

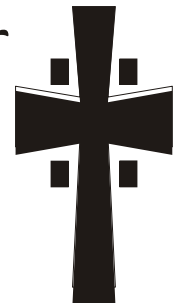
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St. Benedict Parish – Newsletter

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1. **Resumption of Parish Services:** The parish has already resumed weekday and Sunday Mass services. Please note that there is an upper limit for the number of attendees in the Church. Therefore please follow the instructions of the volunteers on duty. The inconvenience is regretted.

If you have any discomfort, you should stay at home and perform some other acts of devotion, such as participating in an online mass or reading the Bible. Before entering the Church, you must wear a mask properly and pass the body temperature test. Thank you for your cooperation.

2. **Advent Recollection:** The Advent Recollection of the English Speaking Community will be held on Sunday, 13th of December from 2:30 to 5:00 pm at the 3rd floor hall. Priests will be available for the Confessions from 3:30 pm. We are all invited to join this Recollection.

3. ***Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:*** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held on Friday, December 4 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 3 pm.
4. ***Christmas Celebration:*** The English Speaking Community Christmas celebration that used to be held on the second Sunday of December will not be held this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
5. ***Rosary Praying:*** Rosary in Chinese will be prayed in the Church on Saturday, December 5 at 5:40 pm.
6. ***Jubilee Celebration Mass:*** In view of the severe situation of the Covid-19 pandemic in Hong Kong, the Diocese has resolved not to arrange for any concelebration by priests and participation on site by the faithful in this year's Jubilee Celebration Mass on 5 December. All are therefore invited to take part in the Live Mass Webcast [www,catholic.org. hk](http://www.catholic.org.hk)
7. ***Fr. Yu's Spiritual Lectures:*** The online version of Fr. Edward Yu's spiritual talks on the Book of Revelation (in Chinese) can be heard on the parish webpage, Facebook and YouTube. Chapter 3 has been uploaded, with the content: "Letters to the seven churches (6) – church in Philadelphia."
8. ***Baptisms for Infants:*** The baptisms for infants will take place on Saturday, January 9, 2021. Registration forms can be collected from the parish office or downloaded from the parish webpage. The deadline for registration is December 13.
9. ***Parish Parking Labels 2021:*** Holders of the 2020 parking labels please exchange for the 2021 labels with the old labels at the lobby between November 28 and December 27. The parking labels will be written off if not collected within the prescribed period. In addition, the deadline for new applications is November 29. New applicants are required to attend the briefing

session on December 20 at 1:30 pm at Room 101. Parking labels will not be issued to those new applicants who do not attend the briefing session.

10. **Chinese Catechism Classes:** The new 2020-22 Chinese catechism classes for adults already started in October. There are classes to choose: Tuesday (7:30pm - 9pm), Saturday (4:30pm - 6pm) and Sunday (10:45am - 12:15pm). Please invite your friends and relatives to participate in these classes; you can attend the class with them. Please download the application form from the parish webpage or ask the parish office for the application form.
11. **Daily Gospel 2021:** The Chinese and English versions of the Daily Gospel 2021 are now available for purchase at the lobby.
12. **"Challenge to Walk for Vocations" Pilgrimage:** The Diocesan Vocation Commission has organized the "Challenge to Walk for Vocations" Pilgrimage in Advent. On Saturday, December 26, our Church will celebrate the Anticipated Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family, and will have Eucharistic Adoration, with a special intention for Vocations. All are welcome to join the above activities. For details, please refer to the poster.

St. Benedict Parish Advent and Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule 2020

2020		
29/11	Sunday	(1 st Sunday of Advent)
04/12	Friday	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 8 am – 3 pm
05/12	Saturday	Sacrament of Reconciliation (3 pm – 6 pm) Rosary Praying (5:40 pm)
06/12	Sunday	(2 nd Sunday of Advent)

13/12	Sunday	(3 rd Sunday of Advent) Advent Recollection (in English) (3/F Hall) (2:30 pm)
17/12	Thursday	Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm
20/12	Sunday	(4 th Sunday of Advent)
24/12	Thursday	Christmas Eve 7:30 pm Family Mass (Church) (in Cantonese) 8:00 pm Family Mass (Mass Centre) (in Cantonese) 9:30 pm English Midnight Mass (Church) 12:00 am Chinese Midnight Mass (Church) (Cantonese)
25/12	Friday	Christmas Day – Schedule same as Sunday Mass
27/12	Sunday	Feast of The Holy Family
31/12	Thursday	New Year's Eve 8:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving (Bilingual)
2021		
01/01	Friday	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Cantonese), 10:30 am (English)
03/01	Sunday	Solemnity of Epiphany of the Lord
08/01	Friday	Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament 8 am – 3 pm
09/01	Saturday	Infant Baptisms (1) 4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation (3 pm – 6 pm) Rosary Praying (5:40 pm) Anticipated Mass of Baptism of the Lord (6:30 pm)

Remarks: If the pandemic is severe, the above liturgies will be suspended according to the instructions of the Diocese.