



# St Bernadette's Parish

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First Sunday in Advent

Year C

28<sup>th</sup> November 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 30<sup>th</sup>** - St Andrew, Apostle

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** -

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** - St John Damascene

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>** - St Francis Xavier, Patron of Missions

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the Month at 11.00am



## 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.

No need to book via Trybooking. Limit removed.

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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Reflect, today, upon the burning desire in the heart of Christ that we form this holy habit of always being attentive to Him and always remain in a state of constant reception of His holy presence in our lives. Let Him come to you, today, now, and do not wait. Put your eyes on Him today. Do not put off to tomorrow that which Jesus is asking of you today. Doing so will not only prepare you for His final and glorious coming at the end of the world, it will also prepare you for the daily and total transformation of your life.

*My ever-present Lord, You constantly come to me at an unexpected hour to pour forth Your grace and mercy into my life. Help me to form within me a permanent habit of preparedness by which I continually open myself to You and to Your perfect will for my life. May this Advent be a true time in which my readiness to meet You increases a hundredfold. 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.



## 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.**



On **Wednesday 8th December at 7.00pm** we will



have a special mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin.

### **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 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.

### **Memorial Mass**

For Vernon Browne will be held on Friday the **10th December at 7.00pm** at St Bernadette's Community Centre Cooke Ave.



### **ADVENT ANGELS ARE HERE!**

Advent Angels is a fundraising initiative which has helped to raise money for mssp missions through St James Apostle Parish for 4 years,

and this year we are pleased to be collaborating with St Bernadette's.

Click [here](#)

(<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VLlo6n0YrZQK0WaAVWfwcbpQddKsiwam/view>)

to view a video of this year's range and [here](#)

(<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc9nLVDaQTG-cjgYl8iGL4SKc5slnrbDokeymaVdVCfxx4GA/viewform>)

to purchase your Advent Angels online from **Saturday 20th November** (until sold out).

These handcrafted decorations are **only \$3 each** and will be on sale at **St Bernadette's** at all weekend masses on **4th/5th December**. \* Please come along, support this fundraising effort and help to make a difference.

All money raised is donated to mssp missions in support children's education.

*\* Please note: We can only accept cash for purchases at St Bernadette's.*

### **CHRISTMAS NATIVITY**



A meeting for all those children who would like to be involved in this year's Nativity Play will be held on **Tuesday the 30th of November at 5pm**

in the church. The Nativity Play is part of the Christmas Eve Family Mass on the 24th of December at 6.00pm. If you cannot attend this meeting but still would like to be a part of the play, please contact Amanda on 0438 514 304.

### **MINISTERS ROSTERS**

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

### **Advent 2021 with Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy**

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey.

Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be!

Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/> Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

### **POLISH COMMUNITY**

On Sunday 28th November mass will begin again at 9.45am.



Please keep Fr Dominik Jan Jalocha in your prayers.

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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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Wara jkun hemm xi refreshments.

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Miriam Belli 9387 9492

**First Reading:****Jeremiah 33:14-16***A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah*

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm:****Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14**

**Response:** To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

**Second Reading:****1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation:****Ps 84:8**

**Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!**

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

**Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord!**

**Gospel :****Luke 21:25-28, 34-36***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.’

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## EDUCATION IN FAITH

This Sunday we begin a new season in the liturgical calendar of the Church. Today, we begin the great Season of Advent. There are two messages that we will hear over the next four weeks. One message and set of values will come to us from the media and the shops. We will be told that we will have to move faster, stay busy, queue longer in the shops and spend more money on those 'must have' presents so that we will have the 'perfect' Christmas, as if such a thing exists. We will be told and sold the idea that unless we buy more and more and surround ourselves with all the trappings of Christmas, we won't be happy. This most definitely is 'fake news.' However, there is a very different message and set of values that will be offered to us through the gospels, the prayers and the liturgy of Advent. We are being asked to prepare a way for the Lord, to stay awake, to make a straight path for the Lord and to get ourselves ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus. This is most definitely is 'Good News!'

The message of Advent is an invitation and it also a challenge to us. We are called to be looking forward, to be ready, to be prepared and we are asked to wait in joyful hope.

Waiting is not something that we are usually good at these days. Our modern world tells us to move faster in so many ways. We have smart phones, emails and microwave ovens that all 'help' us to get through our busy days. However, Advent asks each of us to do very opposite. During these sacred days of preparation, we are being asked to take some time to be still and silent as we prepare ourselves deeply for the Christmas. While we can't simply ignore the shops, the media and the advertisements over the next few weeks, neither can we ignore the words and message of Jesus in today's gospel; 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come... what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

If we get too caught up in the shopping and spending, there is the danger that we will miss what Advent is really about. This is what the call to 'stay awake' means. We are asked not to miss the next four weeks of Advent. We are asked to prepare and get ready as best we can as followers of Jesus. It would be so sad, that if after the shopping and all the other preparations we missed Advent and its joyful and hopeful message.

In what ways can I prepare a way for the Lord this Advent as I get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas?

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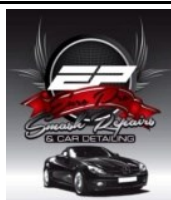
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