

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

First Reading Nm 6:22-27
A reading from the book of Numbers
They will call down my name on the children of Israel and I will bless them.

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ‘Say this to Aaron and his sons: “This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.” This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.’

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5. 6. 8. R. v.2

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples. you guide the nations on earth.

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth revere him.

(R.) May God bless us in his mercy

Second Reading Gal 4:4-7

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his son, born of a woman.

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the

Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, ‘Abba, Father’, and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:16-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the crib... When the eighth day came they gave him the name of Jesus.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told. When the eighth day came and the child was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Calendar-Shattering Mary

It is fitting that on New Year’s Day we celebrate the calendar-shattering event in human history: the extraordinary role that a young woman in Galilee played in God’s plan for the human race. In the Western Church, the young woman is titled ‘Mother of God’. This signifies a relationship, a loving, nurturing relationship. We know that it encompassed a mother’s horror of seeing her son tortured and done to death on the Cross.

Yes, she was a mother, but Mother of God. How can this be portrayed for our minds to grasp? In the Book of Genesis, the creative act which began all reckoning of the passage of time and seasons was signalled by the Divine Wind hovering over the formless void. When that Holy Gust hovered over Mary, and she responded: ‘Be it done unto me according to thy Word’, the human existence of Our Lord Jesus Christ began, the fulcrum of history from which our calendar begins. We could pause for a moment to pray that at the end of all history, at the end of all calendars, we may share in Divine life with Mary of Galilee, Mother of God.

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For the celebration
of the Word and the
Eucharist

Upcoming
Events

Choir Practice
Monday @
1pm
Resumes 2023

Cenacle
Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after
Mass, and 1st
Saturday of
the month @
9.30am

Craft Group
Thursdays
10am
Resumes 2023

Adoration
Tuesday @ 8am

COFFEE CLUB
Resumes
Thursday 2nd
February

MARY the Holy MOTHER OF GOD—YEAR A

MASSES THIS WEEK
Monday 2nd—Sunday 8th January

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK AS THE PRIESTS ARE IN
THE PROCESS OF MOVING AND THEIR AVAILABILITY IS
UNCERTAIN.

Saturday 7th January: Vigil Mass 6pm (Fr Loi)
Sunday 8th January: Mass 9am—Fr Loi



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The Year of Walking Together

The Risen Lord walked together with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, drawing them from anxiety to hope, from confusion to joy.

Jesus, centre of our common Emmaus walk, with You alone to guide us, make Your home in our hearts; as we pour "new wine into fresh wineskins" (Mk 2:22)

Like Mary, imbued by the Holy Spirit, may we give birth to a renewed faith and united pastoral action in this Arch-diocese in the years ahead.

St Mary of the Cross, our Great Australian Intercessor, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. All Saints of God, who name and sanctify our parishes, pray for us. *Amen*

The Parish of St Bernard's would like to wish Fr Tom and Fr Eden a fond farewell as they move to their new parishes this week.

We give thanks for all you have done in our parish and wish you every happiness in your new posting.

May God continue to bless you for your love, care and faithful ministry.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

May God keep you and your family happy and healthy throughout the whole year.



The parish office, WILL BE CLOSED until January 6th when Anne will be back on Friday. The office will re-open on Tuesday 17th January as normal.

ST BERNARD'S PARISH has a new Parish Priest who commences here on 7th January, 2023. He is *Fr Loi Viovicente* who is presently Parish Priest of North Belconnen in Canberra.

PIETY SHOP

Columbian Calendars, Children's books are now available from the Piety Shop
We also have 2023 Daily Mass Books for sale

Join the Pastoral Care Team going to the residents at the Glen.

We have 7 Catholic Residents at the Glen and 4 at The Manor who look forward to a visit and HC.

We need one person to join our team and to go once a month to the Glen And The Manor Orientation to the Glen and The Manor 1:1 training provided and all resources.

Phone Carolyn 0400 021 119 or Marie W 0405 028 057

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

As a resilient people, we face another New Year having come through the Black Summer fires, floods, the continuing co-vid pandemic and currently the pressures of higher cost of living. The first reading from Numbers 6:22-27 is a blessing of hope and trust in God who journeys with us into the New Year:



'May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord uncover his face and bring you peace'

The Responsorial Psalm [Ps. 66] invokes a similar blessing and could be our prayer of trust this week

MARY FULLY ATTENTIVE TO WHAT SHE SEES AND HEARS:

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. The church sets Mary before us as a model of faith and trust in God as 2023 unfolds. **Mary too had to journey into an unknown future.** In the Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 she is fully attentive to what she sees and hears. She takes in everything with the conviction that it concerns her intensely. 'She pondered these things in her heart.' St Luke tells us. In other words she kept and turned over in her mind what the shepherds told her. She prepares herself to come to terms with the future [Luke 1: 66] – her child's future and her own.

In Mary's son, we have the certain hope that the Word of God made flesh lives among us.

'A new year is like a new birth, something can become alive in us. Grace flows afresh each day and in every moment. In the dawn of a New Year's Day, God is visiting us "like the dawn from on high". Offer in prayer your hopes for this coming year – hopes for yourself, hopes for others.' [Adapted from: Sacred Space 2022] ***Mary, Mother of God pray for us.***

Marie Weatherall

Remembering the Sick:

Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Flavia Clyburn, Nita Gorzalka, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara

*Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions*

January

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

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