

WELCOME



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

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH — 10 JANUARY 2021

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:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am
Cenacle: Thurs-9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on
Thursdays @ 1.00pm (will start in Feb 2021)

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert
Lynch Room @ 1.30pm (will start in Feb 2021)

Baptisms: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Marriages: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

BENEDICTCARE COORDINATORS

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



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, YEAR B

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The baptism of Jesus in the gospel of Mark serves as a revelation of the identity of Jesus. Throughout this gospel there is secrecy about who Jesus really is. Whenever a person's faith reveals that Jesus is the Messiah or the Son of God, Jesus commands them to remain silent and not tell anyone else about him. However, through the baptism event, the reader is let in to the secret from the outset. Unlike the public announcements of Jesus as the beloved Son of God that occurs in other gospels, in the gospel of Mark, the voice is addressed to Jesus himself and there is no indication that anyone else hears it. The words used are, 'You are my Son' not, 'This is my Son.' But the reader is placed in the privileged position of knowing the truth about Jesus from the very beginning of the gospel. As they read further, they observe the disciples' growing yet imperfect understanding of this truth.

John the Baptist serves another particular function in the gospel story. Aside from fulfilling scriptural prophecy by proclaiming the one who is to come, he provides a point of contrast with Jesus. In many ways, John represents the Jewish religious belief of the time. For John, baptism is a ritual of purifying and forgiveness of sin that can be administered as often as required. The way to God is through strict observance of the Law and through ritual acts of prayer and purification. For Jesus though, the way to God is through love and through Jesus himself. The baptism that Jesus will give is a baptism of the Spirit – pouring out the Spirit on those who realise and accept the love of God in their lives.

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READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf. Mt 3:16-17*

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

First Reading: *Is 55:1-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Come to the water; listen to my words and you shall have life.

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm *Is 12:2-6. R. v.6*

(R.) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.
For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.
With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation. *(R.)*
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name. *(R.)*
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds,

make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. *(R.)*

Second Reading: *1 Jn 5:1-9*

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child that he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness since the Spirit is the truth so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation *See Mk 9:8*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Mk 1:7-11*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.' It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Communion Antiphon *Jn 1:32,34*

Behold the One of whom John said:

I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 16 & 17 JANUARY 2021

| | SAT 6PM | SUN 7.30AM | SUN 9.30AM | SUN 6PM |
|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| ACOLYTE | B MEYERKORT | B FARRELL | P SUPPIAH | K BOWNES |
| ALTAR SERVERS | S AUTON V WIBAWANTA | | A FOLLEY M SARAVANAN B McCAMEY | L & R & T MORRIS |
| COMMENTATORS | M REGO | J OVERMAN | C HACKETT | M CINANNI |
| COLLECTORS | I COORAY S DONOVAN | G DOYLE | E FEW J HOWARD | C JOSEPH P BELVISO |
| READERS | M McNAUGHT J McNAUGHT | G PULKER A SCOTT | C COURT C DE SOUZA | C COSTIN A D'SOUZA |
| EMOCH | A SEQUEIRA E DIAS | M ANDERSON T CAMMARANO | E FEW C RECHICHI | D LONGO P DORAY |

ALTAR SOCIETY: MRS C DALLA COSTA, MRS A NANKIVELL, MRS C & MISS F VALLINI

PILGRIM STATUE: M ARNOLD

COUNTERS: H OAKLEY, J TAN, A BANKS, J LITTLE & B O'BRIEN

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

PARISH NOTICES



◆ 26 JAN 2021—AUSTRALIA DAY MASS @9AM

NEW ROSTERS — JANUARY TO JUNE 2021

Rosters have been emailed out and if you did not receive your copy, please contact the Parish office. There are hard copies available in the rotating stand in the foyer area. If you would like to sign up for a roster, please contact the office with your details. *Thank You.*

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: ST BENEDICT'S PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

The Parish Youth Ministry Coordinator works as part of a team under the general supervision of the Parish Priest to plan and run youth programs in the Parish. This position also encompasses a variety of tasks that relate to establishing and supporting a parish based youth group and a team of volunteer leaders, running formation programs for young people, and engaging young people in monthly parish liturgies. This is undertaken by various methods which include, but are not limited to, coordinating a regular youth group, updating a database of youth contacts, emailing information and assisting at Parish liturgies. Other duties as assigned from time to time by the Parish Priest.

Necessary Attributes:

- Roman Catholic in good standing in the Church.
- Strong commitment to the Catholic faith and relationship with God.
- Active member of the Church community.
- Fully compliant with Archdiocesan policies and with safeguarding requirements.
- Prior youth ministry experience, training in youth ministry or willingness to acquire and continue training.
- High degree of comfort working with youth and awareness of appropriate boundaries.
- **Must be at least 21 years of age** and have a mature outlook.
- Completing or have completed higher tertiary education.
- Proactive approach to work, and ability to delegate task.
- Intermediate level of Microsoft Excel, Outlook and Power Point.
- Experience with standard office equipment (telephone, copier, printer, scanner etc).
- Written and oral communication skills.
- Flexibility and adaptation to change.

To submit your application please email nelson.po@perthcatholic.org.au by Sunday 24 January 2021, for the attention of Fr Nelson Po.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



When were you baptized?

Where were you baptized?

Who are your Godparents?



Draw a line to connect each symbol with its correct meaning.

Symbolizes the Holy Spirit

Symbolizes life, cleansing and growth

Symbolizes purity and freedom from sin

Symbolizes the emergence from darkness into the light



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, Patrick Thomas, Ng Chai Hong, Beatrice Leong, Helen Overman, and all others who are not included in this list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Michelle Lyra, Beryl Odoriso, Ida Elizabeth Brophy, Antoinette Sader, Anne Kristin Karlsson, John Anthony Pickworth, Nancy Ann Storer, Marion van Kessel, Charles Randall, all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends.
Thank You.



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

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.

15 Jan to 17 Jan **GRACE TRIUMPHANT - THE 31ST ANNUAL FLAME CONGRESS**

The 31st Annual Flame Congress will be held from **15 January to 17 January at John XXIII College, John XXIII Avenue, Mount Claremont.** Free event, register at venue or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BMXDF>. Speakers: The Most Rev Archbishop Timothy Costello, Emeritus Archbishop Barry J Hickey, Father Roy Pereira, Kaye Rollings FMI SD, and Cyrus D'Souza FMI SD. *Further info;* Kaye Rollings kdr@aapt.net.au; flameministriesinternational@iinet.net.au or 0421 605 502.

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]

Google—Norma Woodcock YouTube Channel

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Sunday Readings with Norma Woodcock

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st: 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19

2nd: 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20

Gospel: Jn 1:35-42



PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

May my heart rejoice in your love, O Lord.
Let me live each day anew.

Freedom

Lord, you created me to live in freedom.
May your Holy Spirit guide me to follow you freely.
Instil in my heart a desire
To know and love you more each day.

Consciousness

As I talk to you, O God,
help me to grow in appreciation of the gifts of communication.
Grant that I will speak out for those who have no voice
and always have a kind word for those in need.

The local conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the parishioners of St Benedict's for their generosity throughout this past year, especially at Christmas 2020.

Much needed food items were donated as well as gifts, including specially chosen and hand wrapped gifts, all of which have brought much joy and delight to those experiencing difficult times. Christmas is a time for sharing faith, goodwill and joy with others - and truly, the love shown to others in the giving of all these gifts has brought great happiness to many needy families. We give our deep thanks to you all.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PERSONAL ADVOCACY SERVICE

PART TIME (0.40 FTE), ADMINISTRATION OFFICER (FIXED TERM CONTRACT TO JUNE 2022)

Personal Advocacy Service (PAS) is an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth. It has a part time, fixed term vacancy to 30 June 2022 for an Administration Officer. The successful applicant will provide administration support to the Director to prepare for meetings and events as well as a range of compliance audits including the NDSS, NDIS and National Catholic Safeguarding Compliance Audit. The appointee will have extensive experience with the Microsoft Office product suite. Familiarity with Access Database will be viewed favourably. The person will also undertake various administrative duties for other staff when requested and provide holiday relief cover. To receive the Job Description and submit your application please email agency.support@perthcatholic.org.au by Friday 22 January 2021, for the attention of Ray Ryan.

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 Columban Missions.

COST: \$10.00ea

