

WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 22 DECEMBER 2024



"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: 7am

Tues/Thurs: 9am

Sat: 7.30am & Vigil 6pm

Sun: 7.30am, 9.30am & 6pm

**HOLY HOUR (STARTS WITH MASS)
FRIDAYS @7AM**



Reconciliation:

Sat: 4.30PM - 5.30PM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursday: 9.30am—5pm

Friday: 8am—5pm

Rosary Groups:

Tue: 9.30am, Wed/Fri: 7.30am

Cenacle: Thurs: 9.30am

Prayer Group:

Mary Mother of Sorrows: Meetings on Thursdays @1pm (except school holidays)

Catholic Women's League (CWL)

Meet the 2nd Tuesday of the Month in the Fr Albert Lynch Room @10am, gathering @9.45am

Baptisms: By appointment

Marriages: By appointment

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR C

GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

Pope Francis draws our attention to the way that Elizabeth greets Mary with joyful astonishment! He sees this an exemplar of how we should live our faith in this coming festive season. We need to be astonished again!

'To celebrate Christmas in a fruitful manner,' the Pope says, 'we are called to pause in "places" of astonishment.' He offers three examples of what this means.

Firstly, he draws attention to astonished recognition of other people. At a time of year when many of us will reunite with friends and family, we are called to see how 'every face is marked with a semblance to the Son of God.'

The second place of astonishment to which the Pope suggests we turn is 'history'. We need to look beyond markets and finances and see with faith the work of the Lord who exalts the lowly and uplifts the poor. 'The God of Christmas', the Pope quips, 'shuffles the cards' of history. Economics does not rule human destiny, God does.

Thirdly, we should find astonishment in 'the Church'. The Pope longs for us to embrace an understanding of the Church 'that is able to recognise the many signs of faithful love that God continuously sends her.' He hopes that 'Mother Church ... always has her doors open wide, and her arms open to welcome everyone.'

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PARISH NOTICES

EVENTS

- ◆ 22 DEC — CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA AFTER 9.30AM MASS
- ◆ 24-25 DEC — CHRISTMAS MASSES SCHEDULE (SEE BELOW)
- ◆ 26 DEC — NO MASS, COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY @9AM. CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED AFTER THE SERVICE.
- ◆ 1 JAN — NEW YEAR DAY MASS @9AM



CHRISTMAS EVE:
Family Mass @6pm -
INSIDE CHURCH
(not outdoor)

Carols @11.30pm
Midnight Mass @12am

CHRISTMAS DAY:
@7.30am &
@9.30am

YOUTH CORNER

Youth Mass — 11 January 2025 @6pm

PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA INVITATION



SUNDAY
22 DECEMBER 2024
AFTER 9.30AM MASS

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
ALL WELCOME

CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS 2024 NATIVITY PLAY

We are inviting children from our parish to participate in the Gospel re-enactment during the **Christmas Eve Family Mass**. There are no speaking parts, so no requirement to learn any lines.

Rehearsal dates: Sunday, 22 December after the 9.30am Mass and Tuesday 24 December @9am.

Dear Parishioners

With much gratitude I greet you all a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. May the promise of joy and hope that this Christmas brings be upon your homes and in your hearts. May the birth of Jesus Our Lord remind us always that the Emmanuel is indeed with us as a family and as a parish community. May the Word made flesh reign in our midst as we journey towards that place and future that God wants us to be.

To everyone, may you have the most safe, peaceful and meaningful Christmas ever!

Fr Nelson Po
Parish Priest



Introductory Rites

The Mass begins with the **entrance song**. The celebrant and other ministers enter in procession and reverence the altar with a bow and/or a kiss. The altar is a symbol of Christ at the heart of the assembly and so deserves this special reverence.

All make the **Sign of the Cross** and the celebrant extends a greeting to the gathered people in words taken from Scripture.

The **Act of Penitence** follows the greeting. At the very beginning of the Mass, the faithful recall their sins and place their trust in God's abiding mercy. The Act of Penitence includes the *Kyrie Eleison*, a Greek phrase meaning, "Lord, have mercy." This litany recalls God's merciful actions throughout history. On Sundays, especially in the Season of Easter, in place of the customary Act of Penitence, from time to time the blessing and sprinkling of water to recall Baptism may take place.

On Sundays, the **Gloria** follows the Act of Penitence. The *Gloria* begins by echoing the song of the angels at the birth of Christ: "Glory to God in the highest!" In this ancient hymn, the gathered assembly joins the heavenly choirs in offering praise and adoration to the Father and Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

The Introductory Rites conclude with the **Opening Prayer**, also called the **Collect**. The celebrant invites the gathered assembly to pray and, after a brief silence, proclaims the prayer of the day. The Opening Prayer gives a context for the celebration.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FROM 21 DECEMBER 2023 TO 1 JANUARY 2024 (INCLUSIVE)

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Myrtle Nimmo, Truus Botman, Helen Overman, Shalini Saldanha, Ng Choon Bee, Liesel Beukes, Helen Teo, Thomas McGuire Marris, Lorraine Healey, Kamani Jayaratne, Sue Miguel, Carol-Jean Wilson, Harsono Setiawan, Norm Thomas, Steven Robertson and all others who are not included in this list. *Thank you.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR RECENTLY DECEASED: - ANNIVERSARIES:

Allan Oakley, Bert Officer, Ernestine Reilly, Hazel George, William Darbyshire, Ernest Macleod, Placido Nardone, Victor Henderson, Kathleen Donnelly, Mary Stasinowsky, Lucinda Isabel Lobo and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS

	6pm	Midnight	7.30am	9.30am
Acolyte	Bryan Meyerkort	Barry Farrell	Terry Meo	Ken Bownes
Altar Server	Reginaldo Matthew Pranata Sofie Gabriel Ethan Tsia Joshua Tsia	Darshyn Mannar Dhivyen Mannar Jonah Vincent	? ?	Joey Villegas ?
Commentator	?	Veronica Avery	Margaret Handyside	Terry Boland
Reader	? ?	? ?	Frank Gericevich Monica Anderson	Marina Ciccarelli Paul Ciccarelli
EMOCH	Carmel Rechichi Jacquie Heron Teresa Leech Angela Scott	? ?	Mildred Rego ?	Ruth Thorn Margaret Sandford Osborne D'Souza
Collector/Usher	? ? ? ? ?	? ? ?	? ? ?	? ? ?

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Presence

God is with me, but more, God is within me, giving me existence. Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence in my body, my mind, my heart and in the whole of my life.

Freedom

Everything has the potential to draw forth from me a fuller love and life. Yet my desires are often fixed, caught, on illusions of fulfillment. I ask that You, God, through my freedom, may orchestrate my desires in a vibrant, loving melody, rich in harmony, fulfilling Your will through me.

Consciousness

Heavenly Father, thank You that Your love never fails and that Your mercies are new every morning. May I never fail to turn to You with my needs, with my love.

Inspiration

Mary, in her kindness hastens to go to her elderly cousin, knowing that she will need help in her pregnancy. Elizabeth recognises the great privilege being given to her. Today, we have the privilege of being able to speak to our God and to Mary.

Elizabeth praises Mary for her great faith in believing the message of the angel. As Jesus grew up in Mary's home from childhood to manhood, it must have been extraordinarily difficult for her to realise that this was God. In our prayer let us ponder with Mary over this mystery of our God who became one of us and who is with us now through his Spirit within us.

Conversation

I sit quietly with my God who knows my every thought, every need and every desire, and I allow Him to minister to me in this moment. I receive whatever nourishment I need for the journey.

Conclusion

I thank God for these few moments we have spent alone together and for any insights I may have been given concerning the text. **Amen**

CHILDREN'S CORNER



When Mary heard that her much older cousin Elizabeth was with child, she hurried to Elizabeth and Zechariah's house in the hills of Judea. Can you help Mary find the correct path to her cousin Elizabeth?



DE-CODE ELIZABETH'S MESSAGE

Use the key below to find out what Elizabeth said to Mary.

A - 20	F - 25	K - 19	P - 17	U - 5
B - 12	G - 1	L - 22	Q - 26	V - 4
C - 6	H - 3	M - 14	R - 2	W - 13
D - 10	I - 9	N - 11	S - 15	X - 21
E - 18	J - 24	O - 7	T - 8	Y - 23
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Church/School Parking – Reminder

Please park on the allotted bays in the church carpark and in the school carpark at Alness Street. **Do not park on the neighbouring residents' lawns across the road from the church & the church's lawns.** Thank you.

Please
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Drive
Or Park
On
Grass

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year C

1st: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 **Ps:** Ps 83:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
2nd: 1 Jn:1-2, 21-24 **Gospel:** Lk 2:41-52



READINGS FOR THE DAY

Entrance Antiphon *Cf Isaiah 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 *Micah 5:1-4*

A reading from the prophet Micah

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,
the least of the clans of Judah,
out of you will be born for me
the one who is to rule over Israel;
his origin goes back to the distant past,
to the days of old.
The Lord is therefore going to abandon them
till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth.
Then the remnant of his brothers will come back
to the sons of Israel.
He will stand and feed his flock
with the power of the Lord,
with the majesty of the name of his God.
They will live secure,
for from then on he will extend
his power to the ends of the land.
He himself will be peace.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19. R. v.4*

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you;
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

- O Shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
- God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)
- May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

Second Reading *Hebrews 10:5-10*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

I am coming to do your will.

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,
prepared a body for me.
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices
for sin;
then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of
the book,
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law
lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrific-
es, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for
sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says:
Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolish-
ing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this
will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his
body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation *Luke 1:38*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel *Luke 1:39-45*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit
from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town
in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's
house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth
heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and
Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud
cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be
honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For
the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in
my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed
that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Communion Antiphon *Isaiah 7:14*

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 28 & 29 DECEMBER 2024

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	MIKE KILROE	PRAVIN PAUL SUPPIAH	PETER MOORE
ALTAR SERVERS	DANYCKA FERNANDES DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MANNAR	IHINOLEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	MATTHEW PRANATA GRACE STEWART CHRISTOPHER XANTHIS	SOFIE GABRIEL ALEX & OLAF RIJKS
COMMENTATORS	AYLMYR SEQUEIRA	JACQUIE HERON	MARGARET HANDYSIDE	GLENDA BEUKES
COLLECTORS	STEFANI CHEN STEPHEN DONOVAN	ANTHONY LIM	ROGER BUNN LILI ORIFICI	OSBORNE D'SOUZA ROSS FRANCHINA GRAHAM KNIGHT
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EMOHC	FRANCES MEYERKORT YVONNE GARBIN	MONICA ANDERSON	MOIRA BUNN TERET BROCKWAY	LINDA ROBERTSON DONNA ARTINGSTALL
ALTAR SOCIETY: JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI			PILGRIM STATUE: ROGER & ELIZABETH FEW	
COUNTERS: MARGARETH ALBUQUERQUE, YULIANA VAN DER BURG, ELIZABETH NORONHA & SUCHITA RATHAKRISHNAN			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	