



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

Christmas Day | 25 December 2023



Parish Office: 1 Severn St, Balwyn North

Office Hours*: Tuesday & Friday 9:00am – 12:00pm;

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am – 3:30pm

Phone: 9401 6355

E-mail: balwynnorthkeweast@cam.org.au | greythorn@cam.org.au

Web: parishofstanneandstbede.org.au | stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au

Facebook: facebook.com/BNKE

Please visit the Newsletter section of websites to subscribe to bulletin

Parish Priest: Fr John Salvano

Assistant Priest: Fr Vinh Do

Priest in Residence: Fr Kevin Lenehan

Parish Secretary

- **St Anne's & St Bede's:** Sara Lanza

Parish Secretary

- **St Bridget's:** Mario Landini

Finance Officer: Kristina Slavec

*OFFICE HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD

- St Anne and St Bede Parish Office is closed this week and will reopen on Tuesday 2nd January 2024. Office Hours between 2nd – 12th January 2024 will be Tuesday – Friday | 9am-12pm.
- St Bridget Parish Office is closed this week and will reopen on 10th January 2024, and will be co-located with the Parish Office of St Anne and St Bede at Balwyn North. The new phone number is 9401 6355.

Safety of Children & 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.

Please be extra vigilant of children and those who are vulnerable at Christmas Masses, as we expect large crowds.

PLEASE NOTE: Bulletin will not be emailed during the first two weeks of January. It will be available in Churches.

MASS AND LITURGY TIMES – JANUARY 2024

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
St Anne		9:00am			Vigil: 5:00pm	10:30am
St Bede	9:00am		9:00am	9:00am	9:00am Reconciliation: 9:30am Vigil: 6:00pm	9:00am 11:00am
St Bridget					Vigil: 5:00pm	10:00am
St Joachim						8:30am

No morning Mass on Tuesday 26th December 2023.

There will be a morning Mass on Monday 1st January 2024 – 9:00am at St Bede's Church.

ROSTERS FOR 30/31 DECEMBER 2023 – The Holy Family

ST ANNE	ST BEDE	ST BRIDGET
Saturday 5pm Lector: <i>M Lanki</i> Special Minister: <i>Holy Spirit Srs</i>	Saturday 6pm Lector: <i>N Salvano</i> Special Minister: <i>R Pingitore</i>	Saturday 5pm Lector: <i>B Shepherd</i> Special Minister: <i>A Mariampillai</i>
Sunday 10:30am Lector: <i>M Waugh</i> Special Minister: <i>M Murphy</i>	Sunday 9am Lector: <i>G Fernandez</i> Special Minister: <i>C Schiavello</i>	Sunday 10am Lector: <i>S Hii</i> Special Minister: <i>Mary Buxton</i>
ST JOACHIM	Sunday 11am Lector: <i>C Le</i> Special Minister: <i>S Lanza</i>	Visiting the Sick <i>Angelo Mariampillai</i>
Sunday 8:30am Lector: <i>K Frost</i>		

Christmas Message

This year has been a busy one for our affiliated parishes as we have moved forward in developing our joint parishes' mission. We began the year with the affiliated parishes' picnic hosted at St Bridget's, which was very well-attended and a good opportunity to mix.

Through the year we have had several more opportunities to socialise: the Lenten Anointing Mass and lunch at St Bede's; the seventieth anniversary celebrations at St Joachim's; my fortieth anniversary of Ordination at St Bede's; the Advent Anointing Mass and lunch at St Bridget's; and finally the celebration of the life of St Bridget's School at Greythorn.

We hope next year to find some new ways of gathering so that we might get to know each other better and further form our community of communities.

This Christmas marks the closure of the office at Greythorn and the streamlining of all administration to the Balwyn North office. This is more efficient and cost-effective in a time when the finances of the parishes are tight.

In the new year we will begin to plan the future of the Greythorn school site, which will be handed back to the parish some time in the first quarter of the year. At the moment all that can be said is that we intend it to be used for Catholic ministry purposes.

My thanks to the parish staff: Sara Lanza, Kris Slavec and Mario Landini; to our school staffs; to all our volunteers who keep the churches and parishes open and running thought the year; to our supplying priests Fr Kevin Lenehan and Fr Michael McEntee; and to my assistant Fr Vinh Do.

Have a very happy and safe Christmas and a good rest before 2024!

Fr John Salvano, P.P.



READINGS - Christmas Eve

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-7

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95:1-3, 11-13

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

Sung: I will sing for ever of the goodness of the Lord. (GA 50)

Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 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 - Christmas Eve

Entrance

Hark The Herald (GA 294)

Offertory

While Shepherds Watched Their Flock (GA 288)

Communion

Silent Night (GA 290)

O Come All Ye Faithful (GA 287)

Away In A Manger (GA 289)

Recessional

Joy To The World (GA 295)

READINGS - Christmas Day

First Reading: Isaiah 62:11-12

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 96:1, 6, 11-12

R: A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

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

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 2:14

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

MASS HYMNS - Christmas Day

Entrance

O Come All Ye Faithful (GA 287)

Offertory

Once In Royal (GA 297)

Communion

Away In A Manger (GA 289)

Angels We Have Heard (GA 286)

O Little Town Of Bethlehem (GA 296)

Recessional

Hark The Herald (GA 294)