

PARISH NEWS

Altar cleaning and flower arranging

Parishioners are invited to assist with the weekly preparation of the church by helping with the arrangement of flowers and **light cleaning. This does not include vacuuming the church. Volunteers are rostered** every 5-6 weeks, usually for about an hour on Saturday morning. The next roster period will run from late December until approximately May to June 2021. For further information or to offer to join the roster please call Sue on 0407 269 193 before 11 December.

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 are: BSB 062-786. A/C number: 027325, with reference "MANREL".

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

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/giftsoffait

Wanted: Loving Married Couple:

Become a Sponsor couple SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session: Wednesday, 9 December - 8pm AEDT www.smartloving.org/webinar

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

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:

Thomas French, Concetta Denaro, Gloria Loewe, David Young, Mary Grech, Charles Morella, Francesco Barbero, Kevin Power, Caroline Brunner, John and Antoinette Martin, Pam Pini, Albert Alfred Bonansea, Donal Dwyer, Kathleen Kensey, Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, Ian Patterson, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, 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, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Lawrence Power, Edna Keir, Stella Ienco, Barrie Marshall, Louis Camilleri, Sam & Nina Agius; Marlic Erland;

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 5 & 6 December 2020

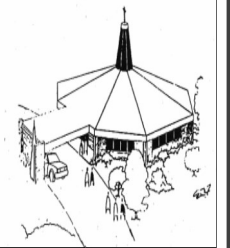
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry; Margie Avellino and Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 12 & 13 December 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
1ST READING Is 61:1-2, 10-11	2ND READING 1 Thess 5:16-24	GOSPEL John 1:6-8, 19-28
Welcomers	Leita & Brian Barron	Mel Stratford
Readers	BA Daly & Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy & Asterie ToNiyonsenge
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis & Noreen Dick	Maralyn Molyneux & volunteer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Emy Nicols & Mattia Wellspring	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith and volunteers	

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



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

2nd Sunday of Advent Year B 5 & 6 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

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.

ST BENEDICT'S WORSHIP GROUP gathers after Thursday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

We Welcome into our Christian Community



Roman Mile Morton, son of Renee (Caputo) and Matthew, who will be Baptised this Saturday. Please remember them in your prayers.

Christmas Masses

We are still working out details of our Christmas Masses. If anyone would like to volunteer to help organise a particular Christmas Mass or be a volunteer please contact the parish office.

St Benedict's Social Group

After many months of isolation the Social Group invites all parishioners to join them for a coffee and chat on Thursday 10 December at 10:30 at Gryphon's Griffith.

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 to Monday 21 December. The Parish Giving Tree has been erected in the church. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 5 & 6 December 2020

First reading

Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

'Console my people, console them' says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14(Advent)

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,

a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.



Lighting of the Two Candles

Second reading

2 Peter 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;

he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'