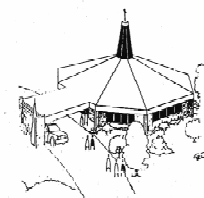


# St Benedict's Catholic Church



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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.*

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 & 13 August 2017

**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: 1 Kings 19:9. 11-13

2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5

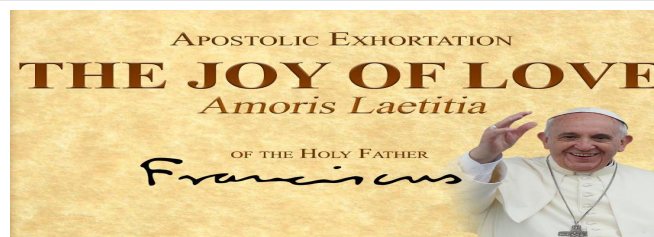
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

### Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!



I must also say that the Synod process proved both impressive and illuminating. I am grateful for the many contributions that helped me to appreciate more fully the problems faced by families throughout the world. The various interventions of the Synod Fathers, to which I paid close heed, made up, as it were, a multifaceted gem reflecting many legitimate concerns and honest questions. For this reason, I thought it appropriate to prepare a post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation to gather the contributions of the two recent Synods on the family, while adding other considerations as an aid to reflection, dialogue and pastoral practice, and as a help and encouragement to families in their daily commitments and challenges.

This Exhortation is especially timely in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. First, because it represents an invitation to Christian families to value the gifts of marriage and the family, and to persevere in a love strengthened by the virtues of generosity, commitment, fidelity and patience. Second, because it seeks to encourage everyone to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect or lacks peace and joy.

# PARISH NEWS

**CONFIRMATION 2017:** Enrolment is closed.



**Parish Mass & Prep Session:**  
20 Aug Sunday 9am Mass Church &  
Prep 10am-11.30 Collins Wing  
**Retreat & Practice:** 30 Aug Wed  
9am-3pm Collins Wing  
**Celebration:** 10 Sept Sunday at  
9am Mass

**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:**

**17 August CW,**

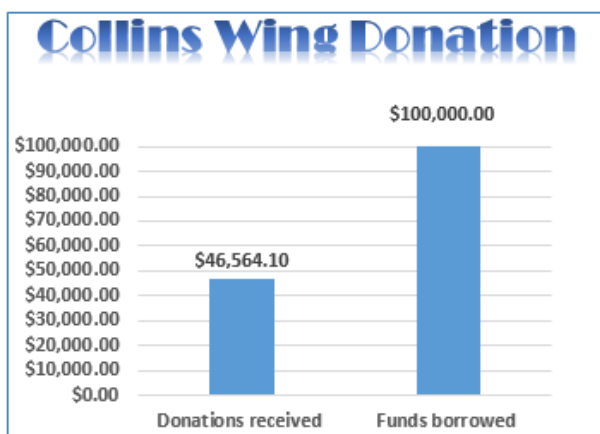
**14 PC & 28 CW Sept**

**5 PC & PC 26 Oct and 2 CW Nov**

**All are welcome.** For more information please  
ring Fr Baiju on 0490 400 557 or email:  
bajuthomasis@gmail.com

## 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:



## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PERSONS WWVP CARD REMINDERS:

If your **card is due to expire in August or September 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.

**Please note:** It is an offence to engage in regulated activity for vulnerable people without a current WWVP registration.

**Adoration Vacancies:** We DESPERATELY need ADORERS for Mon 4pm-5pm, Thurs 1pm-2pm & 2pm-3pm and Friday 9am-10am & 6pm-7pm. If you can help please contact Sally on 0422 066 080.

## 2016 National Church Life Survey Result:

Involvement in Groups. 37 % of people reach out to the wider community through activities of this parish. 44% of people participate in wider community groups. 18% feel at ease talking about faith with others and look opportunities to do so. 41 % invited friends and relatives to Mass or another church service in this last year. Children at this parish often 36% help raise money for poor people. 50% do things to help the environment and 0% talk to their school friends about God.

## AGREEMENT FOR GROUPS USING ST BENEDICT'S FACILITIES:

The Archdiocese has provided us with a **Venue Hire Agreement** which includes WWVP Provisions. This will be sent to the groups who are regular, current and future bookings for signing.

**LOOK AFTER YOUR GROUNDS:** Please do not drive or park on the grass especially outside Collins Wing, it will be a dust bowl in summer if we allow tracks to develop. Thank you from the Maintenance Team.



### 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. Like 'St Benedict's Youth' on Facebook. Keep updated on the latest events that involve the youth in this parish, the Archdiocese, and schools.

## Listening to Jesus

Runs over five evenings & concludes with a live-in weekend  
Program Starts 24 August 2017

**Listening to Jesus Program:** How do I identify the voice of God in my life and distinguish His voice from my own thoughts and other people's voices? The Listening to Jesus program answers this question through the teachings of St. Ignace of Loyola. The program is open to all Catholics in Canberra and helps people become better able to listen to the voice of God speaking within and grow in relationship with Him. Further information see flyers in the foyer.

## CHILDREN NEWS

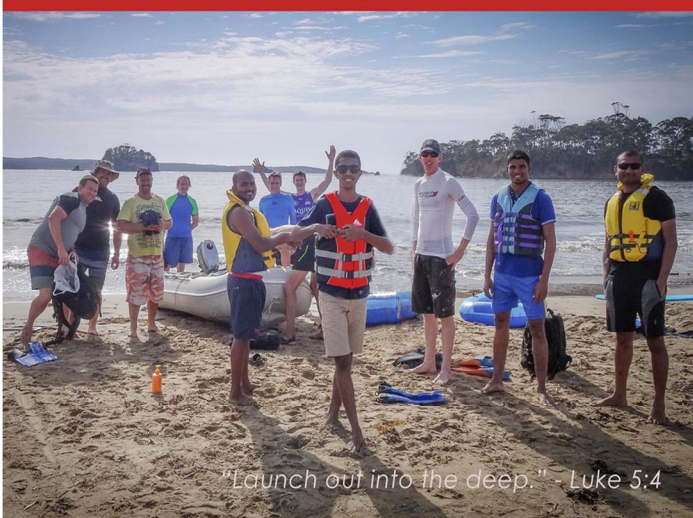
### KINGDOM KIDS MINISTRY:

**Next Sunday 13 August (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. 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.

## Missionaries of God's Love

- PRIESTS & BROTHERS -



"Launch out into the deep." - Luke 5:4

## DISCERNMENT DAY

**When:** Saturday 2nd Sept 2017  
9.00am to 9.30pm  
(Includes Sunday Vigil Mass)

**Cost:** \$10 to help cover meals

**Where:** 6 Boake Pl, Garran, ACT

Topics include:

- Leaving a legacy
- Life is not about you!
- Identifying your passion
- What are you scared of?
- How do we go from here to there?

For all enquiries (RSVP by 30th Aug): ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621

[www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org](http://www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org)

**Marymead's Card Day** on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August at Federal Golf Club. Tables of 4 can be booked to play cards, scrabble, mah-jong, board games etc and a hot lunch with wine, tea, coffee and petit fours is provided for \$45. There will also be a craft stall as well as preserves. For further information please contact Jacinta O'Brien 62900499. (All proceeds go to Marymead).

**19 - August "Call to Connect"** All women are invited to a day retreat to be held at the Carmelite Monastery Red Hill from 9.15 to 4 pm. The title is "I am the Door" John 10:9 and the day will include, talks, sharing, discussion points, private time, reflection & prayer time, reconciliation & Mass. Morning tea and lunch included for \$35 per person with a pensioner concession available. RSVP 14 August to Lorraine 0437329371 Payment online to BSB: 062786 Account: 26913 Name CTC:

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.



## 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> :	17 Aug at 7pm in Collins Wing	

### PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Parish Pastoral Council RCIA Coordinator Sacramental Coordinator	Fr Stephen Fletcher 6295 7879 Contact Frs Mat & Baiju 62957879 Melanie Stratford Melanie.Stratford@cg.catholic.edu.au Wendy Fisher-Hudson 6295 8791
School of Iconography	Bob O'Heir/Graham Tooth 0423 278 350
Parish Grounds/Maintenance	Parish Office 6295 7879
Liturgical Rosters	
<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	Parish Office 6295 7879
<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>	

**St Benedict's Primary School 6295 8027**

**School First Friday Mass is at 10am in the Church**

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19 & 20 August 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Anna Pace & Sally Cotsell	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Claire & Grace Bennet	Nathan Kensey & Adrian Wellspring
<b>Presenta<sup>on</sup> of the Gi<sup>es</sup></b>	Sally Cotsell & BA Daly	Doyle family
<b>Eucharis<sup>c</sup> Ministers</b>	Rita Parker & Brian Barron	J Douglas & M Molyneux
<b>Flowers &amp; Altar Cleaning</b>	Bernice Marris & Leoni Mayes	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Bernice Marris	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Brad Hogno	
<b>Mt View</b>	MGL Priest	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Rita Parker	

### FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

14	Aug	St Maximillian Kolbe
15	Aug	The Assump <sup>on</sup> of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16	Aug	Sts Stephen & Roch
17	Aug	St Donatus
18	Aug	Sts Helen & Alberto

#### Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading:	Isaiah 56:1. 6-7
2nd Reading:	Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
Gospel:	Ma <sup>hew</sup> 15:21-28

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

First Collec <sup>on</sup> :	\$ 1142.65
Planned Giving Collec <sup>on</sup> :	\$ 350.00
Loose Collec <sup>on</sup> :	\$ 481.90

*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, Dorothy Lamb, 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:** Mark Doyle, Merv O'Brien, Mark Gobbin, James Kirkman, Gennaro Rosini Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Colin 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.