

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

28 December & 29 December 2019

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

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

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.

A Blessed Christmas and Thank You

We pray you have had a safe and Blessed Christmas. Remember that this is just the beginning of the Christmas season. Christmas isn't over yet! A very big thank you to all those who have contributed so generously to St Benedict's community this year in so many ways. A special thank you to all our volunteers. Thank you to Chiara Catanzariti, our St Benedict's Youth Minister for the past three years, who will be going to a new job next year. Thank you also to Brendan Price, who has been part of the visitation ministry and is now the new leader at L'Arche. We have also had a blessed beginning to our RCIA program, which will break until the end of January. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they journey towards Easter 2020.

God bless, Fr Dan Benedetti MGL PP

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.

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FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 127(128):1-5

Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
Your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life!

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Colossians 3:15a,16a

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
And the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: *I called my son out of Egypt*. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: *'He will be called a Nazarene.'*

PARISH NEWS

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders— If your card is due to expire in December 2019 or January 2020 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office.

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.

Plenary Council Phase Three: The Plenary Council's six themes invite people to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia. We are welcome to join other Parishes in this phase. St Christopher's will have their second meeting with the theme 'Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal' on **Tuesday 21 January 2020 from 6:30-9:00pm** at the Haydon Hall in Manuka. The Theme is 'Prayerful and Eucharistic'. For further meeting dates, see the poster in the Church foyer.

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: Tom Daly, 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

28 & 29 December 2019

	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	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4 & 5 January 2020

<u>1ST READING</u> Is 60:1-6	<u>2ND READING</u> Eph 3:2-3,5-6	<u>GOSPEL</u> Mt 2:1-12
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Brian & Leita Barron	Priscilla Kinyanjui
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	P & C Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	J Douglas M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Margie Avellino, Louise Gaudry & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario	
Mt View	n/a	
Jindalee	n/a	

*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*