



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

## Christmas Day | 25 December 2024



**Affiliated Parishes Office:** 1 Severn St, Balwyn North

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

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am – 3:30pm

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**Parish Priest:** Fr John Salvano

**Priest in Residence:** Fr Kevin Lenehan

**Supply Priest:** Fr Michael McEntee

**Parish Secretary:** Sara Lanza

**Finance Officer:** Kristina Slavec

**Pastoral Worker:**

Sr Elisabeth Hariyanti SSPS

### Affiliated Parishes Churches:

**St Anne's** – Cnr Beresford St & Windella Ave, East Kew | **St Bede's** – 1 Severn Street, Balwyn North

**St Bridget's** – 48 Sweyn Street, Greythorn | **St Joachim's** – Cnr Barnard Grove & Peel St, Kew North

### CHANGES TO OFFICE HOURS OVER THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD

The Parish Office will be closed from Tuesday 24 December at 12pm, and reopen on Thursday 2 January 2025.

### 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 websites.

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

### MASS AND LITURGY TIMES THIS WEEK: 24-29 DECEMBER 2024

	Tuesday 24/12 Christmas Eve	Wednesday 25/12 Christmas Day	Thursday 26 Dec	Friday 27 Dec	Saturday 28 Dec	Sunday 29 Dec
St Anne	5:00pm	9:30am			Reconciliation: 4:30pm Vigil: 5:00pm	
St Bede	No Morning Mass 6:30pm	9:00am 11:00am	No Morning Mass	9:00am 10:30 Funeral Patricia Carrazzo	No Morning Mass Reconciliation: 5:00pm Vigil: 5:30pm	9:00am 11:00am
St Bridget	8:00pm	10:30am			No Vigil Mass	10:30am
St Joachim		8:30am				9:30am

### CHANGES TO MASS & LITURGY TIMES OVER THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR PERIOD

- No Morning Mass & Confessions on Saturdays during January 2025
- Weekday Masses at 9:00am

### ROSTERS FOR 28/29 DECEMBER 2024 – The Holy Family

ST ANNE	ST BEDE	ST BRIDGET
<b>Saturday 28 December   5pm</b> Lector: <i>S Rajanayagam</i> Special Minister: <i>C Burnside</i>	<b>Saturday 28 December   5:30pm</b> Lector: <i>K Maher</i> Special Minister: <i>A Mueller</i>	
<b>ST JOACHIM</b> <b>Sunday 29 December   9:30am</b> Lector: <i>J Walsh</i>	<b>Sunday 29 December   9am</b> Lector: <i>K Pritchard</i> Special Minister: <i>C Schiavello</i>	<b>Sunday 29 December   10:30am</b> Lector: <i>M Reece</i> Special Minister: <i>M Buxton</i>
<b>COUNTERS Team F:</b> <i>V Fernandez, M Mueller, J Maria</i>	<b>Sunday 29 December   11am</b> Lector: <i>J D'Souza</i> Special Minister: <i>A Cruz</i>	<b>Visiting the Sick</b> <i>Angelo Mariampillai</i>

## Christmas Message

A very blessed Christmas to all parishioners of our affiliated parishes, and a relaxed and renewing start to 2025!

We have much to be thankful for in our country as we have observed the upheavals around the world caused by natural disasters and human violence and war, which by and large we have escaped. However, we also see worrying signs of a lack of tolerance and social cohesion in our own society. As followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, this Christmas is a time for us to be messengers and examples of loving our neighbour, whomever they may be. Let our prayer be for peace in our world which starts from the hearts of people being turned to loving their neighbour and seeking understanding and the good of all.

In 2025 I look forward to our affiliated parishes advancing in the archdiocesan programme *The Way of the Gospel* to build a sustainable future and a vibrant, vital and viable parish community together. It is also a Jubilee Year for the universal Church, and there will be opportunities to celebrate that locally and at the archdiocesan level.

I would like to thank our parish staff: secretary, Sara Lanza, and finance officer, Kristina Slavec, for their leadership and service to the parishes throughout the year; to Frs Michael McEntee and Kevin Lenahan for their priestly service in our community; to the Holy Spirit Sisters who serve in our parish; and to the army of volunteers who keep our churches and communities thriving.

My thanks to you all for being part of our community.

Happy Christmas!

Fr John Salvano



### READINGS - Christmas Eve

**First Reading:** Isaiah 9:1-7

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

**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 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**

O Come All Ye Faithful (GA 287)

**Offertory**

While Shepherds Watched Their  
Flock (GA 288)

**Communion**

Silent Night (GA 290)

Away In A Manger (GA 289)

O Little Town Of Bethlehem (GA 296)

**Recessional**

Hark The Herald (GA 294)

### READINGS - Christmas Day

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:11-12

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

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

**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**

Once In Royal (GA 297)

**Offertory**

O Little Town Of Bethlehem (GA 296)

**Communion**

Away In A Manger (GA 289)

Angels We Have Heard (GA 286)

O Come All Ye Faithful (GA 287)

**Recessional**

Hark The Herald (GA 294)