

PARISH NEWS

One day retreat in Canberra

"The Lord is the strength of His people" (Psalm 28:8)

With Fr Roni George and Fr Joby George, VC on Saturday 22 May (9.30am—4.30pm) at St Benedict's Catholic Church. Admission is free BYO lunch. A boxed lunch is available at nominal cost, RSVP by 19 May to pl.rebello@gmail.com For inquires please contact: Parveen 0439 642 571; Winnie 0451 015 527; Prakash 0406 381 446; Shan 0412 310 364; Tom 0434 689 957

Protection of Babies who Survive Abortion

Sponsored by ACT Right to Life Association the 1st of 2 talks by George Christensen will be held at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, 3 Strangways St Curtin 23 May (7:00—8.30pm). The second talk is on 27 May (6:00—7.30pm). Light refreshments will be provided. For catering purposes please respond to the Bev Cains: 345bevc@gmail.com; phone: 0418718713

Plenary Zoom Gatherings

To prepare for the Plenary Council of Australia in October, Archbishop Prowse will be hosting a series of Zoom meetings for each Deanery location. All welcome. 4-28 - May. To find out details about the meetings and to register please go to <https://cgcatholic.org.au/plenary/> A copy of the working document 'Continuing the Journey' can also be downloaded from the website.

MenAlive BBQ

7.00pm after the 6.00pm Mass on Saturday 29 May in the parish Centre.

Marian Series: The Rosary as a Contemplative Prayer

Join Fr Mannes Tellis (OP), parish priest at Holy Rosary (Watson) in a ZOOM occasion, as he helps us to unlock the power of the Rosary as a profound contemplative prayer. Rosary recitation will be on 30 May (2:30pm) followed by the talk. Register FREE at http://bit.ly/MarianSeries_Rosary

Our Health Ahead: Opportunities & Challenges for Community Health & Wellbeing

As part of the Blackfriars Series, Ms Heidi Prowse, CEO, Mental Illness Education ACT, will be speaking on the topic of 'Mental health education: supporting

young people to thrive' at the ACU Canberra Campus, 223 Antill Street, Watson. 8 June (5:45 pm) This is a free public lecture. To register or for further information please email OCD.Canberra@edu.acu.au



Recently Deceased: Simon Keay, Corrine Gillard; Norma Boyd; Leah,

Anniversaries: Lena Seal; Olga Steele; Michael Buckley; Linda Climer; Dexty Donovan; Nellie England; Evelyn McGrath; Mary Gowing; Bill Gadd; Olive Holdom; Clarence Mills; Stephen Rochford; Giancarlo Pauletto; Orlando Stitt; Mary Stephenson; .

Our Sick: Germaphi, 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, Mathew, Jindalee & Mt View residents, Fr Laurie Blake

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 15 & 16 May 2021

| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
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| Welcomers | Leita & Brian Baron | Mel Stratford |
| Readers | BA Daly & Louise Gaudry | Barry Murphy A ToNiyonsenge |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick | Not required |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Robert Booth | Barry Murphy |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Anne Hobday; Loretta Thomas & Maggie Avellino | |
| Church Cleaners | Ian Smith and Amir | |
| Mt View | Maralyn | |
| Jindalee | MGL Narrabundah | |

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22 & 23 May 2021

| 1ST READING Acts 2:1-11 | 2ND READING Gal 5:16-25 | GOSPEL Jn 15:26-27, 16:12-15 |
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| Sat 6 pm | | Sun 9am |
| Welcomers | Carmel & Peter Pistor | Barry Murphy |
| Readers | Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan | Chris Rosario & Shiro Kinyanjui |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Sally Cotsell BA Daly | Not required |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sue Neimanis | Peter Stauffer |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Maria & John Michas | |
| Church Cleaners | Don & Jennifer Nguyen | |
| Mt View | Carmel Henry | |
| Jindalee | Anne Sutherland | |

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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Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)

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Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8.00am—12midday)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Ascension of the Lord Year B 15 & 16 May 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am
(Streamed via Facebook)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm
Wednesday 12.30pm
Thursday 5.30pm
Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
Saturday 8.00am

Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 6pm Youth Mass
(Fourth Sun of the Month)

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 6am – 9pm **Tuesday** 6am – 9pm
Wednesday 6am – 9pm **Thursday** 6am – 10pm
Friday 6am – 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.

National Count of Attendance

This happens every 4 years and is scheduled to continue over the next two weekends in May.

Eucharistic Adoration

Vacant hours that urgently need an adorer this week:

Monday: 5-6pm

Tuesday: 11am-12pm

Thursday: 7am-9am, 10am-11am

Friday: 8am-9am

If you would like to join the Adoration roster please contact: Anne Sutherland 0413 203 901, or Kathy Miller 0407 203 803.

Parish Pastoral and Finance Committees

If you are interested in what happens at these meetings and would like to explore the possibility of joining them please have a word with Fr Rembert.

Laudato Si Jubilee

Archbishop Christopher will mark the Vatican's Laudato Si Jubilee & Laudato Si week with a tree planting and Liturgy of the Word outdoors at St Peter Chanel's, 2 Loch Street YARRALUMLA 21 May (10:30 am). This ecumenical gathering will also inaugurate an archdiocesan-wide Laudato Si, Caring for Creation movement. Tel: 0428625110.

Fusion

Youth group gathering on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month in the Collins Wing from 7.30pm next Friday 21 May

Pentecost Rally

Held in St Benedict's Church Sunday 23 May at 3-5pm. There will be a sausage sizzle in the Parish Centre about 4.30pm.

Ascension of the Lord Year B 15 & 16 May 2021

First reading

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on

Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:1-13

We are all to come to unity, fully mature in the knowledge of the Son of God

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

*When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners,
he gave gifts to men.*

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.