

# St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Parish Team:

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## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

14 & 15 September 2019

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### Update on Fr Dan

Dear brothers and Sisters, this week I had my knee reconstruction. Thanks be to God, the procedure went well and I am recuperating and beginning the exercise regime that has been recommended. I'm very grateful for your ongoing prayers and support, and for the help of my carer Fr Rem.

God bless, Fr Dan Benedetti MGL PP

### RCIA St Benedict's style!

Our first was held last Thursday and has 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 Wedding Anniversaries!

Congratulations to Michael and Claudine Smith who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 23 August, and to Domenic and Filomena Mangeruca who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on 28 September.

If you know anyone who is celebrating a significant Birthday or Anniversary please let the Office know.

### St Vincent de Paul Ozanam Sunday Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Society are conducting the annual Ozanam Sunday appeal within the Archdiocese. There will be a retiring collection after the Masses at St Benedict's on 21-22 September.

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### FIRST READING

*Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14*

*The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.' But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever." So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-13,17,19*

**I will rise and go to my father.**

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.  
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

## SECOND READING

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

***Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners***

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**2 Co5:19**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself,  
and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled.

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

**Luke 15:1-32**

***There will be rejoicing in Heaven over one repentant sinner***

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

## 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.

### Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable

#### Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your card has expired, or is due to expire in October and November 2019 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office.

### Jam for Refugees—a day of music raising awareness and support for refugees.

Where: All Saints Church, Ainslie

When: Friday 20 September, from 12.30pm until 8.30pm

Who: Oriana Chorale, Musica da Camera, Igitur Nos, the Daramalan String Group, South Sudanese Anglican Church Youth Ministry Choir, soprano Maartje Sevenster and individual performers on piano, flute, organ and strings, including from ANU's Open School of Music. The event will be opened by Bishop Pat Power at 12.30pm, and closed by Dr. Sue Packer, Senior Australian of the Year, at 8pm.

Cost: Entry is by donation. Funds raised go to Companion House, Canberra Refugee Support and Manus Lives Matter.

**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](http://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.

### 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

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	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Emma Matthews Don Jeffery	Y 5/6 School Mass
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Brian and Leita Barron	Y 5/6 School Mass
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Rita Parker B Barron	J Douglas M Molyneux
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Anne Hobday, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Shruti Ruzario	
<b>Mt View</b>	Maralyn	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Brendan	

### READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

21 & 22 September 2019

<u>1ST READING</u> Amos 8:4-7	<u>2ND READING</u> 1 Timothy 2:1-8	<u>GOSPEL</u> Luke 16:1-13
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Vacant
<b>Readers</b>	B A Daly Louise Gaudry	Confirmation Sunday
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Jeffery family	Confirmation Sunday
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	S Neimanis Mark Doerty	Terry and Karen Flood
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Mary Brown and Leita Barron	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Muneko Ono and Zbiggy Zmurko	
<b>Mt View</b>	Carmel Henry	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Vacant	

*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.*