

# St Benedict's Church Newsletter



ISSUE 3

15 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 Greg Sunter

Strangely, despite being in Ordinary Time again, the lectionary temporarily departs from the gospel of Matthew and today's reading is from the gospel of John. Given that last week's reading was the Matthean account of the baptism of Christ we must assume that there is a deliberate purpose in the choice of reading for today. Indeed, the three readings for today give a very specific slant to the baptism and mission of Jesus. The readings from Isaiah and Paul's letter to the Corinthians emphasise that God's salvation is for all the world, not just the people of Israel.

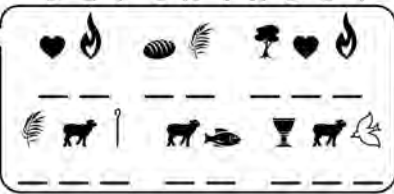
We find this also in the gospel when John the Baptist declares, 'there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. It is the sin 'of the world' that Jesus takes away; that is, all humankind. This was a tough concept for the Jews whose relationship with God was grounded in the concept of being the 'chosen people'; a people set apart. It continues to be a difficult concept for many Christian people today who struggle with the notion that God's love and mercy are so extravagant that they are poured out for absolutely anyone and everyone. Some Christians like to maintain an 'us and them' approach to their faith and think that if you're not one of 'us' then salvation will be denied by God.

The role of John the Baptist in this passage is to be a witness; to point to Jesus and say 'He is the one!' Lots of us need the affirmation and direction provided by another person before we are ready to commit to a new direction in our lives. John gives the crowd confidence and effectively hands over to Jesus the authority that the crowd had perceived in him.

## Living the Gospel – Pointing the way

John the Baptist fills the role of 'pointing the way' to Jesus. In our own lives we also have the ability to 'point the way' towards Jesus. It doesn't need to be as blatant as John's 'Look, there he is!' However, the way we choose to live our life can point the way just as powerfully as John did. More often than not, our actions speak much more powerfully than any words we might utter. Consistently treating others with respect, maintaining prayer as a central part of life and working for justice in the world will make an impression on others and point the way to Jesus.

Use the code key to decipher what John the Baptist knew about Jesus:



Jesus baptized his disciples with the Holy Spirit. Draw yourself being baptized by Jesus.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Charles Randall, Alison Oakley, Julie Walton, Ann Williams, Corrado Di Giovanni, Frances Ryan deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

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



## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### 17-20 Jan CATHOLIC SUPER PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINAR

CatholicSuper will be running three Pre-retirement Seminars as follows, Tuesday, 17 January, 9am-1pm, Corpus Christi College, Bateman; Wednesday, 18 January, 9am-1pm Sacred Heart College, Sorrento and Thursday, 19 January 9am-1pm CEWA Office, Room G7, Leederville. Non-members, friends and family all welcome.

### 25 Jan MARIST REUNION

Wednesday, 25 January, Newman College, Empire Avenue, Churchlands. RSVPs not necessary. BYO everything. **Further info:** Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104 or Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187.

### 27 Jan REFLECTION, SHARING AND PRAYER EVENING

4-8pm, Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York St, South Perth. RSVP Alma Cabassi 0419 044 136.

## 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*

115 Ardross St, Ardross WA 6153  
Postal Add: PO Box 1831, Applecross, 6953  
Tel: 9364 1120  
Fax: 9316 9587  
E: admin@stbenedicts.net.au  
www.stbenedicts.net.au

PARISH PRIEST:  
Fr Nelson Po, PP

SECRETARY:  
Colleen Geldenhuys

## 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

## 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, 15 Jan 2017

### ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Ps 65:4

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

### FIRST READING: Is 49:3, 5:6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv.8, 9.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

### SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Jn 1:14, 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

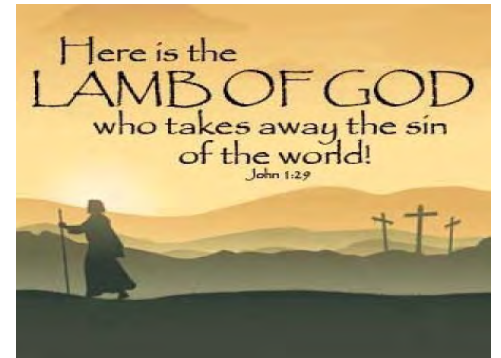
**Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ**

### COMMUNION

#### ANTIPHON: Cf. Ps 22:5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

MAY THE JOY OF  
THE LORD BE YOUR  
STRENGTH!

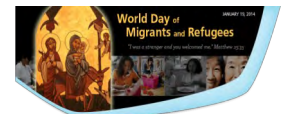


## PARISH MINISTRY ROSTERS—21/22 JANUARY 2017

	<u>SAT: 6PM</u>	<u>SUN: 7.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 9.30AM</u>	<u>SUN: 6PM</u>
ACOLYTE	J. REYNOLDS	N. THOMAS	K. WRINGE	P. MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	M. FOWLER S. FOWLER		L. WOUTS J. SETIAWAN	R. HACKETT A. HACKETT
COLLECTORS	T. GARBIN I. COORAY	T. YOUNG	C. WOOLFORD R. BUNN	M. NARDONE A. DARGIE
COMMENTATORS	S. CHEN	E. MUENCHOW	M. HANDYSIDE	M. CINANNI
READERS	T. JENNINGS ME. REGO	J. HERON A. PARSONS	N. WOODCOCK J. PHILLIPS	B. KERMAN C. GELDENHUYS
EMOCH	S & G CLAY I & E BANKS K. PACYNA M. REGO	A. SCOTT B. LILLIS B. FARRELL	L. ORIFICI M. HARRIS L. HANDCOCK J. PHILLIPS S. NEALE M. SANDFORD	J. NORTON D. LONGO M & G CINANNI C. GELDENHUYS R. PAUL
ALTAR SOCIETY	MRS E BUSUT- TILL	MRS J D'CRUZ	MRS M GALAVAN	
COUNTERS	T & B YOUNG	G. MAVROS	P. KODITUWAKKU	
PILGRIM STATUE	R. & E FEW			

## THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

A copy of Pope Francis' message, with the 2017 theme: *Child Migrants, the Vulnerable and the Voiceless* for this day is available on the back table, feel free to take a copy.



### Readings for next week

#### 3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YR A

1st Reading: Is 8:23-9:3

2nd Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel: Mt 4:12-23