

## PARISH NEWS

### 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

### 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.

### 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 for online donations are: BSB 062-786. A/C number: 00027325 with reference "MANREL". Unfortunately you can't use these

**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

19 & 20 December 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mary Brown, Leita Barron & Loretta Thomas	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	

details to do donate at a bank but you can make a donation in cash or cheque by placing it into an envelope and putting it in the Mass collections and it will be passed onto the MGLs.

### 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/giftsoffaith](http://www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffaith)



The Archbishop's 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



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### Parish Team:

Fr Dan Benedetti MGL (Parish Priest)

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)

## 4th Sunday of Advent Year B 19 & 20 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

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 download the app, please continue to use the sign in sheets.

### Adoration in the Church

The Adoration roster will finish this year, this weekend on the morning of **Saturday 19 December** and recommence on **Monday 1 February**. Many thanks to all who participate and let us pray for many more to join us next year. Blessings and gratitude from your St Ben Adoration co-ordinators Kathy Miller, Monica Salazar, and Anne Sutherland

### CHRISTMAS MASSES TIMES

**MASSES MUST BE BOOKED USING TRYBOOKING OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE**

#### Christmas Eve:

- 6pm Family Mass (at least 2 people receiving Sacraments) in the School Hall

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNOKD>

- 8pm Family Mass in the School Hall

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNOKL>

- 8pm Charismatic Mass in the Church

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNOKY>

- Midnight Mass (run by Catholic Aboriginal Ministry) at Midnight in the Church

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNOLB>

#### Christmas Day:

- 9am Mass in the Church

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNOLJ>

**New Year's Eve:** 11.00pm

**New Year's Day:** 5.30pm

#### The Parish Office Hours Christmas/New Year.

Last day for the parish office is Wednesday 23 December and the office reopens Tuesday 5 January.



# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 19 & 20 December 2020

## First reading

**2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16**

**Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me**

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 88(89):2-5,27,29**

***For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.***

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
I will establish your dynasty for ever  
and set up your throne through all ages.

'He will say to me: "You are my father,  
my God, the rock who saves me."  
I will keep my love for him always;  
with him my covenant shall last.'



*Lighting of the Four Candles*

## Second reading

**Romans 16:25-27**

**The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages**

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Luke 1:38**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the servant of the Lord:  
may His will for me be done.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**Luke 1:26-38**

**'I am the handmaid of the Lord'**

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.