



St Bernadette's Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Advent

Year C

19th December 2021

Parish Staff

Fr John Taliana MSSP	Parish Priest
Miss Amanda Browne	Pastoral Worker
Mrs Joyce Cutajar	Parish Secretary (Mon, Thurs & Fri)
Mrs Bev Tessari	Office (Tuesday)
Miss Josie Desira	Office (Wednesday)
Mr Brendan Gill	School Principal



Weekday Masses

Tuesday to Friday - 9.15am

Tuesday 21st - St Peter Canisius

Reconciliation 9.45am to 10.15am

Wednesday 22nd -

Reconciliation 7.00pm to 7.30pm

Thursday 23rd -

Reconciliation 10.30am to 11.30am

Friday 24th -

6.00pm Family Nativity Mass

8.30pm Christmas Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30 pm Vigil Mass,

Sunday- 8.30 am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am and 7.00pm

(PLEASE NOTE: There is no EVENING MASS on Christmas Day.)

12.30pm Vietnamese (1st & 3rd Sunday)

Reconciliation

Saturday

Call the Presbytery to make an Appointment

Baptisms

By Appointment Only

Held on 2nd Saturday of the Month
at 11.00am



LATEST COVID - 19 GUIDELINES

To attend mass we need to abide by the Government requirements.

We NO LONGER require to see your Vaccination Certificate but everyone over the age of one will still have to check-in using the QR Code and show the Welcomers.

Masks are highly recommended.

We understand this may be inconvenient but please remember that these rules are a way of keeping us all safe.

Please come early to Mass.



Reflect, today, upon mercy and fidelity – the two virtues of Saint Joseph and consider how well you live them in your life. Do you show mercy to all, no matter what? Do you allow yourself to be drawn into the all-consuming desire to

show mercy? If so, then you will also be imitating the virtue of fidelity to the will of God. God's will is mercy itself. This is Who He is. Mercy must permeate our lives always.

My most merciful Jesus, You inspired Saint Joseph to be compassionate to Your dear mother at the time of great confusion over her pregnancy. Help me to imitate the mercy and goodness of Saint Joseph by never judging and by growing in a desire for mercy for all people, including those who have hurt me. May I do this in complete fidelity to Your most holy will.

Jesus, I trust in You.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Our Scripture reflection sessions are on Thursday evenings. These sessions are via ZOOM video platform so you do not need to leave the comfort of your own home to attend.

If you haven't already attended these sessions, but would like to, please send Amanda an email to brownieab75@gmail.com and she will send you the ZOOM link weekly.

These sessions focus on reflecting on the scripture for the following Sunday and they are a chance for you to connect, not only with the Word of God, but also with the other Parishioners that join.



New Details for FR DENIS

If you would like to visit or talk with Fr Denis he is at Rosary Home, Odessa Ave, Keilor Downs. His direct phone number is 9365 3545 or Rosary Home's Office 9367 7722.



Please Pray For

All who have died recently, for all whose Anniversaries

occur at this time and

**for all those
who are sick
and dying.**





CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH CHRIST

Fr John, Fr Denis & Br Can

Wish you a very Holy and Happy Christmas and a safe Holiday.

They would also like to thank all the parishioners who left best wishes and gifts, they are greatly appreciated.



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

The final practice for all those children who are involved in this year's Nativity Play will be held on Tuesday the 21st of December at 5pm in the church.

Welcomers, Extraordinary Ministers and Readers for our Christmas celebrations



If you are available to Welcome, Read or be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist for our Christmas celebrations, please place your name on the clipboard in the foyer. Thank you



Welcome into our Parish Community

Aria Evelyn Martin daughter of James & Jennifer

Billy Saviour Cefai son of Frank & Theresa

Skylar Jeynelle Innes daughter of Mathew & Jeynelle

Harvey Luk son of Carson & Ha



The Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Day and will re open on Monday 17th January.



GLOBAL GIFTS - Caritas Australia

You can make a big difference to the lives of people experiencing poverty this Christmas.

When you buy a Global Gift, through Caritas Australia, your loved one gets a special card and you help raise much-needed funds for vulnerable communities around the world.

Some order forms are available in the foyer or visit

www.globalgifts.org.au

You can also call the Caritas Supporter team on 1800 024 413

THANK YOU



CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

A big thank you to the Xuereb Family for all their work.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Sr Renata would like to thank all those who donated for the Christmas Flowers.



CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS



Thank you all for your generosity.

The gifts under the Christmas tree have been collected by St Vincent De Paul Society and will be distributed to those in need.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WALKERS

Thank you to those who assisted with delivering the Christmas Programme.



ADVENT ANGELS

Thank you to St Bernadette's

Community for supporting this year's project. Our Parish raised \$1,573.00 which was donated for the education of children through MSSP Missions. Special thanks to Judy Porter and those who helped with the sales.

A Grand total of \$3,724.00 was raised.



MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

The Society's 2022 Calendar is available in the church foyer. Take the time and have a look at the photos and read about their missions in Peru, Cuba, Pakistan & Philippines.



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

At St Bernadette's we are continually working on the safety of all children within our Parish Community. On the table in the foyer you will find a flyer called

"TEACH YOUR CHILD HOW TO KEEP THEMSELVES SAFE"

Please take a copy home with you and include your children in a family discussion on how they can keep themselves safe.

First Reading:**Micah 5:1- 4***A reading from the Prophet Micah*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock

with the power of the Lord,

with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power

to the ends of the land.

He himself will be peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:**Ps79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19**

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading:**Hebrews 10:5-10***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, 'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.' Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**Luke 1:38**

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

Gospel :**Luke 1:39-44***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Pregnancies old and new

When Elizabeth's husband Zechariah learned that his wife would conceive, he didn't believe it, despite stories from Israel's past in which women conceived after their child-bearing years. By contrast, Mary believes, though hesitantly, that she'll conceive without having had sex, circumstances for which there was no precedent in Jewish tradition. The circumstances of Jesus' unique and startling conception point ahead to the new era that Jesus will bring about. During this new era God's spirit is poured out on the world.

Filled with the Spirit

Luke includes more references to the Spirit during Jesus' public ministry than the other Gospel writers. Here the Spirit is already at work in the unborn John the Baptist, as foretold in 1:15: He will be filled with the holy Spirit even from his mother's womb. The Spirit inspires Elizabeth both to declare that Mary has great faith and to prophesy about Jesus' greatness.

Motherhood

Having children was a significant way in which Jewish women contributed to their religious heritage. Mothers of important or powerful sons were regarded as having been favored by God; whereas women who couldn't conceive were often looked upon as having been rejected (1:24-25). By calling Mary the mother of my Lord, Elizabeth acknowledges the greatness of Mary's child and, by extension, of Mary herself. This is the first reason Mary is blessed: she bears an important child.

First disciple

Elizabeth also declares Mary blessed because Mary believed what Gabriel told her (1:38). Mary is the first person in Luke's Gospel to accept the new era that is beginning. Mary's response also points ahead to Jesus' statement that those who hear the word of God and observe it are blessed (11:27-28). Mary is blessed both as Jesus' mother and as someone who has heard and kept God's word.

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