

PARISH AGM - TODAY

The AGM day will run as follows:

9.30am

Mass - Fr Kevin Bates
(Guest Preacher)

10:30am

Morning tea in the Hall.

10:50am - 11:30am

Reflection by Fr Kevin on
our Parish Hymn

11.30am - 12:00pm

Parish reports - powerpoint presentation

12:15pm onwards

Sausage Sizzle Social

Michelle Davis

Christmas Hamper Raffle

*Small books of tickets
are available today.*

*There is also a list on the
notice board of suitable
items needed to fill the hampers.*

*Thank you from the
Fund Raising Committee.*

**'Guess the weight' of the
Christmas Cake**

*Sheilagh Kirkham is donating
the delicious festive cake. Make sure
you buy a ticket. Tickets: \$1 each
Both raffles drawn on 19th December.*



Benedictine Spirituality Morning

The Chapter on Hospitality in
"The Gift of Saint Benedict"
will be the subject of discussion
for our gathering on Friday,
3rd December at 10 am till noon
at the Good Samaritan

Community House, 3 Valley Rd,
Wentworth Falls. There will be a
special input on 'Advent in the
Benedictine tradition' as well as
special Advent Prayer. Prayer for
the sick and other needs as well
as morning tea will be included
in the morning's gathering.

New guests are always welcome.

Enquiries: Srs. Therese and
Jacinta on 4757 2290.

Experiences in Japan

On Sunday, 5th December,
at 3pm at the Good Samaritan
Community House, 3 Valley Rd,
Wentworth Falls, Sister Jacinta
will show Power Points of her
experiences in Japan followed by
afternoon tea. All are invited.

Please bring any friends, too.

For catering purposes, RSVP is by
Thursday, 2nd December, by
phone or fax to 4757 2290.

Please pray for those who are ill: Trish Carey; Kim Crawford; Marion Crowley;
John Duggan; James Ford; Virginia Hayward; Miriam Helby; Travis Kingston;
Kenneth Kirkham; Fran Knight; Ray Lee; Barry Leeder; Eileen Meade;
Cecily O'Brien; Irene Peacock; Hugo Riggs and Cy Schreiber.

ON THE NOTICE BOARD:

- >Final Charismatic Healing Mass of the year
- >Support for those who are separated or divorced
- >Support for those who are grieving the death of their spouse
- >Lourdes Day Mass
- >Position Vacant: Youth Minister

Happy Birthday

Majella Nolan for 1st December

The **Lillis family** will be **praying the Rosary at 7pm weeknights** throughout **November** and extend a warm welcome to all who would like to **join them** at their home at **264 Govetts Leap Rd, Blackheath.**

Please take your bulletin to the AGM so that you will have the words with you to sing our Parish hymn - **The Heart of our Believing.**

Our mountain air is breathing a spirit of its own,
Like God's own breath creating the Dreaming of our home.
We hold in trust the memories of many thousand years,
Of families who have blessed us beyond our story here.

God, whose heart we know so well, keep showing us your Dreaming!
Your mercy be our faithful song, the heart of our believing.

Now gathered round this story of Word made flesh on earth,
We ponder on the mystery and give the Word new birth.
We stand before the table where Jesus, Living Bread,
Gives taste to God's own passion that hungry hearts be fed.

The joyful and the gentle, the wounded and the free,
Can find a home among us, all hearts will welcome be.
So God of all our memory refresh our hope today,
When future dreams creating, we breathe your Word always.



OPEN GARDEN Sunday 5th December
10am-4pm \$3 entry for Awasa Orphanage
97 Evans Lookout Road, Blackheath.

Afternoon Capers will be back **Tuesday, 7th December, with Pat Drummond** to entertain. All welcome. Enquiries: please ph Diane on 4787 1357.

Happy Anniversary

♥
Fiona & Wayne Evans
for 2nd December

♥
Lex & Melanie Dignam
for 3rd December

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

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