



St Bernadette's Parish

Under the Pastoral Care of The Paulist Missionaries
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Third Sunday in Advent

Year C

12th 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 14th - St John of the Cross

Wednesday 15th -

Thursday 16th -

Friday 17th -

Weekend Masses

Saturday - 6.30 pm Vigil Mass,
Sunday- 8.30 am, 9.45am (Polish) 11.00 am and 7.00pm
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



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.



WELCOME BACK

To attend mass we all need to abide by the Government restriction.

Fully Vaccinated **12 years + 2 months and over** need to provide evidence of your Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate either through the Services Victoria App or a hard copy. You will have to check-in using QR Code and at this time show the Welcomers your Covid 19 Vaccination Certificate as you enter the church.

Our Welcomers are there to help.

Masks are highly recommended.

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

We ask that you come early to Mass.



Reflect, today, upon the fact that Saint John the Baptist continues to send forth his message today to you. As we approach the glorious Christmas season, prepare yourself more fully by taking time to examine the sin with which you struggle. Acknowledge it with humility and honesty.

From there, turn your eyes to Jesus, the source of mercy and forgiveness, and hear Him inviting you to the greatness to which you are called. As you put your eyes on Him, allow Him to draw you more fully into His Kingdom now, today, so that you, as a least one of the Kingdom of Heaven, will understand and live out the greatness of a son or daughter of God.

My glorious King, You sent to us Saint John the Baptist to preach repentance and to call us to Yourself. Open my mind and heart, dear Lord, to the message John spoke and help me to more fully heed his words so as to share in the greatness of life to which I am called.
Jesus, I trust in You.

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 NATIVITY

The next practice for all those children who would like to be involved in this year's Nativity Play will be held on Tuesday the 14th of December at 5pm in the church. The Nativity Play is part of the Christmas Eve Family Mass on the 24th of December at 6pm. If you cannot attend this meeting but still would like to be a part of the play, please contact Amanda on 0438 514 304.



CHRISTMAS TREE

We invite all Parishioners to share with others by donating non perishable food or gifts. These can be placed under the Christmas Tree in the foyer or dropped off at the Parish Office. Donations must be left no later than **12th December** as St Vincent De Paul Society will collect the donations the next day to distribute them to needy families in time for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make a donation toward the cost of the Church flowers for Christmas, please see Sr Renata at the Convent.



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM WALKERS

Thank you volunteers.

We will make contact with you when the flyers are ready to be delivered.



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.

A MESSAGE

TO OUR GRADE 6 GRADUATES

Congratulation, take pride in how far you have come and may God continue to walk beside you every step of your journey.



MINISTERS ROSTERS

Proclaimers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Welcomers, your rosters can be collected from the Sacristy.

St Patrick's Cathedral & Cathedral Brass



On Wednesday 15th December
7pm - 8pm.

Gabrieli, Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn
and other Christmas favourites.

Brett Kelly Conductor and **Anthony Halliday** Organist.

Full program and details, bookings and enquires

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Experience spiritual & sacred time & space.

Children under 15 free. Tickets \$25 available at the door.

1 Cathedral Pl, East Melbourne corner with Gisborne St

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.

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

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SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

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iccelebrata min Rev. Fr. Carm Borg,

Nhar it-Tnejn, 13 ta Dicembru fis-sigha pm, fi Preca Centre,

82 Westmoreland Rd, North Sunshine.

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First Reading:**Zephaniah 3:14-18***A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence;
he has driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
you have no more evil to fear.
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
Zion, have no fear,
do not let your hands fall limp.
The Lord your God is in your midst,
a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love;
he will dance with shouts of joy for you
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm:**Isaiah 12:2-6**

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading:**Philippians 4:4-7***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:**Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)**

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!

Gospel :**Luke 3:10-18***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

EDUCATION IN FAITH

Getting ready

In Luke's Gospel possessions represent a person's spiritual state. Those who truly welcome Jesus would give up everything in order to follow him. Verses 10-14 of this passage, found only in this Gospel, highlight the proper use of possessions. In order to prepare for whatever is about to happen, people must show with their material possessions that they are spiritually ready. Even if someone has only two shirts or two loaves of bread, that's a shirt and a loaf they could give to someone else.

Tax collectors and soldiers

Tax collectors could force people to pay more than they owed. The tax agents then pocketed the extra earnings. Tax collectors could also call upon soldiers to force people to pay. The soldiers would have been paid for their help.

Messiah

Messiah is a Hebrew word that means anointed one. Christ is the Greek word for the same thing. In the ancient world people were anointed as a sign that God had chosen them for a special purpose.

Expectations

Given the Roman occupation of their land, many Jews were looking for a messiah to liberate them. As John urged people to turn away from their old lives and embrace God's coming, people hoped that he was God's chosen one. In response, John distinguishes himself from the one who is coming.

- John immerses people into water; the one who comes will fill people with God's Spirit
- John's baptism is only a sign of change; the one who comes will bring about real and decisive change
- It was a slave's job to remove his master's shoes. John isn't even worthy to act as a slave for the one who is coming

With fire

John evokes Malachi 3:19 when he warns that God's judgment includes a fiery purging. John describes a farmer tossing wheat into the air to separate it from the chaff, the inedible part. It's not clear if the chaff refers to people or to whatever is in people that must be purged before they enter God's kingdom.

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