



THE AFFILIATED PARISHES OF ST ANNE, ST BEDE & ST BRIDGET

Bulletin - CHRISTMAS - 25 December 2022



St Anne's & St Bede's

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PARISH STAFF

Parish Priest: Fr John Salvano
Assistant Priest: Fr Vinh Do
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Seminarian: John Vespa
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 Sara Lanza
Parish Secretary for St Bridget's
 Mario Landini
Finance Officer: Kristina Slavec

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE:

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display in all churches and all Parish Policies are available on the website.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

St Anne's: Wednesday at 9am (28/12/22 - 25/1/23)
St Bede's: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9am (27/12/22 - 21/1/23); Saturday at 9am (No 9am Mass on Saturday 24/1)
St Bridget's: No First Wednesday (4/1) or Friday (6/1) Mass during January. These will resume in February 2023.

ALL WEEKDAY MASSES FROM CHRISTMAS TO AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND WILL BE AT 9.00AM (both St Anne's and St Bede's.)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

St Anne's: 5pm
St Bede's: 6pm
St Bridget's: 5pm

Sunday

St Anne's: 10:30am
St Bede's: 9am, 11am
St Bridget's: 10am
St Joachim's: 8:30am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Bede's: after 9am Mass Saturday
St Anne's: 4.30pm Saturday
St Bridget's: 4.30pm Saturday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St Bede's: after 9.15am Mass Friday
Baptisms and Weddings
 Please contact parish office

Parish Prayer Groups In Recess

St Anne's Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Tuesday 13th December was the last meeting for 2022.

- **Weekly meetings** (Tuesdays at 6.20pm at St. Anne's) resume on **Tuesday 31st January 2023.**
- **Monthly Mass** (1st Tuesday of the month, 7pm) resumes on **Tuesday 7th February 2023.**

St Bridget's Weekly Prayer meetings

Meditation and Scripture reflection meetings will have a break during Christmas and New Year.

- **Meditation group** (Wednesdays: 9.30 - 10.30am) will meet **face-to-face in January 2023.**
- **Scripture Reflection** (Sundays: 8.30 - 9.30am) will resume in **mid-January 2023.**

Contact: Susie on susiehii.hc@gmail.com or 0410981979

ASRC FOODBANK COLLECTION The ASRC Foodbank collection held on 10th & 11th December (St Anne's and St Bede's) and 20th December (St Joachim's) raised a total of \$1,289.55. A big **THANK YOU** for your very kind and generous support and we wish you all a happy and joyful Christmas. *Social Justice Group (St Anne & St Bede)*

ROSTERS FOR 1/1/23 (Special Ministers are requested to wear a face mask when serving at Mass)

ST ANNE'S

Saturday 5pm

Lector: *M Kiley*

Special Minister: *Holy Spirit Srs*

Sunday 10:30am

Lector: *T Waugh*

Special Minister: *M Waugh*

ST JOACHIM'S

Sunday 8:30am

Lector: *S Parsons*

ST BEDE'S

Saturday 6pm

Lector: *V Tran*

Special Minister: *K Slavec*

Sunday 9am

Lector: *P DiStasio*

Special Minister: *Anna DiStasio*

Sunday 11am

Lector: *C Worsnop*

Special Minister: *S Lanza*

ST BRIDGET'S

Saturday 5pm

Lector: *B Shepherd*

Special Minister: *M Stewart*

Sunday 10am

Lector: *M Reece*

Special Minister:

Mary Buxton

Visiting the Sick

V Borg

Christmas message

2022 has been an exciting year for all of us as we have exited the restrictions that we lived under for the past two years. Our young people have had a full year of schooling and our faith communities have been able to celebrate once again.

It has also been a year of farewells and welcomes: our pastoral coordinator, Jo Ryan, retired after so many years of wonderful service to the parishes; John Vespa, our fourth year seminarian arrived early in the year and finishes at Christmas; we now welcome Fr Vinh Do as assistant priest in our affiliated parishes. Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations again punctuated our year, and funerals were able to be celebrated by all who wished to attend.

It is also true that our parishes are now different because of our experience of pandemic: it is true that numbers have eased but we are able to understand better the need we have for each other and our social interactions; we are able to move forward in our journey of strengthening what we have by greater integration of resources; and we are more open to new ways of spreading the Good News by social media.

I would like to thank our parish staff: Sara Lanza, Kris Slavec and Mario Landini, for their leadership and dedication throughout the year; and to all our parish volunteers in so many ministries who serve the community of faith. I also thank Fr Kevin Lenehan and Fr Michael McEntee for their priestly ministry and friendship in our parishes throughout 2022.

Have a very happy and blessed Christmas, and a relaxed holiday season!

Fr John Salvano
Parish Priest

Christmas – Year A 25 December 2022



The Parish Offices will be closed over the Christmas & New Year period.

For any emergencies, please email or call the Parish office phones, which will be monitored.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Christmas Eve Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 95:1-3, 11-13

R: All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Sung: All the ends of the earth have seen the power of God x2 (GA 57)

Christmas Day Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 97:1-6

R: Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Sung: Today is born our Saviour, Christ, our saving Lord. (GA 56)

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Luke 2:10-11

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

Mass Hymns

Entrance

Christmas Eve

Once In Royal (GA 297)

Christmas Day

Hark The Herald (GA 294)

Offertory

Christmas Eve

Silent Night (GA 290)

Christmas Day

O Little Town Of Bethlehem (GA 296)

Communion

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Away In A Manger (GA 289),

O Come All Ye Faithful (GA 287),

The First Nowell (GA 298)

Recessional

Christmas Eve

Hark The Herald (GA 294)

Christmas Day

Joy To The World (GA 295)

We pray for those who have died recently especially **Genevieve Slattery, Bertha D'Cunha and Patricia King** and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time especially **Denise Marie Meehan, Elisabeth Sach Thi Le, Emmanuel Sammut, Frank Quinn, Thomas Tran Duc Vinh and Dale Power.**
May God reward their faith and lead them to the fullness of eternal life.

