

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time 15 February and 16 February 2020

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 – 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.

Reflection on Ordinary Time

Lent and Advent are times of preparation, Easter and Christmas are special celebrations, and it may seem that Ordinary Time is, well; ordinary. But it is precisely in this “ordinary” time that God offers us a chance to see the extraordinary. Ordinary Time is a time of Hope and Perseverance. Recognizing His goodness and love in the small things that occur without much pomp and circumstance, can help us grow in our faith. This season is a great time to ask God what he wants you to focus on in your prayer. With no significant liturgical events, you might take this time to pray through smaller details from scripture. Lean into this season, and do not be afraid of the quiet, commonplace moments. He is there and he is speaking.

Father Rem's pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Father Rem will be going on a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land, departing **13 March**. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Special Birthday and thank you!

Congratulations to Joan Porta on celebrating her 80th birthday!

A special thank you to a donor who has come forward to help provide us with new lectionaries and a new Book of the Gospels. We are so grateful for all our parishioners support. If anyone else would like to make a donation towards the lectionaries, please contact Father Dan or the parish office.

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FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May the footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 2:6-10*****God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began***

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him*. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**Matthew 11:25****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37*****You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

PARISH NEWS

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 26 February 2020 - Our Ash Wednesday Mass times at St Benedict's will be 12:30pm and 6pm.

Bunnings BBQ Vinnies Bushfire appeal: Traditionally Vinnies have had a Door Knock in February to raise funds for The Good Works program. This year due to air quality issues, the Door Knock will not proceed. Vinnies are manning the BBQ at Bunnings Fyshwick on **Saturday 22 February**, with all proceeds will go to the bushfire appeal. If you can assist with helping at the BBQ for 3 hours please contact Anthony McDonald on 0410 451 342. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Amicus gathering: Amicus, a support group (created by Monsignor John Woods and Father Mick MacAndrew in 1992) for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2020 at the Saigon Vietnamese Restaurant Pearce Shops on **Saturday 22 February** meeting at 7pm for dinner. To join us please call Paul 0419 411 691.

Alpha Program Queanbeyan: Frank & Selina Stanford are hosting the Alpha Parish renewal program again this year. It's a great opportunity to build friendships, deepen your faith, share your faith, and it's free! It starts on **Wednesday, 26 February** at 7:30pm, or 6:30pm dinner. Contact Fr Dan or Selina for more information.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will soon be starting. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Parish Pilgrimage: In the Footsteps of Sts Benedict, Francis & Anthony—Consider joining **Father Dan** on a magnificent pilgrimage with **St Benedict, St Francis and St Anthony**: Rome, Subiaco/Montecassino/Pompeii/Norcia, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, Venice and more! With daily mass at sacred sites and the Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis. **Departing September 2020**. For more information call or email the Parish Office or Fr Dan.

MenALIVE weekend: A MenALIVE weekend will be held on **Saturday 29 February & Sunday morning 1 March** at St Brigid's, Dickson. A terrific weekend of testimonies from ordinary men, discussion, time out to reflect on your life journey, and hospitality. For further details, contact Fr Emil on 0414 523 036 or Najib Raya 0439 581 204 najibemail1@gmail.com

St Benedict's Abba Father Worship Group meets after Thursday 5.30pm Mass from 6:15pm to 7pm for intercession and worship. All are welcome to join.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam Pini, Anthony, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Michael Slee, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Ian Patterson, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, Andrew Italiano, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Richard (Dick) Brennan, Betty O'Brien, Zeta Evans, 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 15 & 16 February 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Leita & B Barron	M Stratford
Readers	Marlene Keir Maria Michas	Barry Murphy A ToNiyonsenge
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Noreen Dick	J Douglas M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mattia Wellspring, Mary Brown and Emy Nichols	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Brad Hogno	
Mt View	Maralyn	
Jindalee	MGL Narrabundah & Jesús	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22 & 23 February 2020

	1ST READING Lev 19:1-2,17-18	2ND READING 1 Cor 3:16-23	GOSPEL Mt 5:38-48
	Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor		Barry Murphy
Readers	Maira Nadjeki H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario Priscilla Kinyanjui	
Presentation of the Gifts	Nick & Maria Marzano		Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	Maurie & Bernice Boland	
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria & John Micas		
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith & Rosemary Caldwell		
Mt View	Carmel Henry		
Jindalee	Maria Michas		

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