

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 31 DECEMBER 2023



"The Love of Christ must come before all else." (Rule of St Benedict)

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @7am (after the service, the church will be closed)

Wed/Fri: 7am

Tues/Thurs: 9am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)
FRIDAYS @7AM**



Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8am—5pm

Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on

Thursdays @1pm (in recess until end of Jan24)

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert

Lynch Room @10am, gathering @9.45am (new time)

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH , YEAR B

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

In his apostolic exhortation 'on love in the family', *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis reminds us that 'no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed.' Rather, 'families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love.'

'In imitation of the Holy Family,' the Pope said a few years ago, 'we are called to rediscover the educational value of the family unit.' The Holy Family is clearly dear to Pope Francis' heart. He closes *Amoris Laetitia* with a prayer which partly runs: 'Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too, may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic churches.'

This image of families as 'schools of the Gospel' is a useful one, provided we look with clear eyes.

On the one hand we should strive to love like the Holy Family loved, doing right by each other, sharing life's journey together, and so on. Meanwhile, we should also learn to love the families of our own times and listen to their needs. Many families experience trials of rejection, hostility, and displacement – just as the Holy Family did – and so our own family has a responsibility to love beyond itself. We must love and care for other families too.

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◆ 1 JANUARY — NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS @9AM (MONDAY)

◆ 5 JANUARY — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM

◆ 13 JANUARY — YOUTH MASS @6PM



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

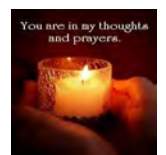
Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Truus Botman, Ng Chai Hong, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Nick Odorisio, Michelle O'Brien, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, Thomas McGuire Marris, Lorraine Healey, Mega Limadinata and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED: -

ANNIVERSARIES:

Jack Oswald, Maureen Court, Michael Officer, Petronela Przybylski, Myrtle Kirwan, Kathleen McAdam, Faith Court, Fr Milton Foster, Mary Lissiman and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: The Epiphany of the Lord, Year B

1st: Is 60:1-6

Ps: 71:1-2, 7-8,10-13

2nd: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12



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READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Luke 2:16*

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

First Reading *Genesis 15:1-6. 21:1-3*

A reading from the book of Genesis

Your own son shall be your heir.

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8*

(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! (R.)
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. (R.)
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

Second Reading *Hebrews 11:8. 11-12. 17-19*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had

been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation *Hebrews 1:1-2*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 2:22-40*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Communion Antiphon *Baruch 3:38*

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE – 6 & 7 JANUARY 2024

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	ADRI SUDJANA	STEVEN ROBERTSON	DOMINIC LONGO	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN & JOSHUA TSIA TYLER MORRIS	GRACE STEWART	JOEY VILLEGAS JACKSON HANDCOCK CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	JERARD & JONAH VINCENT TYLER MORRIS
COMMENTATORS	STEFANI CHEN	ADELE PARSONS	PAUL CICCARELLI	BEV PICHE
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ALTAR SOCIETY: HEATHER MCNAUGHT & ALYMYR SEQUEIRA

PILGRIM STATUE: RASHANTI WANIGASEKERA

COUNTERS: JOE & MAISIE CINANNI, JOYCE D'CRUZ & GILLIAN COELHO

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: –