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 from home*



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Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 10am – 4.30pm

25th & 26th January 2020 Australia Day Masses



CELEBRATIONS: 27th January – 2nd February 2020



Plenary Council 2020
 Listen to what the Spirit is saying...



St Blaise

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| ▶ Monday | No Mass | Australia Day Holiday | |
| Tuesday | { 4.30pm { 5.00pm | Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel | |
| Wednesday | | 9.00am | Mass of Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas |
| ▶ Thursday | { 4.30pm { 5.00pm | Mass of Wednesday Ord. Time week 3, yr II | |
| Start Novena to St Bakhita: | | Friday | 9.00am |
| | Saturday | 9.15am | Mass of Thursday Ord. Time week 3, yr II |
| | | | Mass of Memorial St John Bosco |
| | | | Reconciliation  |
| <u>Saturday</u> | 6.00pm | Mass Presentation of the Lord with Blessing of Candles & Blessing of Throats after Mass | |
| <u>Sunday</u> | 8.00am | Mass Presentation of the Lord with Blessing of Candles & Blessing of Throats after Mass | |
| | 10.00am | Mass Presentation of the Lord with Blessing of Candles & Blessing of Throats after Mass  | |

● **Bushfire Appeal:** Through Vinnies, help those affected by the Fires. You can give on line at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-vic> or give donations through the National Collection THIS WEEKEND 25th/26th January. *Fr Joe*

● **Season of Light** The celebrations of Christ the Light of the world form a season of Light. This season begins with Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ with the progressive lighting of the candles of the Advent Wreath. Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ when the glory shone around. Then the light of a star leads the wise men from the East to visit the infant Jesus in Bethlehem – Christ the Light is presented to the world. The season is complete with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord 2nd February. **We bless candles at Masses NEXT WEEKEND 1st/2nd February.** These candles go to our homes to be a focus of prayer as we take the light of Christ to our world. We bear the Light throughout the year. ● In the tradition of St Blaise, the blessing of throats is offered after Masses 1st/2nd February. *Fr Joe*

● **Buy a Ticket** in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars.** Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Buy a ticket; support our Parish. *Fr Joe*

Lectors: 25th Jan/26th Jan 2020 – Note: Special Readings for Australia Day

6.00pmP.Wallace 8.00am N.Bosquet 10.00am M.Beyer
 1st Feb / 2nd Feb 2020

6.00pmG.Newbegin 8.00am Volunteer 10.00amJ.Tibb

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

25th Jan/26th Jan 2020

6.00pm ... G.Steele 8.00am B.Wells 10.00am D.Thirard

1st Feb / 2nd Feb 2020

6.00pm ... H.Booth 8.00am M.Coyle 10.00amA.Black

God's Housekeepers this Week: 30th Jan ... Group B 6th Feb ... Group C

Counting Teams:

January: Mike & Pauline Henry and Anthony McDermott **February:** Michael Beyer, Paul & Frances Burns.

Last week's Offerings:

First (Support of the Priests) **\$1006.00** Second (Support of the Parish/Hall) **\$1243.00**



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you show your love through caring for those in need.

Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

⌘ Christ Jesus, you show us the path to peace in the example of your life.

Christ, have mercy. All: **Christ, have mercy.**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you have won forgiveness for the whole world.

Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

➤ **FIRST READING: *Isaiah 32:15-18***

My people will live in a peaceful home.



➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

R The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

**I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.**

**His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.**

R

**Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness will spring from the Earth
and justice look down from heaven.**

R

**The Lord will make us prosper
and our Earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.**

R

➤ **SECOND READING: *1st Corinthians 12:4-11***

The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

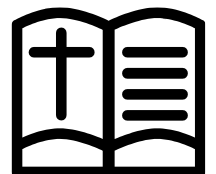
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Happy the peace makers
they shall be called the children of God.**

Alleluia!

➤ **GOSPEL: *Matthew 5:1-12***

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.



Please pray for those who are sick especially:

John Coughlin, Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

Please pray for those who died recently, and for Leondina Valente whose anniversary occurs about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe. The Lord be with You.

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

All: **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, he was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) **now:**

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Comm. Antiphon: (Used **only** when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)
Look at the Lord with gladness and smile, your face will never be ashamed.

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go forth, the Mass is ended.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday: Feast of Presentation of The Lord

1st Reading: **Malachi 3: 1-4**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 23: 7-10**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 2: 14-18**

Gospel: **Luke 2: 22-40**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

➔ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: Our text in Matthew's Gospel is the first major teaching of Jesus that Matthew records. Jesus' teachings guide us in response to his first words: *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand"* (Mt 4:17) i.e. the Good News. Jesus had called his first disciples and they left everything to follow him. In events, not recorded, he had taught and proclaimed the Good News and cured many of the crowds that were gathering and following him. It is time to put before the crowds his new thinking so they can re-think (i.e. repent) their lives and become truly his followers.

Read **Matthew 5: 2 – 12** (The Beatitudes)

Meditatio: How closely do my ways follow Jesus' ways? What sort of an example am I to my neighbours? Am I "poor in spirit"; do I know I depend on God's blessings? Do I have a gentle care for others and for our environment? How far do I go in the cause of what is right? Am I merciful, pure of heart, a peacemaker? Or do I see these as weaknesses? Am I taking up my crosses trusting my reward will be great in heaven?

Oratio: Pray that the Beatitudes will shape our lives. Pray that the Beatitudes will help us to understand the way of the Cross. Pray for those persecuted in the cause of right. Pray that Australians will support each other especially those in need or adversity. Pray for a warm welcome and a happy life for people who take on Australian citizenship. Pray for a gentle and merciful care of those recovering after the bushfires.

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Take time to reflect: How well does my thinking reflect Jesus' thinking. ✍ Fr Joe

● **Thanks** to all the volunteers who helped out at our Parish fundraiser, the Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, last Saturday. Thanks especially to Barry Bramwell and David Jones for all their organizing. In excess of 600 sausages were sold totalling \$1269.50 takings for the day.

Coming Events in 2020

2020 – Plenary Council Year

● 26th January (Sun.) – Australia Day Lunch: BYO something-Aussie-to-share !

● 30th Jan – 7th Feb Novena to St Bakhita

● 1st/2nd Feb.- blessing of candles & throats

● 4th February – Pastoral Council meeting

● 26th February – Ash Wednesday

● 12th April – Easter Sunday





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