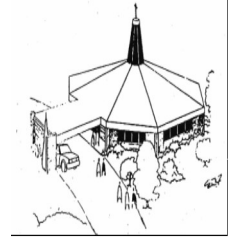


# St Benedict's Catholic Church



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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Deacon Luke Van Der Mark MGL

Luz Carlile (Parish Secretary)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

## 2nd Sunday of Advent 8 & 9 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 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

### 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:** Baruch 5: 1-5

### RESP PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

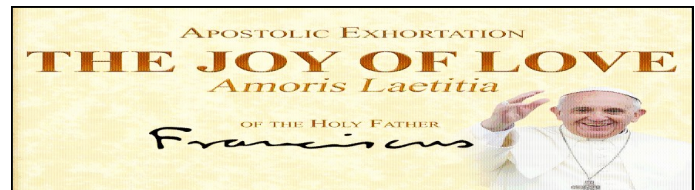


**2ND READING:** Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

### ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** LUKE 3:4,6



## LOOKING TO JESUS:

### THE VOCATION OF THE FAMILY

Jesus restores and fulfils God's plan

Contrary to those who rejected marriage as evil, the New Testament teaches that “everything created by God is good and nothing is to be rejected” (1 Tim 4:4). Marriage is “a gift” from the Lord (° Cor 7:7). At the same time, precisely because of this positive understanding, the New Testament strongly emphasizes the need to safeguard God's gift: “Let marriage be held in honour among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled” (Heb 57:8). This divine gift includes sexuality: “Do not refuse one another” (1 Cor 7:5).

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# PARISH NEWS

**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.

**The St Benedict's Social Group: Christmas Coffee Morning** this Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30 at 'Gryphons At Griffith'.

**St Benedict's School and Parish Christmas Carols and Picnic:** THIS Friday 14 Dec 5.30pm at St Benedict's School Ground. Please bring a family picnic or enjoy a sausage sandwich from the BBQ.

## WORKING BEE:

**NEXT Saturday 15 December commencing 8.30am.** Parish members maintain the school grounds for a fee paid by the school - all income being earmarked to support Kingdom Kids Ministry. The Church grounds including the Presbytery and Outreach Centre are also maintained by parish members. Support to those volunteers in getting the grounds ready for the Christmas and holiday season would be greatly appreciated. Helpers are needed to rake, clean up, weed, trim shrubs etc and to load the trailer for dump trips. Rakes, blowers, whipper snipers, pruning shears, barrows are all needed. If you are available to do a few hours, please call Bob O'Heir on 0435 203 438 or email him at boboheir68@gmail.com to organise your contribution. Sausages sizzle at Parish Centre at 1pm for helpers.

### St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Giving Tree

Please help Vinnies supplies a basic food hamper. 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.

**Lost & Found Basket:** Please have a look in the basket and retrieve your lost property.

## 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, Sam & Nina Agius, Ian Smith, Correy Browning, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Barney & Una Murphy, John Shaw, Gerry Agnew, Pat Evans, Charles Morella, 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, Barbara Jeffery, Louise Agnew, Louis Camilleri.

## ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND (8 & 9 Dec 2018)

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	L & B Barron	A Burg
<b>Readers</b>	M Keir & M Slee	L O'Rance & J
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	S Cotsell & BA Daly	Children's Liturgy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	R Parker & B Barron	A & M Wellspring
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	M Wellspring, L Thomas & S Neimanis	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	S Ruzario & K Squires	
<b>Mt View</b>	M Molyneux	
<b>Jindalee</b>	B Price	

## READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND (15 & 16 Dec 2018)

1ST READING ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18	2ND READING PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7	GOSPEL LUKE 3:10-18
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	Melanie Stratford
<b>Readers</b>	Claire & Grace Bennett	Barry Murphy & Nathan Kensey
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Jeffery Family	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Neimanis & Mark Doherty	Melanie Stratford & Janice Kelly
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Anne Hobday, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Brad Hogno	
<b>Mt View</b>	Julie Douglas	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Rita Parker	

*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.*