



The Parish of

St Anne & St Bede

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For those wishing to contribute to Stewardship or Priests' collection, the Parish account details are listed below for electronic funds transfer.

1st Collection

**Account name: St Bede's Presbytery Account
Presbytery Account BSB: 083 347 Account no.
666017079**

2nd Collection

**Account name: St Bede's Church Account Church
Account BSB: 083 347 Account no. 458706734**

Please click on the link below from 5pm on Saturday, 5 December, to watch Mass Online, celebrated by our priests:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoJSmEtUZBU&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=StAnne%26StBedeSundayOnlineMass

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them'
says your God.

'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her
that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,
'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.
The prize of his victory is with him,

his trophies all go before him.
He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 84:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
A voice that speaks peace,
peace to his people.
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 shall 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 – 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel – Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: Let us lift up our prayers of petition to our God, who brings comfort to all people.

We pray for Pope Francis and the bishops of our church. May they always be for us models of Christian hope.

Lord hear us.

We pray in solidarity with and for persecuted Christians and other minorities in the Middle East and other parts of the world. May they see an end to the violence being waged against them.

Lord hear us.

We pray for all the women and men of our time who, like John the Baptist, give fearless witness to the Gospel. May their words and actions open the hearts of us all.

Lord hear us.

We pray for our faith community. May we heed the words of St Peter and strive to live lives that are 'holy and saintly'.

Lord hear us.

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers. We pray for all those who have died recently especially Mary Clifford, Rocco Tallarico and James (Seamus) Coughlan and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Anna and Gaetano David, Giuseppe and Veneranda Romano and Marisa LoGiudice. May the Lord rejoice to lead them home.

Lord hear us.

Celebrant: Gracious God, hear the prayers of your people, who await new heavens and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,

I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You;

never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

PARISH NEWS

St Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas Appeal

“To serve the poor is to go to God” – St Vincent De Paul

To parishioners of St Bede's Balwyn North, St Anne's Kew East and St Joachim's Kew.

The local St Vincent de Paul Conference is holding a Christmas Appeal to assist those in need. We have been servicing our local community for the past 60 years and our primary work is to help those struggling usually through no fault of their own. Some of the types of assistance are food vouchers that maybe used at the local supermarket, phone vouchers, furniture or financial assistance towards utilities, education or rent assistance. Usually just listening to those who have no one, brings joy to those we visit.

In our Christmas Appeal, we are asking for assistance with non-perishable foods or possibly a gift card obtained at a variety of supermarkets.

In this time of COVID-19 as we know, collections are very difficult. We are asking that you do your best to assist us.

There is only one entrance and exit at our churches at present. Boxes will be set up inside the entrance/ exit for the deposit of non-perishable foods.

For those who wish to gift a card, we request that you place the card in the presbytery collection box during Mass. Cards will be collected after each Mass or if you wish, your card donation may be handed into the parish office.

We at SVDP thank you in advance for your donation.

Gary Mooney
President
St Anne's, St Joachim's and St Bede's St Vincent de Paul Conference

Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal - 12th & 13th December 2020

Thank you for your support which has, over the years, made it possible to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Some \$200,000 has been provided in clean water, health, education and improved living stands to people who would not otherwise have had this opportunity over the last year. This is especially in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating. Please visit <https://mom.org.au> for more information or to donate

Ordination of Bishop Greg Bennet as Tenth Bishop of Sale

Bishop Greg Bennet will be ordained as the Tenth Bishop of Sale on Tuesday, 8th of December at 10:45AM at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale. Please find the invitation to Parishioners of St Anne & St Bede on the following page to join via live-streaming

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 or at the parish office.



Father Peter Slater
Diocesan Administrator, Catholic Diocese of Sale

mindful Parishioners of St Anne & St Bede, Balwyn North, Kew East Victoria
cordially invites

to join in prayer via live-streaming:

www.cdsale.org.au/bishop-ordination-bennet

with the Clergy, Religious and People of Sale for the

Episcopal Ordination and Installation
of
Most Reverend Gregory Charles Bennet
as Tenth Bishop of Sale

on Tuesday 8th December 2020

from 10.45am

at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale



**Catholic
Diocese
of Sale**

*May Our Lady of Perpetual Help,
intercede for the sick, the aged and
those dedicated to their care.*

