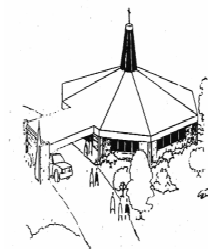


St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

10 & 11 August 2019

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 6pm Youth Mass

(every last Sun of the Month)

Saturday 8am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

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.

Thanks to Luz our Secretary:

Luz has decided to finish as our secretary. We would like to thank Luz for her generous service to the Parish. We assure her of our prayers for her and her family and for the future. We look forward to having a celebration to honour for her service.

New Parish Secretary:

We are now inviting applications for a new secretary. The role of Parish secretary is of high importance; It's relational, Pastoral, professional, and even one of evangelisation. The Parish secretary is, at times, the first person people encounter in person, or by phone, or email and it requires a high level of communication and administrative skills. More information can be obtained from the Parish office or Fr Dan at Daniel.benedetti@cg.org.au

National Vocations Awareness Week

This week we focus on all our vocations. Today we thank God and pray for vocations to consecrated life: Sisters, Brothers and Priests. Next Sunday we will focus on the Lay vocation: Single & married life. Let's pray that the Lord will strengthen all our vocations and particularly help those who are discerning their calling.

RCIA St Benedict's style!



Our first Welcome/Intro meeting for the RCIA will be on Thursday **September 5 at 7:30pm** at the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. Please contact the office if you would like to join the team or if you know anyone who would like to take this journey.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

10 & 11 August 2019

FIRST READING

Wis 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING

Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

PARISH NEWS

Have a Go Fete: “ Thanks to St Benedict’s Parish for supporting the Have A Go fete on Sunday. It was very successful and raised much needed funds for disadvantaged children in Indonesia and Papua New Guinea. A special thanks to the anonymous parishioner who gave a very generous donation”.

The Assumption: St Benedict’s School will have mass this Thursday 15 Aug 2019 at 10am to celebrate the Assumption. All are welcome.

Manus Lives Matter: Hosting Father Giorgio Licini Visit to Canberra **this Wed 14 Aug 2019 at 7pm**, Parish Hall - Sacred Heart Church, 115 Hodgson Cres in Pearce. Father Giorgio is the General Secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference of PNG and the Solomon Islands. He has been working tirelessly for the refugees and asylum seekers in PNG over many months. All are most welcome to attend.

Film on Euthanasia & Suicide: Screening Sunday 18th August 12.30-1.30 for the film at Haydon Hall Manuka (behind St Christopher’s Cathedral) straight after 11am Mass for a cup of soup. \$5 donation at the door appreciated. For enquiries lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869.

Union with the Lord Retreat: This retreat will be held at St Benedict’s on 31 August 2019 from 9.00 a.m-4.30pm and will be led by Fr Roni and Fr Joby from the Divine Retreat Centre. Admission is free, but BOY Lunch. All are welcome and for more information, please see the poster on the outside Notice board.

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

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 Sun 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.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

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

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: 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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

10 & 11 August 2019

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	P Kinyanjui
Readers	B A Dally Louise Gaudry	Paula Keating Nathan Kensey
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	Children’s Liturgy
Eucharistic Ministers	Vacant	Terry & Karen Flood
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

17 & 18 August 2019

<u>1ST READING</u>	<u>2ND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Jer 38:4-6,8-10	Heb 12: 1-4	Luk 12:49-53
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Leita & B Baron	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	Y 3/4 School Mass
Presentation of the Gifts	Sally Cotsell B A Daly	Y 3/4 Scholl Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Baron	J Douglas M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mattia Wellspring, Sue Neimanis	
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.*