



ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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1st Sunday of Advent – Year C

27-28 Nov 2021

Entrance Procession

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks -
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the
House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the
land.

In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my Saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Your redemption is near at hand.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

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Parish Office Hours: 9.30am-1.30pm

Tues, Wed & Fri

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

Live-streamed Masses [directly via YouTube \(Friars of St Francis\)](#)

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 7.30am

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.

Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

All Night Adoration: First Friday of each month, from 8.30pm throughout until Saturday morning, concluding with Benediction at about 7am.

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Matrimony and Weddings:

Please give at least 6 months' notice.

Please book with the Parish Secretary

Sunday School: Years K-12 at 11am in St

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Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

Mon: 7.55am

Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am

Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass

Sun: After 9.30am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Youth Groups:

Younger Teens: Years 6-8

Older Teens: Years: 9-12

Young Adults: 18-35

Catholic Central: 18+

Please contact Father Benedict for Youth Group enquires: brbenedictfsf@bigpond.com or visit www.friarsofstfrancis.org

Parish Notice Board

❖ The Sunday 11.00am Mass ceases after this Sunday (28th November)

❖ **Bishop's Christmas Appeal Weekend:** No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. CatholicCare's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

❖ **MANNING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** Will be held on the weekend of December 12th. This year has been a year like no other, with so many disadvantaged people relying on us for extra help. It is only through your generosity that our members are able to help alleviate their suffering. Envelopes will be available in our Church Foyer, should you require a Receipt. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us to take care of our needy Brothers and Sisters. May God Bless You All! Lorraine Bonisoli.

❖ **Lawn Mowing Volunteers - Thank You.** A huge vote of thanks to all the parishioners who have responded to the recent requests for volunteers to join our Parish lawn mowing team. All current vacancies have now been filled. May God bless all our volunteers. John Petre, Lawn Mowing and Gardening Coordinator.

❖ **Monthly All Night Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday 3rd December starting at 8.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and concluding with Benediction at 7am Saturday morning, followed by Mass at 7.30am.

❖ **Only Masses** for the deceased and the sick are published in the Bulletin

Youth Group Notice Board

❖ The Youth Group is looking to start up its activities again as soon as it is safely possible. If you have school age children from year 6 to year 12 and are interested to be notified of what we have planned, please email Megan Stoneham: megan.stoneham@hotmail.com or Father Benedict: brbenedictfsf@bigpond.com

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From the Padre:



Advent is a time of penance. It is a time when Christians prepare to celebrate anew, the birth of Our Saviour. Penance is about self-denial and gaining self-control over our senses by bodily discipline, as well as overcoming self-centredness by thinking of the needs of others. It is important not to go overboard. Far better to do something small and well, than to go too far and fail.



The first step is to focus on Our Lord through prayer and spiritual reading. The second is to see what we can healthily deny ourselves, especially in unnecessary food and drink – for example, sweets and alcohol or soft drink. Also, to find ways to do good to others, especially by being helpful to those around us. Family ought to come first. It is not sinful at all to not do these things, and the elderly as well as the very young are exempt. I know that many are not used to this idea with Advent, as it has always been associated with Lent only. However, Advent has traditionally been seen as a little Lent. The idea is to help us and prepare us for the day when we will meet Christ our Saviour on the Day of Judgment as well as preparing to celebrate His birth. We are greatly encouraged by knowing how much Our Lord loves us. He was born to save us and does not want to lose anyone. Let us do everything we do for love of Him. And don't forget to ask our Blessed Mother to help us, as she is truly our Mother.

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Elly Egan; Sue Russo; Lena; Eddy Borovnjak; Tomara; Brian Stedman; Jim Gresser; Amy Rahme; Dorothy Frost; Helen Rodriguez; Greg Smith; and all our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Frieda Piesch; Wahib, Nouhad & Roly Maroun; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Des Matthews; Deacon Owen Rojers; Sister Grace Marie Josette; Francesco Siciliano, Antonia Siciliano; The Holy Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

Christmas Mass & Confession Times:

Christmas Eve:	Confessions 6.30pm – 7.15pm Family Mass 7.30pm Confessions 11.00pm – 11.45pm Midnight Mass 12.00am
Christmas Day:	8.00am & 9.30am Mass
New Year's Eve:	Mass 11.00pm
New Year's Day:	Mass 9.00am
Saturday Vigil Mass 1st Jan 2022:	6.00pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday 2.1.2022)

Saints of the Week:

28th November - St James of the Marches

29th November - ALL SAINTS OF THE
SERAPHIC ORDER

30th November - SAINT ANDREW,
APOSTLE

3rd December - St Francis Xavier

4th December - St John Damascene

**Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in the battle; be our protection against the
malice and snares of the Devil. May God restrain him,
we humbly pray, and You, O Prince of the heavenly
host, by the divine power cast into Hell Satan and all
the other evil spirits who roam through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.**

Amen.

**Most Sacred Heart of Jesus: have mercy on us. (3 times)
Immaculate Heart of Mary: pray for us**



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Roster for Ministries 4-5 Dec

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 9.30
Readers:	K Redolfi	S Carter	R Cabela
Acolytes:	M J Bosco	P Thomas	G Redolfi
Altar Servers:	R Cipollone Burbridge Family N Chehade O Elias I Baron	S Flitcroft T Flitcroft R Mandla S Cliff	X Redolfi W Ha S Ha J Locke R Baricevic
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Altar Gowns:			
Floral Arrangers:	No Flowers – Week 2 Advent		
Altar Society:	G3: Thurs 2/12/21 @ 9.30am C Khoury, I Barry, V Goodwin		
Cleaners:	G2: Sat 4/12/21 @ 8am A Hanson, Bernard Chuah, P & T Thomas, C Reyes, Brendan & Julieanne Chuah		