

# St Benedict's Church Newsletter



ISSUE 1

1 JANUARY 2017

### Dates to Diarise

26 JAN—AUSTRALIA DAY— MASS @ 9AM

7 FEB—MASS OF HEALING @ 9AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA

9 FEB—LITURGY MEETING @ 7.30PM

16 FEB—PPC MEETING @ 7.30AM

18/19 FEB—SACRAMENTAL COMMITMENT WEEKEND

## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSS

Liturgically, the Octave of Christmas commemorates: the Solemnity of the Mother of God; the day designated for prayers for global peace; and the beginning of the New Year. Though the shepherds gain insight into the presence of God by seeing this holy family, it is Mary who holds all these things in her heart. She is the one who ponders the significance of these mysterious events. Mary becomes for Christians an inspiration of contemplation and reflection. She inspires us to consider deeply the significance of events, lest we go blandly through life without meaning or direction. She inspires us to fidelity to the practices of our faith, practices which are the disciplines of soul that lead the community to a clearer focus on God's presence in human affairs. The theme of peace appears today on many levels. Its meaning, 'fullness of life', bursts forth in every one of the readings. The ancient prayer or blessing of peace is an appropriate start for the New Year. It resonates well with the angels' wish for people of good will. Peace is also our inheritance in Christ. As adopted children of God, we have been given the freedom to live in a godly manner, calling God our Abba. Right relationships in the covenant activity of God are the pathways of peace. The beginning of a New Year is a good time to reach out to others and to pray for God's blessing of peace for each dimension of human encounter.



Draw a picture of Mary in a scene from one of the following bible stories...



**PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
**Violet Roberts**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Myrtle Kirwan, Kathleen McAdam, Faith Court, Mary Lissiman, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

*Please remember all our ill and sick parishioners in your prayers. Thank you*



**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS**

*Please fill-in a Membership Form which is available from the turn stand in the foyer of the Church and post or hand-in to the Parish Office. Thank you*

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**MASS TIMES**

Wed/Fri: 7.00am  
 Tues/Thurs: 9.00am  
 Sat: 7.30am  
 Sat Vigil: 6.00pm  
 Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

**If Public Holiday falls on Wed/  
 Fri, Mass will be celebrated at  
 7.30am**

**Reconciliation:**

Sat: 11am—12noon  
 4.30pm—5.30pm

**Exposition of the  
 Blessed Sacrament**

Mon: 7.30am—6pm  
 Tues/Thurs: 9.30am—6pm  
 Wed/Fri: 7.30am—6pm  
 Sat: 8am—12noon

**Rosary Groups:**

For the Sick: Mon-7pm  
 For Priests & Vocations: Sat-8am  
 Cenacle: Thurs-9.30am

**Prayer Group:**

Mary Mother of Sorrows:  
 Holidays

**Baptisms:**

Sundays at 11.30am.

**Marriages:**

By appointment

**STEP A LITTLE  
 FURTHER  
 FAITH  
 THIS YEAR!!**

Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Sunday, 1 Jan 2017

**ENTRANCE PROCESSION:**

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth for ever.

**FIRST READING: Nm 6:22-27**

A reading from the book of Numbers

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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8, R. V.2 (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, 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.

**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 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.

**Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Heb 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.



**ROSTERS:**

Rosters have been emailed out and if you did not receive yours, please contact the parish office.

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Thank you to everyone who has sent cards, Christ-mas wishes, gifts and also gave so generously through the Christ-mas Dues. Your support and care is very much appreciated. *Thank You*

**Readings for next week  
 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD,  
 YR A**

1st Reading: Is 62: 1-6  
 2nd Reading: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6  
 Gospel: Mt 2:1-12

**PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS—7 / 8 JANUARY 2017**

	<u>SAT: 6PM</u>	<u>SUN: 7.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 9.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 6PM</u>
ACOLYTE	T. MEO	B. FARRELL	M. TARANTO	W. DORAY
ALTAR SERVERS	M. VARNAKUL-SINGHAM J. HENDERSON		N. XANTHIS M. DA SILVA	N. DORAY E. FRANCHINA
COLLECTORS	N. SETH C. SETH	J. GALVIN	J. HOWARD D. WOODCOCK	P. BELVISO C. JOSEPH
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READERS	Y. GARBIN G. CLAY	M. ILICH M. ANDERSON	P. SEARSON G. WAKE	M. BRIGHT M. CINANNI
EMOCH	P. DOWNES M. HILL E. O'CONNOR F. MEYERKORT S. SALDANHA M. REGO	B. LILLIS H. OVERMAN R. DOWLING	M SANDFORD R ODORISIO C. RECHICHI K. WRINGE M. BUNN J. PHILLIPS	K. BOWNES D. LONGO M & G CINANNI C. GELDENHUYS R. PAUL
ALTAR SOCIETY	J. GARDNER	MRS D. ALLEN		
COUNTERS	T & Y GARBIN	J. OVERMAN	R. PACKER	R. BOURNE
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