

PARISH NEWS

Adoration in the Church

The Adoration roster has finished for 2020 and will 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.

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

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 February 2021. Contact Sandra on 1300 392 636 or info@jisa.org.au for details.

SVDP Christmas hampers

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank all of the St Benedict's community for their generosity in giving to the Christmas hamper appeal. 60 hampers were put together and distributed to those in need across hamper.

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:

Ian Smith & family, Sam & Nina Agius, 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, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Lawrence Power, Edna Keir, Stella Ienco, Barrie Marshall, Fred and Antoinette Martin, Heather Daly

MGL Manila Christmas appeal

St Benedict's MGL Manila Parish also wishes to thank all of the St Benedict's Narrabundah community for their support in giving to the Christmas hamper appeal. Through your generosity, the funds raised enabled hampers to be delivered to families in need. Thank you!

*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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Epiphany of the Lord Year B 2 & 3 January 2021

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: suspended until 1 February

~~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.

Dates for Father Dan's Farewells

Dear friends,

As we have been made aware, sadly Father Dan will be leaving St Benedict's and heading back to Darwin in January. Should anyone wish to have a cuppa with him before he leaves, please feel free to join Father Dan in the Collins Wing after the following Masses:

-Sunday 10 January after the 6pm Charismatic Mass

-Saturday 16 January after the 6pm Mass

-Sunday 17 January after the 9am Mass

Please contact Fr Dan if you can help to prepare the Collins Wing.

Parish Office Hours over Christmas break

The parish office will close at 12:00pm on Wednesday 23 December 2020, and will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

Check in Cbr app

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.

Epiphany of the Lord Year B 2 & 3 January 2021

First reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you, the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

Second reading

Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

**We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

*And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,
for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward, and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.