Mass Times 2018:

Monday 24 Dec: Christmas Vigil 6pm, 8pm (Charismatic Mass) and Midnight Mass. Tuesday 25 Dec: Christmas Day 9am.

During the holiday period please note of the following:

- ♦ **Adoration** finishes at 8am Mass Saturday 22 December 2018. Starts on Monday, 4 Feb 2019
- ♦ **Jindalee and Mountain View:** No services (Thursdays & Sundays) from 24 Dec 2018. Start on 3 Feb 2019.
- ♦ **Parish Office is closed on Tues 18 Dec.** Open 19th, closes at 3pm on Thurs 20 Dec 2018. Reopens on Thurs 3 Jan 2019, then as usual from Tues 8 January 2019. For Emergency please call 6239 6772.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Giving Tree



Please help Vinnies supply a basic food hamper to the less fortunate people. We request donations of extra items such as drinks, nuts, cakes and biscuits, confectionery to give the hampers the Christmas feel. **Suggestions for gifts for teenagers:** Cinema vouchers, JB Hi Fi vouchers, iTunes vouchers, Ultimate Teens gift card. These gift vouchers can usually be purchased at Coles, Woolies etc . **These items can be placed under the Giving Tree which will be in the church during Advent.** On **The Giving Tree** there will also be tags with Children's names on them, we are seeking appropriate age toys to be donated for families hampers. It is not necessary to have the presents wrapped. Thank you for your generosity.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Lorraine Davis, Betty O'Brien, Mathew, Grace Skellern, Noeleen Carrick, Pam Pini, Stan Marris, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Ellen Brennan, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Johannes Lemewu, Claire Connell, Tom French, Peter Knight, Sam & Nina Agius, Ian Smith, Correy Browning, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Barney & Una Murphy, John Shaw, Gerry Agnew, Keith Miller, Marie Bauer, Pat Hannan, Jim Kirkman, Christine Kirchner, William Smith, Allen Palmer, John Martin, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Louise Agnew, Louis Camilleri.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND (15 & 16 Dec 2018)

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Melanie Stratford
Readers	Mark Doverty & Helen Bennet	Barry Murphy &
Presentation	Jeffery Family	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis & Mark Doverty	Melanie Stratford & Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Mt View	Julie Douglas	
Jindalee	Rita Parker	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND (22 & 23 Dec 2018)

1ST READING MICAH 5:1-4	2ND READING HEBREWS 10:5-10	GOSPEL LUKE 1:39-14
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace & Sally Cotsell	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki	P & C Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	B Barron & Rita Parker	J Douglas & M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mary Brown & Leita Barron	
Church Cleaners	Muneko Ono & Zbiggy Zmurko	
Mt View	Holiday break	
Jindalee	Holiday break	

*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.*