

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

21 December & 22 December 2019

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6pm	Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am	Wednesday 12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)	Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass (every last Sun of the Month)	Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
Saturday 8am	

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:

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.

Altar Flowers for Christmas

Please call Sue on 0407 269 193 if you would like to donate [fresh](#) flowers, or money toward the purchase of flowers, for the church over Christmas.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 7:10-14

The maiden is with child

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 23(24):1-6

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

SECOND READING

Romans 1:1-7

Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God who, according to the human nature he took was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-24

How Jesus Christ came to be born

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

PARISH NEWS

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.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders— If your card is due to expire in December 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.

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.

Diocesan Delegates for the Plenary Council: Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue and discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our Archdiocese? If so, submit your Expression of Interest by speaking with your parish priest, school principal or agency leader today about the details. Expressions of Interest are due by **25 January 2020**. Any person expressing an interest must be available for the following dates: Preparation and formation days for delegates: Choose one of the following dates:

Melbourne: Thursday 5pm 18 June 2020 – Saturday 12pm 20 June 2020

Brisbane: Thursday 5pm 25 June 2020 – Saturday 12pm 27 June 2020

Sydney: Thursday 5pm 16 July 2020 – Saturday 12pm 18 July 2020

Perth: Thursday 5pm 23 July 2020 – Saturday 12pm 25 July 2020

Plenary Council General Assembly 1: Sunday 2pm 4 October 2020 – Sunday 12pm 11 October 2020.

Plenary Council General Assembly 2: Monday 12pm 28 June 2021 – Saturday 12pm 3 July 2021.

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: Cyril Power, 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

21 & 22 December 2019

	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	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	M Stratford Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View	Carmel Henry	
Jindalee	Brendan	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

28 & 29 December 2019

<u>1ST READING</u>	<u>2ND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Sirach 3:2-6,12-14	Col 3:12-21	Mt 2:13-15,19-23
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Nathan Kensey
Presentation of the Gifts	Sally Cotsell BA Daly	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Noreen Dick	M & B Boland
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Leita Barron and Mary Brown	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith	
Mt View	Rita Parker	
Jindalee	MGL Narrabundah	

*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*