



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

## First Sunday of Advent | 3 December 2023



**Parish Office:** 1 Severn St, Balwyn North

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**Parish Priest:** Fr John Salvano

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

**Parish Secretary**

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

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**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.

### MASS AND LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK: 5 – 10 DECEMBER 2023

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>St Anne</b>	First Tuesday 7pm				Reconciliation: 4:30pm Vigil: 5pm	10:30am
<b>St Bede</b>	9:15am		9:15am	9:15am	9am Reconciliation: 9:30am Vigil: 6pm	9am 11am
<b>St Bridget</b>		School Mass 9:15am			Reconciliation: 4:30pm Vigil: 5pm	10am
<b>St Joachim</b>						8:30am

### READINGS AND HYMNS: 3 DECEMBER 2023

**First Reading:**

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

**R/Sung:** Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved. **(GA 47)**

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 1:3-9

**Gospel Acclamation:** Ps 84:8

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** Mark 13:33-37

**MASS HYMNS**

**Entrance**

Advent Song  
(GA 281)

**Offertory**

Holy God We  
Praise Your Name  
(GA 411)

**Communion**

Wake, O Wake,  
And Sleep No  
Longer (GA 282)

**Recessional**

City Of God (GA 498)

### Celebrating St Bridget's Primary School

Parishioners past and present  
are invited to celebrate with the  
school community and thank the  
teachers for 64 years of Catholic  
primary school.

**Wednesday 6 December | 9:15am**

Mass followed by morning tea in the hall.

For catering book on

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1145577?qr=true&qr=true>

**Saturday 9 December | 4pm - 8pm**

Come and enjoy the festivities in the  
school grounds with food, drinks and  
activities for all.

We pray for those who have died recently especially **Antonio Di Deo, Foon Chia, Maurie Considine, Adelheid Kelly, Giuseppina Bonomo** and **Philip De Neefe** and for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially **Ted Walsh, Aileen Brennan, Ulla Rutstrom, John Howard, Susan Green, Bridget & John Howard, Silvana Kiss, Giovanni Perrone, Maria Dung, Cosmas Dinh Van Vinh, Gaetano & Anna David** and **Giuseppe & Veneranda Romano**. *May God reward their faith and lead them to the fullness of eternal life.*

## 2023 Christmas Liturgy Times

	Wednesday 20/12/23	Saturday 23/12/23	Sunday 24/12/23	Sunday 24/12/23 Christmas Eve	Monday 25/12/23 Christmas Day
<b>St Anne</b>		5:00 pm	9:00 am	8:00 pm	10:30 am
<b>St Bede</b>	7:00 pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	6:00 pm	11:00 am	6:00 pm 9:30 pm	9:00 am 11:00 am
<b>St Bridget</b>		5:00 pm	10:00 am	7:00 pm	10:00 am
<b>St Joachim</b>					8:30 am

**Please note the change to Sunday morning Mass Times on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023.  
No 9:15am Mass at St Bede's on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023 (Boxing Day).**

### Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

At Masses this weekend, our RCIA candidates will be welcomed into our community. We congratulate them as they take this next step in their faith journey towards being fully incorporated into the Catholic Church.

#### Congratulations/Welcome to:

**Andy Kemp, Victoria Maxwell, Ian Maxwell, Salam Kamoona and Amani Faez** (St Anne's 10:30am Mass)  
**Kien Nguyen, Leshan Wijayabandra, Shyamini Wijetange, Sayuni Wijayabandra and Senuli Wijayabandra** (St Bede's, 11:00am Mass)

### Hospitality this weekend

**Please join us for morning tea following Mass:  
 St Joachim's 8.30am | St Anne's 10.30am  
 St Bede's 9am | St Bridget's 10am**

### Christmas Cards

are available to purchase at all Churches. At St Anne's, St Bede's and St Joachim's, a pack of 5 cards from St Vincent De Paul Society costs \$5.

### Affiliated Parishes Youth Group

You are invited to join us for our last gathering for 2023!  
**When:** Friday 8 December, 5:30-7:00pm  
**Where:** St Bridget's Hall (48 Sweyn St, Balwyn North)  
**Who:** Grades 5 – 9 **Contact:** 9401 6355

### St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal The St Anne / St Bede / St Joachim, St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal commences this weekend.

The Appeal is for donated gifts such as non-perishable food items, cosmetics, children's toys (with intended gender /age range indicated) and similar.

A popular gift in recent times has been a retail store card perhaps enclosed in a greeting card.

The donated items will be distributed to those who could use some help at Christmas, in the parish area and in inner suburban high rise, public housing areas that are also serviced by our SVDP volunteers.

**Please leave any donations in the collection boxes that have been placed in St Anne's, St Joachim's and St Bede's Churches.**

### Save The Date - Organ Recital

Mark Slavec is performing a lunchtime organ recital at St Paul's Cathedral (Cnr Swanston St and Flinders St) on **13 December 2023 at 1:00pm**. All welcome.

### 2023 Carols In The Park

The Churches of North Balwyn welcome you to attend Carols in the Park. Please see flyer for more details.

**When:** Saturday 16 December, 6:00pm  
**Where:** Macleay Park (101 Belmore Rd, Nth Balwyn)  
**Live streamed:** [www.carolsnorthbalwyn.org.au](http://www.carolsnorthbalwyn.org.au)

## ROSTERS FOR 9/10 DECEMBER 2023

ST ANNE	ST BEDE	ST BRIDGET
<b>Saturday 5pm</b> Lector: <i>Volunteer</i> Special Minister: <i>C Burnside</i>	<b>Saturday 6pm</b> Lector: <i>K Maher</i> Special Minister: <i>A Mueller</i>	<b>Saturday 5pm</b> Lector: <i>Sr P Keogh</i> Special Minister: <i>Michael Buxton</i>
<b>Sunday 10:30am</b> Lector: <i>J Collins</i> Special Minister: <i>P De Thomas</i>	<b>Sunday 9am</b> Lector: <i>G Tenni</i> Special Minister: <i>M John</i>	<b>Sunday 10am</b> Lector: <i>M Reece</i> Special Minister: <i>Mary Buxton</i>
<b>ST JOACHIM</b>	<b>Sunday 11am</b> Lector: <i>M D'Souza</i> Special Minister: <i>C de Castella</i>	<b>Visiting the Sick</b> <i>J Hocking</i>
<b>Sunday 8:30am</b> Lector: <i>J Connell</i>		