

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH — 23 JANUARY 2022



"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: 7.00am

Tues/Thurs: 9.00am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil @6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)
FRIDAYS @7.00AM**



Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8.00am—5pm

Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @1.00pm (in recess)

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

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

Baptisms: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Marriages: BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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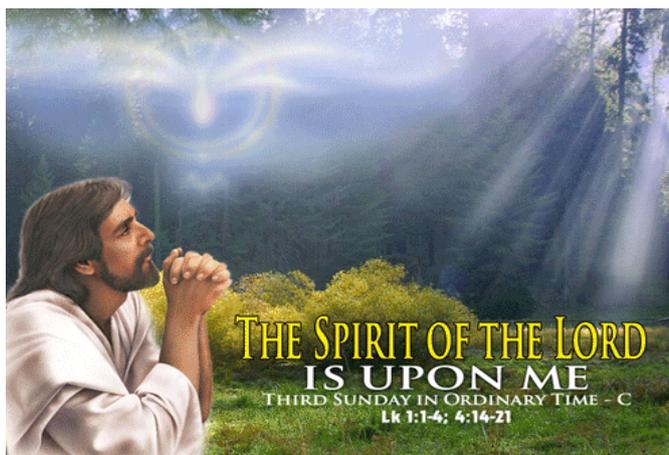
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REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next.

The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body?

Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!' © Dianne Bergant CSA



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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 26 JANUARY — AUSTRALIA DAY MASS @7AM (CHURCH CLOSED AFTER MASS)
- ◆ 1 FEBRUARY — MASS OF ANOINTING @9AM, FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA ORGANISED BY BENEDICTCARE
- ◆ 4 FEBRUARY — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM
- ◆ 10 FEBRUARY — LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR @7PM-9PM IN THE ALBERT LYNCH ROOM (FIRST WEEK)
- ◆ 12 FEBRUARY — YOUTH MASS @6PM

Life in the Spirit Seminar

We invite you to start the new year off with a life changing experience! Come join our parish mission outreach for 2022.

“Life in the Spirit” is a journey of discovery, designed to help our understanding of the Holy Spirit or be refreshed in our walk with the Holy Spirit. This seminar is being run by the Disciple of Jesus Community.

Starting Thursday 10 February 2022, an 8 week journey:
Time: 7pm—9pm

Place: Albert Lynch room at St Benedict’s Church

Cost: Free (a \$10 donation is suggested in week 2 to cover the cost of the prayer journal)

Contact: Nicole on 0429 859 308 & Gerri on 0407 201 848

Light refreshments provided. All welcome.

YOUTH CORNER

1. Youth Mass — 12 February 2022 @6pm
2. Youth Events are scheduled on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month after the 6pm mass.

DONATION TAP TO GIVE DEVICES

Our parish now has 2 Tap to Give devices for those who wish to donate loose money to the first and second collections. Pay Pass terminals are now available for your convenience near the entry door to the church in the foyer.

Please simply tap your card on the device nearest the contactless logo to make a donation. How to make a donation instruction is on the table in the middle of the 2 devices. At the moment the fixed amount is \$5, if you wish to donate more, then just tap your card as many times as you wish. For example, if you wish to donate \$10, then tap twice.

Thank you for your generous support and contribution to the parish.

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDAR ON SALE



The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries.

2022 marks the 100th edition.

COST: \$10.00 each

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PREP) PROGRAMME

Our parish runs an intensive after school Religious Education programme for children in Years 2 to 6 who are not attending Catholic schools. The programme **also** prepares children for the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation (Yr 3), First Communion (Yr 4) and Confirmation (Yr 6)**. Students must attend at least one full year of instruction prior to the Sacrament year and complete the full year of instruction in the year they receive the Sacrament. Students who enrol late may not be able to receive the Sacrament that year.

Classes run each Wednesday during term starting at 4pm in the church. The program will be starting on **Wednesday 9 February from 4pm—5pm**, everyone to meet in the foyer of the Church. The enrolments will be starting soon in the next week or so. For enquiries please contact Maureen Bright on 0413 831 357 or the parish office on 08 9364 1120.

We are currently looking for **assistants/helpers to the catechist teachers** for the coming year starting in February. Full training is available with the Catechist Service as well as ongoing courses throughout the year. Commitment would be on a Wednesday afternoon from 4pm to 5pm and if you feel this is for you please contact Maureen Bright on 0413 831 357 or Stefani Chen at the parish office on 08 9364 1120. Please give some thought to this very rewarding service to the parish and our children.

CLOTHING DONATION

Lately we have received lots of clothing donations left in front of our office boardroom door. At the moment we are not collecting any clothing donations, therefore, could you please put them in the St Vinnies Clothing Bin, located at the corner near St Benedict’s Kindy gate and the church parking. *Thank you.*

USERS OF KITCHEN & ALBERT LYNCH ROOM

After using the kitchen and the Albert Lynch room, could you all please do clean-up and sweep/vacuum the floors and take the rubbish out to the outside green bins, located at the back of the parish office and facing Father’s house. *Thank you.*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers: Myrtle Nimmo, Sr Carla, Beryl Kerman, Truus Botman, Sim Tan, Patrick Thomas, Ng Chai Hong, Beatrice Leong, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Jake Heron, Nick Odorisio, Jean Bright, and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED:

ANNIVERSARIES: Candida Maria Crispino-Nardone, Betty Smith, Michael Mastaglia, Glen Wood, and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank You.*



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 95:1,6

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

First Reading: Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

They read from the book of Law and they understood what was read.

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read. Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, 'This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep'. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, 'Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

- The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
- The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
- The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

- May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 (shorter form)

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

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 33:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - 29 & 30 JANUARY 2022

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	CHARLES CARDOSO	MIKE KILROE	LUKE HANDCOCK	MARK WELSH
ALTAR SERVERS	JACKSON HANDCOCK MEG & LUCY LOMMA	IHILOSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	SIANAY & NEISHA DOUTCH	TENNILE & SARANN PRETORIUS KATHERINE WIBAWA
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ALTAR SOCIETY: VERONICA SOEGANDHI			PILGRIM STATUE: DARIO & COLLEEN VALLINI	
COUNTERS: TONY & YVONNE GARBIN, ROSEMARY PACKER & ROBERT BOURNE			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: SCHOOL HOLIDAY	