

# St Benedict's Catholic Church



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*St Benedict's Catholic Parish aims to be a caring and prayerful community, committed to outreach & service, where each person is valued, and their gifts encouraged.*

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9 & 10 Sept 2017**

**Child Protection on Sunday**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tues—Thurs from 9am to 3pm

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

Sunday 7pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 7pm Youth Mass

(every last Sun of the Month)

Saturday 8.00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES:**

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

**RECONCILIATION:**

Friday following 6.15–7.00pm a.m.

(Healing Mass)

Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by

appointment

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm

Every Saturday 7.30am

**ROSARY:**

Saturdays a.m. 8.00am Mass

Thursdays – 7.30pm (during May & October)

**BAPTISMS:** 11am, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays,

10.30am at Jindalee 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 8am – 9pm

Tuesday 8am – 10pm

Wednesday 9am – 10pm

Thursday 9am – 10pm

Friday 6am – 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.



**Readings for this weekend:**

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10

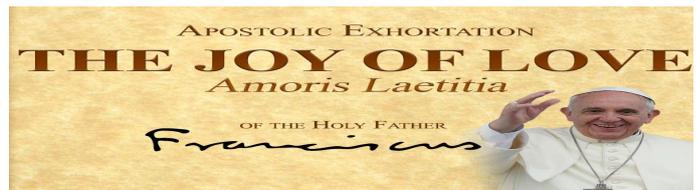
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

**Responsorial Psalm:**

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!



**You and your wife**

The couple that loves and begets life is a true, living icon – not an idol like those of stone or gold prohibited by the Decalogue – capable of revealing God the Creator and Saviour. For this reason, fruitful love becomes a symbol of God's inner life (cf. *Gen* 1:28; 9:7; 17:2-5, 16; 28:3; 35:11; 48:3-4). This is why the Genesis account, following the “priestly tradition”, is interwoven with various genealogical accounts (cf. 4:17-22, 25-26; 5; 10; 11:10-32; 25:1-4, 12-17, 19-26; 36). The ability of human couples to beget life is the path along which the history of salvation progresses. Seen this way, the couple's fruitful relationship becomes an image for understanding and describing the mystery of God himself, for in the Christian vision of the Trinity, God is contemplated as Father, Son and Spirit of love. The triune God is a communion of love, and the family is its living reflection. Saint John Paul II shed light on this when he said, “Our God in his deepest mystery is not solitude, but a family, for he has within himself fatherhood, sonship and the essence of the family, which is love. That love, in the divine family, is the Holy Spirit”.<sup>6</sup> The family is thus not unrelated to God's very being.<sup>7</sup> This Trinitarian dimension finds expression in the theology of Saint Paul, who relates the couple to the “mystery” of the union of Christ and the Church (cf. *Eph* 5:21-33).

# PARISH NEWS

## CONFIRMATION 2017



We welcome, congratulate and continue to pray for all our young people: Imogen Baggoley, Elvy Buckley, Matthew Carbone, Noah Collins, Madeleine Green, Jazz de Guzman, Chloe de Jongh, James Hipwell, Lara Hipwell, Anica Kraljevic, Sophia Messina, Lilly Monterosso, Giselle Morabito, Julia Norgrove, Darrel Prajogo, Shanae Riordan, Josephine Sander, Gabriella Scanu, Matthew Strard and Edward Walkey who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 9am Mass from Fr Richard Thompson.

**NEW WEBSITE:** Please note our old website is gone and our new website is [www.cg.org.au/narrabundah](http://www.cg.org.au/narrabundah)

### Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your card is due to expire in **September or October 2017** and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office with another form of identification, such as your driver's license that includes your date of birth on the information listed. The Parish will take a copy of the both the front and back of the card.

**St Benedict's Social Group invites all Parishioners** to join them at 'Gryphons At Griffith' on Thursday 14 September at 10.30 am for coffee and a chat.

### Adoration Vacancies:

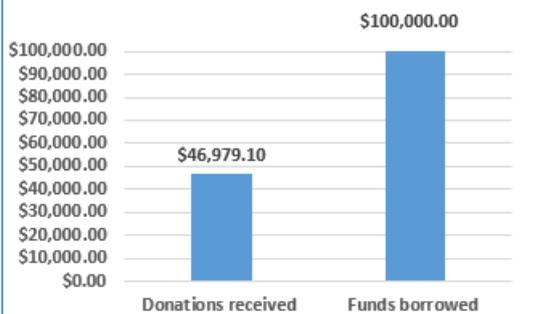
We DESPERATELY need ADORERS Friday 9am-10am & 6pm-7pm . If you can help please contact Sally on 0422 066 080.

## Collins Wing Donations

We are already half-way to our target to pay for the Collins' Wing renovations – please support this important project by grabbing a donation envelope from the foyer and placing it in either of the collection bags, or hand it to a priest, a PPC member or the Parish Office. A big thank you to those who have generously contributed. For Direct Debit donations: St Benedict's Parish: BSB: 062 786 Account No: 0000 14992

**RCIA** will start Sat at 9.30am-3pm. For more information please ring Fr Baiju on 0490 400 557 or email: [baijuthomasis@gmail.com](mailto:baijuthomasis@gmail.com).

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**ST BENEDICT'S MISSION CENTRE IS PRESENTING A TALK SERIES ON THE OLD TESTAMENT** called "*The God of the Old Testament*" with cake and cuppa from 7.30pm-8.30pm on the following Thursdays in the Collins Wing CW & Parish Centre PC.

### Session Dates:

- 14 PC & 28 CW Sept
- 5 PC & 26 Oct and 2 CW Nov

**All are welcome.** For more information please ring Fr Baiju on 0490 400 557 or email: [baijuthomasis@gmail.com](mailto:baijuthomasis@gmail.com)

*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.*

**Child Protection Sunday:** Each year the Australian Catholic Church dedicates the Sunday at the end of Child Protection Week as Child Protection Sunday. In 2017 this falls on Sunday 10 September. Together we pray:



## Our Prayer See Me, Hear Me



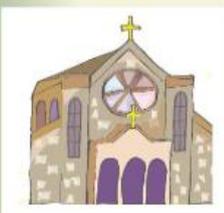
Gracious God provide us with a listening heart that we see and hear the voice of each of our children.

We ask you God to strengthen and guide all in our Catholic communities. Grant us the ability and time to listen carefully when children come to us seeking help.

May our institutions and families respect, listen and do what is required to help all children feel safe.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded initially by abuse, then again through the failure to be heard. We stand in constant need of your healing and help.

Let your grace and love fall gently upon our children giving them the inner strength, peace, and resilience to seek out assistance when required.



We ask you God to provide each of us with the wisdom to involve children in making institutions and communities safer.

**THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – AIRS 17 Sept 2017:** Next week on the Journey, the Gospel of Matthew is reflected on by Fr Greg Barker from the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. Wisdom from the Abbey this week is softly spoken by Sr Hilda and we have Sam Clear reminding us that Unity Requires Risk. We have carefully selected music to help us create a show for you that is all about faith, hope, love and life. Tune into 1 WAY FM 91.9 Canberra or Rhema FM 94.3 Sunday 1pm or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**8 – October “Marian Procession”:** St Clement’s Monastery, Galong. Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village with Archbishop Christopher @ 9am, Confession @ 10.30am, Mass @ 11.30am, lunch @ 12.30, with the procession to the Grobo beginning at 2pm.



**Connect with us on Facebook!**

Like ‘St Benedict’s Church and Mission Centre, Canberra’ to keep updated on events run by both the parish and its mission centre.

## YOUTH NEWS

**Youth Mass** is held every last Sunday of the month at 7pm Charismatic mass. Come and experience the liturgy run by the youth, for the youth.

**Fusion Youth Group** is held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday during the school term, from 7pm-9pm at the Collins Wing. This is for high school students to connect in fellowship and grow more in their faith. Like ‘Fusion Youth Group’ on Facebook to stay updated on our next gatherings.

## CHILDREN NEWS

**KINGDOM KIDS MINISTRY:**  
**Next Mass 10 Sept (second Sunday of each month)** Families are warmly invited to the 9am Mass and children are welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities of Kingdom Kids. For info email Anita on [kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com](mailto:kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com). Remember the prayer wall for those intentions you want the children to pray for.

**PRAYER WALL:** The children from the 9am Mass continue to pray for the intentions of our parish community.

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PRESENTS

# REX BAND

LIVE IN AUSTRALIA

10th Nov. 2017



## CELEBRATE JESUS

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FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2017 6-9PM

CANNBERRA QUEANBEYAN BICENTENNIAL HALL  
265 Crawford St. Queanbeyan NSW 2620

Contact: REJI THOMPSON PHILIP 0409740645

## New to St Benedict's Community? **W e l c o m e**

Please see all the ways you can be part of this community by checking out the contact list in the foyer and see the back page of the bulletin. Please fill out a new parishioner form in the foyer or download it from the website.

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Graham Pollard	Julie Douglas	Fr Mat Wuwu
Helen Bennet	Ma <sup>a</sup> Wellspring	Fr Steve Fletcher
Meaghan Younger	Claudia Krebs	
Pat Doyle	Anita Zinkle	
Next PPC mee <sup>ng</sup> :	21 Sept at 7pm in Collins Wing	

### PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Parish Pastoral Council RCIA Coordinator Sacramental Coordinator	Fr Stephen Fletcher 6295 7879 Frs Mat & Baiju 62957879 Melanie Stratford Melanie.Stratford@cg.catholic.edu.au Wendy Fisher-Hudson 6295 8791
School of Iconography Parish Grounds/Maintenance	Bob O <sup>heir</sup> /GrahamTooth 0423 278 350
Liturgical Rosters	Parish Office 6295 7879
<b>Pastoral Groups</b> Young Men of God MenAlive Evenings for the Engaged Ministry to the Newly Married	Fr Ken Barker 6281 0132 Torrien Lau 0432 679 630 Mark & Kathy Haseler 6166 7634 Catharina & Graham Williams, Debbie & Brian Kensey 6231 3389 Mark and Maria Ransom 6286 5679
Healing/Prayer	
Listening to Jesus/ Called & Gifted Visitation Group Social Group Family Planning Adoration Adoration Roster	Adrian Wellspring 62958532/0421451412 Parish Office 6295 78789 Sue Neimanis 6295 0687 Veronica & Pablo Jimenez 0406277365 Frs Mat/ David 0424869539 /0435484608 Sally FitzGerald 0422066080
<b>Neighborhood Care</b> Gowrie Court Meals MGL Sisters	Parish Office 6295 7879 Judy/Therese/Katherine 6166 6941
<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Groups</b> Marian Devotions Padre Pio Prayer Group Bible Study Mothers Prayers Cell Prayer Group Living Water Prayer Group	Pat Hannan 6156 3882 Maria Ransom 6286 5679 Parish Office Anne Hartwell 6282 0874 Maria Michas 0427092149 Gary & Zenka Taffe 0423-707-838
<b>Youth &amp; Children Ministries</b> Fusion DOJ Chaplain Youth Minister	Fr Chris Eaton 62953415 Chiara Catanzariti 0429699322 <a href="mailto:chiaraccatanzariti@gmail.com">chiaraccatanzariti@gmail.com</a> Anita Zinkel kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com
<b>Kingdom Kids Ministry</b>	
<b>St Benedict's Primary School</b>	<b>6295 8027</b>
<b>School First Friday Mass is at 10am in the Church</b>	

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16 & 17 September 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Anna Pace & Sally Cotsell	M Stra <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Readers</b>	Maureen & Pat Hannan	Nathan Kensey & Adrian Wellspring
<b>Presenta<sup>on</sup> of the Gi<sup>s</sup></b>	Jeffery family	Doyle family
<b>Eucharis<sup>c</sup> Ministers</b>	S Neimanis & B Marris	J Douglas & M Molyneux
<b>Flowers &amp; Altar Cleaning</b>	Sue Neimanis & Ma <sup>a</sup> Wellspring	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Sue Neimanis	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Chris <sup>ne</sup> Jeffery & Frances Crowe	
<b>Mt View</b>	MGL Priest	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Louise O <sup>Rance</sup>	

### FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

- 11 Sept St Daniel
- 12 Sept Most Holy Name of Mary
- 13 Sept St John Chrysostom
- 14 Sept The Exalta<sup>on</sup> of the Holy Cross
- 15 Sept Our Lady of Sorrows

#### Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7  
 2nd Reading: Romans 14:7-9  
 Gospel: Ma<sup>hew</sup> 18:21-35

#### Collec<sup>ons</sup> from the last weekend:

First Collec<sup>on</sup>: \$ 856.35  
 Planned Giving Collec<sup>on</sup>: \$ 688.00  
 Loose Collec<sup>on</sup>: \$ 251.15

*The Catholic Weekly* and *The Catholic Leader* are available at  
 the Church foyer for \$2.  
 Please place money in the Poor Box.

### As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

**Our Sick:** Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Be<sup>y</sup> O'Brien, Flora Arias, Phillip Cooney, Barrie Marshall, Brad Chalmers, Helen French, Jessica Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Wendy Gaudiosi-Logan, Rick Oxford, Ellen Brennan, Pauline Wilkie, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, John Newlyn, George Durr, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

**Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:** Marie Bauer, Frank & Kate Agius, Merv O'Brien, Mark Gobbin, James Kirkman, John Hamilton, Antonio Nardi Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Ian Smith, Jane Evans, Bro Paul Nixon, Joseph O'Connor, Sam & Nina Aguis, Heather Daly, Ian Smith, Correy Browning, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Marea Brennan, Louis Camilleri.