



# ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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## Third Sunday of Advent – Year C (Gaudete Sunday) 11-12 Dec 2021

### Entrance Procession

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.  
Indeed, the Lord is near.

### First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

*With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.*

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,  
Israel, shout aloud!  
Rejoice, exult with all your heart,  
daughter of Jerusalem!  
The Lord has repealed your sentence;  
he has driven your enemies away.  
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;  
you have no more evil to fear.  
When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:  
Zion, have no fear,  
do not let your hands fall limp.  
The Lord your God is in your midst,  
a victorious warrior.  
He will exult with joy over you,  
he will renew you by his love;  
he will dance with shouts of joy for you  
as on a day of festival.

The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-6

**R.** *Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

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.**

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.**

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: Philippians 4:4-7

*The Lord is near.*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

### Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

*What, then, must we do?*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.  
Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

## Parish Contact Details:

**Parish Priest:** Fr Christopher FSF PP

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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: [brbenedictsf@bigpond.com](mailto:brbenedictsf@bigpond.com)  
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## Parish Notice Board

### ❖ **MANNING FOUNDATION CHRISTMAS APPEAL WEEKEND:**

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.

### PLEASE NOTE:

**There is NO EVENING MASS ON SATURDAY  
25<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.**

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

### Saints of the Week:

13<sup>th</sup> December - St Lucy

14<sup>th</sup> December - St John of the Cross

## Youth Group Notice Board

❖ **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm:** The Youth Group will be having a Christmas end of year celebration in the School Hall for old and new members alike. Please RSVP to Megan Stoneham:  
[megan.stoneham@hotmail.com](mailto:megan.stoneham@hotmail.com)

### **Parish Bank Account details for Donations, Planned Giving or Direct Transfers:**

(Please quote in the reference either your SURNAME & INITIAL or ENVELOPE NUMBER)

**Name:** St Bernadette's Catholic Parish

**BSB:** 067 950

**Account:** 00000271

## From the Padre:



**T**here is a strong theme of joy in the Scripture readings today. Our hope is almost upon us. Our Lord comes to save us. He takes on our humanity and unites it to His divinity to heal the terrible wound of the sin of our first parents, and consequently, the wounds of all our sins. He takes upon Himself the just punishment that these sins have caused, enters into death itself and destroys its power over us. His coming is the fulfilment of our hopes and the life He brings will last eternally. Our task is to be obey Him, to accept and follow His commands. He wants to unite us to Himself, through His Cross and the mysteries of the Sacraments that He gave us – that is, through His Church which is His Body. He calls us to follow Him, even to Calvary, so that we might be raised with Him to glory. When we gaze upon that little child lying in the manger, we see the humblest of babes who is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We see love itself who gives Himself completely to us and for us. Come Lord Jesus!

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

Ellie Egan; Michael Siddle; Sue Russo; Lena; Eddy Borovnjak; Tomara; Brian Stedman; Jim Gresser; Amy Rahme; Dorothy Frost; Maria-Luisa Yanez; and all our sick parishioners and loved ones.

### **Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:**

Frieda Piesch; Jack Riordan; Wahib, Nouhad & Roly Maroun; Charlie & Rita Saliba; Carmelo Mifsud; Paula Graber; Imelda Vince; Phillip Horan; The Holy Souls in Purgatory;  
***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

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### **Christmas Mass & Confession Times:**

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



**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**



**Roster for Ministries 18-19 Dec**

	<b>Sat Vigil 6pm</b>	<b>Sun 8am</b>	<b>Sun 9.30</b>
<b>Readers:</b>	Youth Volunteer	N Thomas	D Giribaldi
<b>Acolytes:</b>	G Redolfi	N Thomas	F Orji
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Fernandes Family R Weerakkody X Redolfi O Elias	S Flitcroft T Flitcroft N Chehade R Mandla	William Ha Alison Ha J Locke L Rivera N Higgins
<b>Flower Donor:</b>	Mr Stephen Rossi		
<b>Altar Gowns:</b>			
<b>Floral Arrangers:</b>	No Flowers – Week 4 Advent		
<b>Altar Society:</b>	<b>G5: Thurs 17/12/21 @ 8am</b> C Reyes, L Guthrie, M Cudmore		
<b>Cleaners:</b>	<b>G4: Sat 18/12/21 @ 9am</b> D Tudehope, F Fitzgerald, D Greenfield, J Doueihy, F Ramirez, T Cordina		



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