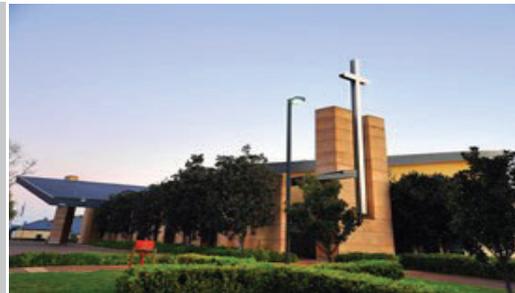


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ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—20 DECEMBER



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

WEEKLY SERVICES

Mass Times:

Mon: Communion - Service @ 7am
Wed/Fri: 7.00am
Tues/Thurs: 9.00am
Sat: 7.30am & Vigil @ 6pm
Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Reconciliation:

Sat: **4.30PM-5.30PM**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30am—5pm
Tues/Thurs: 9.30am— 5pm
Wed/Fri: 7.30am—5pm
Sat: 8am—12noon

Rosary Groups:

STOPPED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @ 1.00pm

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @ 1.30pm

Baptisms: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Marriages: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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**HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION
FRIDAYS @ 7.30AM**



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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

We have reached the final Sunday in the season of Advent – a time of preparing ourselves to recognise and celebrate Christ's presence in the world, both historically and in an ongoing, timeless way. This week's gospel account of the Annunciation is an ideal culmination to this season as we recall Mary's emphatic 'Yes' to all that was being asked of her. At the end of the Advent season of reflection and preparation to recognise Christ's presence in the world and in our lives, what better response could there be than to simply say, 'Yes'?

In a world that is driven by selfishness and the drive to push one's self ahead of others, Mary's selfless act stands as a challenge to our modern society. Even in her own time, Mary's decision must have been an enormously difficult one – one that had the potential to bring great shame on herself and Joseph. Yet, her decision is made swiftly and in faith. She trusts God absolutely and gives her life over into God's hands. That is perhaps the supreme act of faith; to say 'Yes' to God so completely that you are prepared to hand over direction and control of your own life.

Few of us tend to be visited by angels who lay out God's plan for us as clearly as Gabriel did for Mary. For most of us, it is a challenge to discern God's desire for us; to realise what it is that we are called to do and then give ourselves fully to that call. In the hustle and bustle of life, it is difficult to hear anything that God may be trying to ask of us. Perhaps the example of Mary's 'Yes' is a reminder to be still enough to hear the question in the first place!

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Is 45:8*

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading: *2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16*

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2*

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. (R.)
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.' (R.)
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure. (R.)

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Second Reading: *Rom 16:25-27*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation *Lk 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Lk 1:26-38*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Communion Antiphon *Is 7:14*

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 26 & 27 DECEMBER 2020

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	A SUDJANA	M KILROE	M TARANTO	R PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	D & D MANNAR	I & E ITOTOH	T HAN L & C WOUTS	T & O FIRTH A PEREIRA
COMMENTATORS	S CHEN	S HOBDAY	V AVERY	B FUNGA
COLLECTORS	I COORAY S DONOVAN	G DOYLE	N ODORISIO L ORIFICI	G CINANNI L BOVE
READERS	O KOMNICK F MEYERKORT	E MUENCHOW A PARSONS	A RYAN P SEARSON	C RAMAN P ROBERTSON
EMOCH	C MORRIS S SALDANHA	J HERON A SCOTT	M SANDFORD R THORN	D ARTINGSTALL C COSTIN

ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS M CAMPBELL

PILGRIM STATUE: I & D COORAY

COUNTERS: M DOWLING, L BIANCUZZO, A HENDERSON, H HOWARD & C STIPNOVIC

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: **NO LITURGY DURING COVID-19**

PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ CHRISTMAS DAY MASS—SEE NOTICE
- ◆ 1 JAN 2021—MASS @9AM
- ◆ 26 JAN 2021—AUSTRALIA DAY MASS @9AM
- ◆ 31 JAN 2021— PARISH MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS, ALL WELCOME

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMASS EVE MASSES:

Outdoor Mass	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	8.00pm
Christmas Carols	11.15pm	Midnight Mass	12.00am

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES: 7.30am & 9.30am

No Evening Mass

The St Benedict's Craft Group wish to thank the generous contributions of all to our recent Christmas Craft Fair. Together we raised \$2,500. All monies to be forwarded to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Raffle Winners:

- 1st Prize: Yellow 020. Elsie M
- 2nd Prize: Red 021. Crowe
- 3rd Prize: Green 066. A. Banks
- 4th Prize: Yellow 097. Jean Pavey
- 5th Prize: Red 098. Margaret.

A Banks & J Pavey, please collect your 3rd & 4th prizes.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Thank you to all the individuals, families and parishes who helped us support suffering and persecuted Catholic communities, particularly in this year of the coronavirus pandemic. We pray that the joy and peace of the Christmas season will refresh all our hearts and prepare us to live our faith into the New Year.

www.aidtochurch.org.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas



Use the words below to find out what the angel Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary are saying to each other.

 favored one!
 The _____ is with you.
 Don't be _____!
 God is _____
 with you. You shall
 have a _____ and his
 name will be _____.

I am the

 of the Lord!
 Let this

 as you
 have said.

Jesus afraid happen servant Lord Greetings pleased son

PRAY FOR THE SICK

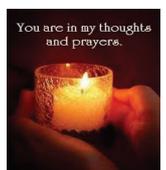
Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Tom Lyons, Myrtle Nimmo, Winifred Trinidad, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Eric Walsh, Sim Tan, Norman Thomas, Ng Chai Hong, Beatrice Leong and all others who are not included in this list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis Mart Rear, Allan Edwin Dakley, Bert Officer, Hazel George, William Darbyshire, Ernest Macleod, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.

Thank You.



SafeWA

From 5 December anyone coming into the Church will either have to scan the QR code with their SafeWA app or write their contact details on the available forms. This is in compliance with State Government Regulations.



You can find out more at <https://safewa.health.wa.gov.au/>
To download the app please go to the appropriate store for your phone.

13 Jan MIRACLE PRAYERS THANKSGIVING AND HEALING MASS

There will be a Miracle Prayers Thanksgiving and Healing Mass on **Wednesday 13 January 7.30pm, 67 Howe Street, Osborne Park**. Light refreshments will follow. *Further info;* www.facebook.com/miracleprayersperth or 0404 028 298.

20 Jan THE MARIST EX-STUDENTS UNION

Marist Ex-Students, current Marist schools and colleges are warmly invited to the Marist Reunion at **Newman College, Empire Avenue, Churchlands, Wednesday 20 January 4.30pm, Mass in the College Chapel, followed by BBQ and fellowship at the College**. BYO everything. RSVP is not necessary. *Further info;* Kevin Wringe 0407 511 104, Ambrose Depiazzi 0419 912 187.

Weekly Reflections and Prayers with Norma Woodcock

Weekly Reflections—Sunday Readings with Norma Woodcock

<https://normawoodcock.com/sundayreading>

Weekly Prayers—Prayers & Teachings with Norma Woodcock

<https://normawoodcock.com/youtube>

[approx. 4-6 mins each—Cost—Free of charge]

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: THE HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1st: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3
2nd: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Lk 2:22-40



Presence

Dear Lord, you have called me by my name.
You have carved me in the palm of your hand.
May I grow in trust and never give in to despair.

Freedom

I ask for the grace
to let go of my own concerns
and be open to what God is asking of me,
to let myself be guided and formed by my loving Creator.

Consciousness

I exist in a web of relationships - links to nature, people, God.
I trace out these links, giving thanks for the life that flows through them.
Some links are twisted or broken: I may feel regret, anger, disappointment.
I pray for the gift of acceptance and forgiveness.

The Word of God

CHRISTMAS OUTDOOR VIGIL MASS

Please remember to bring along your own chairs or rugs to sit on and a wrap to keep yourselves warm if the weather turns cool.

All children are invited to dress as shepherds, kings or angels appropriate for the Christmas theme.

Nativity Play Rehearsal is on Thursday, 24/12/20, @ 10.00am.

We need helpers with setting up the school oval for the outdoor mass. The set up will start @ 9am.

Thank You

CHRISTMAS ROSTERS

These are now available at the back of the Church, for parishioners to volunteer for the different duties which make the Christmas celebrations a wonderful experience for all. Please write your name on the sheet for the Mass that you will be attending. Many hands make light work. Your help and support is much appreciated. Thank You.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDAR - ON SALE

The Columban Art Calendar, a Catholic Calendar is well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. It is the main fundraiser for the Missions.

COST: \$10.00ea

