

# WELCOME

ST BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC PARISH — 29 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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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR C

### GOSPEL REFLECTION BY Nick Brodie

'God did not create us to be lone rangers,' says Pope Francis, 'but to walk together.' The Pope invites us to reflect on this mystery of togetherness during the Feast of the Holy Family.

'Each of us has our own story and the family is the story from which we originate', he explains, adding that today's Gospel 'reminds us that Jesus too is the son of a family story.'

The Pope wants us to appreciate that Jesus, Mary and Joseph experienced earthly problems and difficulties. 'The Holy Family of holy cards does not exist,' he says bluntly. It is a figment of pious imagination. As today's Gospel story relates, Mary and Joseph sometimes experienced considerable anxiety. Elsewhere in the Gospels we learn of other trials they faced. If we think of the Holy Family as untroubled and permanently blissful, then we misread the history of our Lord. The Holy Family endured hardship.

Through their troubles, Jesus, Mary and Joseph show us important lessons about coming together in times of trial and being open to the grace of putting the needs of others first. May we pray to be like them, not in rosy-tinted picture-card bliss, but in real-world faith, hope and love.

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◆ 1 JANUARY — NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS @9AM (WEDNESDAY)

◆ 3 JANUARY — FIRST FRIDAY FRIENDS @11AM

◆ 11 JANUARY — YOUTH MASS @6PM



### 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:

Joan Roberts, Jack Oswald, Maureen Court, Michael Officer, Petronela Przybylski, Myrtle Kirwan, Kathleen McAdam, Faith Court, Fr Milton John Foster and all deceased benefactors of the parish and all departed family and friends. *Thank you.*



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C

1st: Is 60:1-6

Ps: 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

2nd: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel: Mt 2:1-12



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READINGS FOR THE DAY

**Entrance Antiphon** *Lk 2:16*

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**First Reading** *Sir 3:2-6. 12-14*

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

*Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.*

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1*

*(R.)* Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. *(R.)*
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** *Col 3:12-21*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Concerning the Christian life in the world.*

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were

called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

**Gospel Acclamation** *Col 3:15. 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Lk 2:41-52*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men, listening to them.*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

**Communion Antiphon** *Bar 3:38*

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE — 4 & 5 JANUARY 2025

	SAT 6PM	SUN 7.30AM	SUN 9.30AM	SUN 6PM
ACOLYTE	PIERRE SEQUEIRA	STEVEN ROBERTSON	DENIS RIGG	ROB PAUL
ALTAR SERVERS	ETHAN GATCHALIAN DARSHYN & DHIVYEN MAN- NAR	REGINALDO CAM- MARANO IHINOSSEN & ESEOSE ITOTOH	MATTHEW PRANATA LETICIA AVERY JOEY VILLEGAS	SOFIE GABRIEL NOEL & ELOUISE LIU
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ALTAR SOCIETY: ANGELA NANKIVELL, COLEEN VALLINI & FRANCESCA VALLINI			PILGRIM STATUE: DARIO & COLLEEN VALLINI	
COUNTERS: HELEN OAKLEY, JESSIE TAN, ANNE BANKS, BERNADETTE O'BRIEN, JENNIFER DI GIOVANNI & CONNIE BOVE			CHILDREN'S LITURGY: —	