

First Reading 2 Sm 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever.'

The Word of the Lord (R.) Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 88:2-5. 27. 29. R. see v.2

(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **(R.)**
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.' I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring

them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord (R.) Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Lk 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord (R.) Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon: Is 7:14

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Prayer After Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption, we pray, almighty God, that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer, so we may press forward all the more eagerly to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's Nativity. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Readings Next Week - 31st December 2023
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - YEAR B

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6. 12-14

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8

(R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

Second Reading: Col 3:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

Gospel Acclamation: Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia

Gospel: Lk 2:22-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.



During the Advent season families should spend time together preparing for the approaching celebration of the birth of Christ. An Advent wreath can be a great focal point for family prayers and holiday celebrations.

An Advent wreath is a wreath of laurel, spruce or similar foliage with four candles that are lighted successively in the weeks of Advent to symbolise the light that the birth of Christ brought into the world. Traditionally three of the candles are purple, the colour of kings and of penance. A rose-coloured candle is used to mark the Third Sunday of Advent as a time to rejoice over the closeness of Christmas and the coming of Christ. Children love the beauty of the simple traditional ceremony. Lighting candles in an Advent Wreath is a simple way to start a tradition of family worship in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all their lives.



St Anne's, Bindoon



St Catherine's, Gingin



The family that prays together, stays together. A family at prayer is a family at peace!

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES

GINGIN (ST CATHERINE'S)	Holy Rosary 4.30 pm
	SAT Vigil 5.00 pm
BINDOON (ST ANNE'S)	7.30 am
MARYVILLE (DIVINE MERCY SHRINE) ("ADORATION & HOLY ROSARY" PRIOR TO MASS)	SAT Vigil 6.45 pm
	9.30 am

I GIVE YOU THE WEAPON AGAINST YOUR GOLIATH.

HERE ARE YOUR FIVE STONES

- 1 *Prayer with the heart: Rosary*
- 2 *Eucharist*
- 3 *Holy Bible*
- 4 *Fasting*
- 5 *Monthly Confession*



COMING EVENTS & UPCOMING PILGRIMAGES

PERPETUAL ADORATION AT MARYVILLE
Come! Sign up for Holy Hour - Roster inside main doors!

Weekly - Mon to Fri: IMMACULATA PRAYER WARRIORS

6pm – 7pm---Adoration Chapel, Divine Mercy Shrine Maryville.

DECEMBER

Today - **Fourth Sunday of Advent** –Parish Christmas Morning Tea

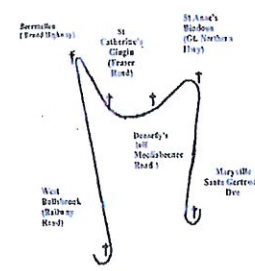
25 The Nativity of The Lord - Christmas Mass times – see Advertisements
Also Note: Christmas Day – NO MORNING TEA.

- 26 Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
- 27 Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist
- 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- 29 Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
- 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Year B

JANUARY 2024

- 1 **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
- 2 Saints Basil The Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Drs of Church
- 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- 3 **First Wednesday of month Mass**
- 5 **First Friday of month Mass**
- 6 **First Saturday of month Mass.**
- 7 **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
- 8 **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
- 13 Saint Hilary, Bishop & Doctor of The Church
- 17 Saint Anthony, Abbot
- 18 **Men's Group DMC (on 3rd Thurs) 7.45pm cuppa and 8pm start!**
- 19 **Prayer Crusade, H/Hour, Benediction DMS 7.30pm – 8.30pm**
- 20 Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr AND Saint Sebastian, Martyr
- 22 Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
- 24 Saint Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor of The Church
- 25 The Conversion of Saint Paul The Apostle
- 26 Australia Day
- 27 Saints Timothy & Titus, Bishops AND Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
- 31 Saint John Bosco

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Prayers precede daily 3.30 Mass from 3pm

Divine Mercy Lower Chittering

MON	9.30 am Christmas Mass
TUES	3.30pm (Note: no 8am Mass)
WED	3.30 pm
THURS	8.00 am & 3.30 pm
FRI	8.00 am Mass & 3.30 pm
SAT	9.00 am

St Anne's Bindoon

WED	4.30 PM ADORATION	5.00 pm Mass
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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass!
Please kneel for the Fatima prayer
Please stand for the opening hymn

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS Eternal Father, I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, for those in my own home, and in my family. Amen
St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited this prayer, it would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory.

FATIMA PRAYER Most Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly and I offer You the most Precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference with which He Himself is surrounded, through the infinite merits of His most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg the conversion of all poor sinners. Amen.

REAL PRESENCE IN THE EUCHARIST

In the Mass the elements of bread and wine are changed through the words of Consecration and Jesus becomes fully present - Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is the same Jesus as born of the Virgin, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven who is contained in the Sacrament. "...Whoever eats the Bread or drinks the cup...in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the Body and Blood of the Lord" (1 Cor 11:27). Anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the Body, eats and drinks judgement upon himself (1 Cor 11:29)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Dorothy, Walter, Emma-Kate, Teena, Pat, Edie, Vera, Peter White, Maria, Logan, Julian, Maree, Doris, Jean, Pam Barnett, Albert, Brooke, Ken Keefe & Shirley Green, Tam, Maree Rooney.

THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION Vatican II "Catechism of the Catholic Church" teaches about the Sunday Obligation and Holy Communion. 2181 The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice, for this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation (e.g., Sundays, Assumption, Christmas), unless excused for a serious reason (e.g., illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own pastor.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Come and spend an hour with the Lord Jesus! He won't be outdone in generosity!!

St Catherine's Gingin Saturday 4.30 to 4.55 pm (before Mass) Divine Mercy Church 34 St Gertrudis Drive, Maryville Sundays 9.00 am to 9.25 am (before Mass) St Anne's Bindoon Wednesday 4.30pm - 4.55pm Divine Mercy Church 34 St Gertrudis Drive, Maryville Adoration on Sundays before 9.30am Mass, during Rosary after weekday Masses. Adoration available 24/7 (please see Fr Paul about access to the Church).

Corporal Works of Mercy

To feed the hungry; To give drink to the thirsty; To clothe the naked; To shelter the homeless; To visit the sick; To ransom the captive; To bury the dead. Spiritual works of mercy To instruct the ignorant; To counsel the doubtful; To admonish sinners; To bear wrongs patiently; To forgive offences willingly; To comfort the afflicted; To pray for the living and the dead.

Capital Sins and opposing Virtues

Capital Sin Virtues Pride Humility Greed Charity Envy Kindness Anger Forgiveness Lust Purity Gluttony Self-Restraint Sloth Diligence

for Sunday Mass. "dress up" not "dress down" The Lord deserves our Sunday Best!

Table with 3 columns: Parish Roster, Readers, and names. Includes Bindoon (Rickie, John), Maryville (Volunteer, Volunteer), and Maryville 9.30 am (Lorretta, Kathy).

Please remember to make a sign of reverence before receiving Holy Communion or a Blessing. If you don't receive Holy Communion or a Blessing whilst kneeling, you are required to either make a genuflection or profound bow from the waist.

Parish Community Contacts

Table with 3 columns: Music (Paul Wright), Bulletin (Joy Fletcher), Readers (Kathy Crofts), Events Coordinator (Lydia Stanley), Food bank (Bec Clements), Adoration (Priscilla O'Gorman).

LOCAL NEWS

Christmas Raffle Winners: Thank you to everyone who have supported our parish Christmas Raffle fundraiser. 1st Prize to Anna M; 2nd Prize to Vivian; 3rd Prize to Lucia. Congratulations! The Friday Divine Will Prayer Group is in recess until February 2024. Come Divine Will reign upon the earth! FROM FR PAUL.....WISHING EVERYONE A HOLY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!

LEGION OF MARY meet on the First, Third and Fifth Wednesday each month from 2pm-3pm in Our Lady's Chapel. All welcome.

IMMACULATA PRAYER WARRIORS Monday to Friday 6pm - 7pm---Adoration Chapel, Divine Mercy Shrine.

Please sign up for a life-changing Holy Hour at Maryville Adoration Chapel, DMC! Roster is inside the main door!

Media Links https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bi6diMHbsxg Fr Celso on the Divine Will; https://taylormarshall.com/



The Fifteen Promises of the Blessed Virgin Mary to those who recite the Holy Rosary daily

- 1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces. 2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary. 3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armour against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies. 4. It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of people from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means. 5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall not perish. 6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its Sacred Mysteries shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just, he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life. 7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the Rosary shall not die without the Sacraments of the Church. 8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces; at the moment of death they shall participate in the merits of the Saints in Paradise. 9. I shall deliver from purgatory those who have been devoted to the Rosary. 10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall merit a high degree of glory in Heaven. 11. You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary. 12. All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities. 13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death. 14. All who recite the Rosary are my children, and brothers and sisters of my only Son, Jesus Christ. 15. Devotion of my Rosary is a great sign of predestination.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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Mass times for Christmas 2023

Christmas Eve Masses 5.00 pm Vigil Mass St Catherine's, Gingin 24/12 7.00 pm Vigil Mass, Divine Mercy Shrine 24/12 Christmas Day Masses 7.30 am St Anne's Bindoon 25/12 Divine Mercy Shrine 25/12 (no morning tea after Mass) 9.30 am

Parish Choirs at Divine Mercy Church

Choir Master: Emma Oorschot Venue: Parish Admin Meeting Room Divine Mercy Presbytery. Every Wednesday of school terms (Fees apply) 4:00pm - 4:40pm - children's choir (5 - 10 years) 4:45pm - 5:45pm - teen choir (11 - 15 years) 7:30pm - 9:00pm - adult choir (16 years and up) Contact - Emma - eorschot96@gmail.com for more info

PARISH PLANNED GIVING (2nd Collection)

Banking details: Direct pay - Acc Name: Gingin-Chittering Parish BANK: BENDIGO BANK BSB: 633 000 Acc No: 158396804 May God Bless you!

PIPE ORGAN FUND - tax deductible donations can now be made to OHTA for our Pipe Organ. OHTA Trust Account*: ANZ - 013-035 Account - 2940 70724

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COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH in relation to this Sunday's readings (Our Lord teaches us in and through His Church and gives us the word of the Father. Hence, our submission to the Church's teaching is not submission to mere human opinions, but to the very word of God (cf. Thes 2:3). An upright and true moral conscience is formed by education and by assimilating the Word of God and the Teaching of the Church. It is supported by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and helped by the advice of wise people. Prayer and an examination of conscience can also greatly assist one's moral formation.

87. In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man? 464-467 469 Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of his divine Person. As the Son of God, who is "begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father," he was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.

94. What is the meaning of the expression "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.?" 484-486 This expression means that the Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without the cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that "the Holy Spirit will come upon you" (Luke 1:35).

95. "Born of the Virgin Mary": Why is Mary truly the Mother of God? 495 509 Mary is truly the Mother of God because she is the Mother of Jesus (John 2:1, John 19:25). The One who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became truly her Son is actually the eternal Son of God the Father. He is God himself.

96. What does the "Immaculate Conception" mean? 487-492 508 God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of his Son. In order to carry out her mission she herself was conceived immaculate. This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary was preserved from original sin from the first instant of her conception.

97. How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation? 493-494 508-511 By the grace of God Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is "full of grace" (Luke 1:28), "the all holy". When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

439. Why does the Decalogue constitute an organic unity? 2069 2079 The Ten Commandments form an organic and indivisible whole because each commandment refers to the other commandments and to the entire Decalogue. To break one commandment, therefore, is to violate the entire law.

466. Why must human life be respected? 2258-2262 2318-2320 Human life must be respected because it is sacred. From its beginning human life involves the creative action of God and it remains forever in a special relationship with the Creator, who is its sole end. It is not lawful for anyone directly to destroy an innocent human being. This is gravely contrary to the dignity of the person and the holiness of the Creator. "Do not slay the innocent and the righteous" (Exodus 23:7).

496. What is the meaning of the conjugal act? 2362-2367 The conjugal act has a twofold meaning: unitive (the mutual self-giving of the spouses) and procreative (an openness to the transmission of life). No one may break the inseparable connection which God has established between these two meanings of the conjugal act by excluding one or the other of them.

559. In the Church are there different ways of praying? 2663 In the Church there are various ways of praying that are tied to different historical, social and cultural contexts. The Magisterium of the Church has the task of discerning the fidelity of these ways of praying to the tradition of apostolic faith. It is for pastors and catechists to explain their meaning which is always related to Jesus Christ.

545. Why is our prayer efficacious? 2615-2616 Our prayer is efficacious because it is united in faith with the prayer of Jesus. In him Christian prayer becomes a communion of love with the Father. In this way we can present our petitions to God and be heard: "Ask and you will receive that your joy may be full" (John 16:24).

25. How does man respond to God who reveals himself? 142-143 Sustained by divine grace, we respond to God with the obedience of faith, which means the full surrender of ourselves to God and the acceptance of his truth insofar as it is guaranteed by the One who is Truth itself.

26. Who are the principal witnesses of the obedience of faith in the Sacred Scriptures? 144-149 There are many such witnesses, two in particular: One is Abraham who when put to the test "believed in God" (Romans 4:3) and always obeyed his call. For this reason he is called "the Father of all who believe" (Romans 4:11-18). The other is the Virgin Mary who, throughout her entire life, embodied in a perfect way the obedience of faith: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). "You Shall Love the Lord Your God With All Your Heart, With All Your Soul, and With All Your Mind"

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT: I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD, YOU SHALL NOT HAVE OTHER GODS BEFORE ME 442. What is implied in the affirmation of God: "I am the Lord your God" (Exodus 20:2)? 2083-2094 2133-2134 This means that the faithful must guard and activate the three theological virtues and must avoid sins which are opposed to them. Faith believes in God and rejects everything that is opposed to it, such as, deliberate doubt, unbelief, heresy, apostasy, and schism. Hope trustingly awaits the blessed vision of God and his help, while avoiding despair and presumption. Charity loves God above all things and therefore repudiates indifference, ingratitude, lukewarmness, sloth or spiritual indolence, and that hatred of God which is born of pride.

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Marian Movement Cenacles Cenacles are prayed in Our Lady's Chapel at Maryville 6-7pm Mon-Fri: after Saturday Morning Mass, Tuesday Men's Rosary and after some other Masses. All welcome! Ave Maria!

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