

PARISH NEWS

Palms for Palm Sunday

If anyone in the Parish has palms that they would like to donate to decorate the Church for Palm Sunday, please contact the Parish office.

St Benedict's Key Audit

The Parish Office is in the process of updating our key register. We are requesting that anyone who holds a key to either the Parish Centre or the Collins Wing contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to advise us of which key you hold, and the key number if applicable. Thank you for your cooperation.

Institute of Professional Standard Training

All who are in ministry in our parish are encouraged to attend a training evening on Wednesday 17 March 7.00pm in the Collins Wing. The Archdiocese recommends that training is attended each year to keep up to date with the changes in legislation and protocols. Please use the link for trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAZ> or contact the parish office to confirm your attendance.

Children & Youth Ministry Training Day

There will be a ChildSafe Accredited Training & Ministry Skills Workshop run at St Benedict's on Saturday 20 March 8.30am—3.30pm. For more info or to register, please visit <https://suact.org.au/training-day/>

Men Alive Men's Weekend

When was the last time you felt really alive? The Men Alive conference will be held on 27–28 March in the Collin's Wing at St Benedict's. The cost is \$50, which includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and BBQ dinner on Saturday. Please rsvp for catering purposes, to Benjamin Spurr 0400 772 858 or bwspurr@gmail.com

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 16-18 April, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Book *contact* Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or online www.wwme.org.au nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Neglect of Ageing with Dignity

23 March (7.00pm) Christians for an Ethical Society forum will be held at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Speakers: Lin Hatfield-Dodds and Gordon Ramsay. Information and registration through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).



Recently Deceased: Frances Standing, Reverend Mgs Kevin Barry-Cotter; Ray Anderson; Barbara Reinstadler;
Anniversaries: Miguel Gomez, Patricia Weber

Other Occasions:

Our Sick: Janice Kelly; Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Noeleen Carrick, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Simon Keay, Mathew, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 13 & 14 March 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	Paula Keating
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian Barron	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Lunn	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria and John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo and Loreena	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 20 & 21 March 2021

	1ST READING Jer 31:31-34	2ND READING Heb 5:7-9	GOSPEL John 12:20-33
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	
Welcomers	Brian Barron	M Stratford	
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Julie Douglas	
Presentation of the Gifts	Nick & Maria Marzano	Not required	
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Booth	Julie Douglas	
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday & Margie Avellino		
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith		
Mt View	Maralyn		
Jindalee	MGL Narrabundah		

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

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Thursday 12.30-4.30pm)
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Fourth Sunday in Lent Year B 13 & 14 March 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:	WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6pm (Vigil)	Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am (Streamed via Facebook)	Wednesday 12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)	Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass (Fourth Sun of the Month)	Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
	Saturday 8.00am

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:

After the weekday Masses & 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9am – 8pm **Tuesday** 10am – 9pm
Wednesday 11am – 10pm **Thursday** 11am – 10pm
Friday 9am – midnight **Saturday** 12am – 8am
****hours may vary should the use of the Church be required**

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.

ST BENEDICT'S WORSHIP GROUP gathers after Thursday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent will be held at 5.00pm before Mass.

Congratulations and Blessings

To Renata Brunner as she celebrated her 85th Birthday on Friday.

Br Glen Galao, MGL

is making his final vows this weekend in Melbourne. We offer our congratulations and our continued prayers for him as he begins the next stage in his faith life journey.

Request for volunteers to clean the Church

Recently a few of our wonderful volunteers who clean the Church have had to step back. If any parishioners have the time to volunteer to clean the Church for two hours on a Saturday morning (approximately once every six weeks), please contact the Parish office to be placed on the cleaning roster.

Chrism Mass

Join the Archbishop and the clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 29 March 2021 at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral for this most important Holy Week ceremony. During this Mass the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Bookings are essential using the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAJ>

Easter Timetable in our Parish

Holy Thursday: 5.30pm Supper of the Lord followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy
Easter: 7.00pm Blessing of the Fire, Procession and Exultet, Baptismal Liturgy
Easter Sunday: 9.00am
6.00pm Charismatic Mass

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First reading

2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its Sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep Sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 136(137):1-6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon
there we sat and wept,
remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there
we hung up our harps.

For it was there that they asked us,
our captors, for songs,
our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said,
'one of Zion's songs.'

O how could we sing
the song of the Lord
on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither!

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth
if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem
above all my joys!

Second reading

Ephesians 2:4-10

You have been saved through grace

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

John 3:16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, He gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in Him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'