

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time C

07 & 08 September 2019

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6pm	Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am	Wednesday 12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)	Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass (every last Sun of the Month)	Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
Saturday 8am	

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6:15-7pm
Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm
Every Saturday 7.30am

ROSARY:

Saturdays after 8.00am Mass
Thursdays – 7.00pm (during May & October)

BAPTISMS: during Weekend Masses or by appointment

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays,
10.30am at Jindalee 1st Thursday of the month
10.30am at Mt View 3rd Thursday of the month

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday	9am – 8pm
Tuesday	10am – 10pm
Wednesday	11am – 10pm
Thursday	11am – 10pm
Friday	9am – midnight
Saturday	12am – 8am

Hearing Loop is located in the right Centre rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

Child Protection:

Dear brothers and Sisters, today is Child Protection Sunday. It's a good opportunity to announce our Parish Safeguarding Volunteer, who is our contact person with the Archdiocesan Professional Standards Institute. I'm very grateful for Rachel Smith for taking up this role. It's also good to be aware that we have a Safeguarding Committee in the Parish, Rachel is the Chair and we also have Julie Bufalo, Carolyn Minchin and Peter Stauffer as well as myself. They will be speaking at some of the Masses this weekend. I'm very grateful for their expertise and leadership in this area.

God bless, Fr Dan Benedetti MGL PP

New Parish Secretary:

We have a new Parish Secretary. Welcome to Monica Nulley-Valdes. Monica will be starting on Tuesday with the same hours of Tues to Fri 9am to 12noon. Please make her welcome.

RCIA St Benedict's style!

Our first was held last Thursday and have started beautifully. Everyone is welcome to come anytime and join the journey. Our next meeting will be on Thursday **September 19 at 7:30pm** at the Collins Wing at St Benedict's.

Special Birthdays coming up!

Congratulations to Nell Cook who will be 97 on Sept 23rd. Iris Coppin who will be 90 on Sept 28th and George Wyer who will be 93 on Oct 2. If you know anyone who is celebrating a significant Birthday or Anniversary please let the Office know.

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 9:13-18

Who can divine the will of God?

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

SECOND READING

Philemon 9-10,12-17

He is a slave no longer, but a dear brother in the Lord

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant,
and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. "And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION at St Benedict: This year we have 27 young people celebrating their Confirmation, praise God! It will be at the **9am Mass on Sunday September 22**. It's a great opportunity for regular parishioners to meet the families of these young ones. It will be a longer Mass with big numbers so you may wish to go to a different Mass.

Plenary 2020 update: the church has now entered into the discernment phase as we journey towards the council. The themes for our discernment are:

- Missionary and Evangelising;
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal;
- Prayerful and Eucharistic;
- Humble, Healing and Merciful;
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community;
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform.

Volunteers Needed : The Parish Pastoral Council are looking for a team of volunteers to organise, set up and lead the St Benedict's Family Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve (in the school hall). This vibrant family celebration has become a wonderful tradition in our parish. If you are able to assist or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Feast of the Birthday of Mary Mass & Procession : Today Sunday Sept 8 Mass at 2pm St Benedict's Church followed by Procession, Rosary and a cuppa in the Parish Centre.

You're invited to the final Guinness & God for 2019!
Theme: Become - A discussion on faith and ethics, and exploring the Catholic Church in contemporary culture.
When: 11th September 2019.
6:30pm Music. 7:30pm Q&A Discussion.
Where: King O'Malleys, Canberra City.

The Padre Pinto Mitten will be available for veneration at St Benedict's Church Narrabundah at and after the 5.30 pm healing Mass on Friday 13th September. All are most welcome to attend. For further information, contact Maria Ransom 0405717890.

Social Justice Sunday: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **29 Sept**. This year, the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: Making it real: "Genuine human encounter in our digital world". For further details visit the office for Social Justice website: www.socolajustice.catholic.org.au or call 02 8306 3499.

St Benedict's Mens BBQ Lunch: save the date **October 12**. The Parish will be having a Men's BBQ lunch on Saturday Oct 12 all are welcome. More details to come.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable

Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your card is due to expire in July & Aug 2019 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Louis & Pam Pini, Richard (Dick) Brennan, Andrew Italiano, Anthony, George Douglas, Susan Sprece, Zeta Evans, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Betty O'Brien, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Stan Marris, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Frank Pantano, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Sr Anne Derwin RSJ, John Newlyn, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Gerry Agnew, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Louis Camilleri, Sam & Nina Agius

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 07 & 08 September 2019

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Leita & B Barron	M Stratford
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	P Moncuquet C Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett Family	Children's Liturgy
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Terry & Karen Flood
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas, Mattia Wellspring & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14 & 15 September 2019

<u>1ST READING</u>	<u>2ND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Exo 32:7-11,13-14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15: 1-10
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Emma Matthews Don Jeffery	Y 5/6 School Mass
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	Y 5/6 School Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	J Douglas M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario	
Mt View	Maralyn	
Jindalee	Brendan	

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledge the **Ngunnawal People**, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*