

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father to all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Disciples School of Mission: 20 April. Are you aged between 18-40 and searching for an adventure in 2022? If so, then join us for the Disciples School of Mission. This 4-day live in course, held at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville, calls people from across Australia and beyond to be equipped for youth ministry and evangelisation.

Book Launch: 21 April, 7.30pm. Recovering the 'True Church': Challenges for Australian Catholicism beyond the Plenary Council. Paul Collins has returned to the future of Australian Catholicism, and will discuss this at his book launch, in conversation with Beth Doherty and Joan Warhurst. Parish Centre, Holy Trinity Church, 5 Strangways Street, Curtin. Refreshments will be provided and copies of the book will be on sale.

Engaged Encounter Retreat: 30 April to 1 May. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au. Choose any of the Weekends: April 30-1, August 6-7, November 12-13

Parish Secretary Position Narrabundah: People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for our parish. This is a part-time permanent position (12 hours per week). For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Secretary Position Campbell: People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for Campbell Parish. This is a part-time permanent position (10 hours per week). Essential Requirements: experience with database packages, strong communication and liaison skills, strong organisational skills, ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction, understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching and experience in an office environment. Salary Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please

phone Fr Emil 0414 523 036 for a copy of the duty statement to be received by 19 April.

Married Couple Leader Formation: After Easter there is a leader formation program for married couples interested in getting involved in marriage ministry. They will progress through a marriage enrichment course whilst learning how to host a marriage enrichment experience locally. The program starts on the 27th of April and runs fortnightly online from 7.30pm, ending on 22 June. The experience is run by the Catholic marriage apostolate, SmartLoving. There is an opportunity for two couples from our parish to take part. To find out more visit: <https://smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation>

Presbytery Renovation Appeal:

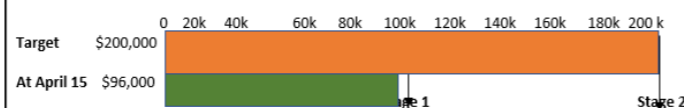
Thank you everyone for your support of the Easter Raffle. The winners are:

1st prize - Carmel Henry and

2nd prize - John and Diane Fulop

The proceeds of the Raffle have brought the funds raised by the Parish for the repairs and renovations to \$40,000.00. This represents 80% of the Parish fundraising target of \$50,000.00 – a wonderful result.

Our Presbytery Appeal now stands at \$ 96,000: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs and \$40,000 from parishioners. Stage One of the presbytery renovation is now almost fully funded.



If you would like to assist in raising the remaining 20% of the Parish commitment, there are envelopes at the back of the Church or you can donate online to the following account nominating the Presbytery Fund

Account Name	BSB	Acc No
St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

Thank you everyone for your generosity thus far.

The PPC wishes you Easter Blessings

Moira Najdecki

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office hours: 10am—1pm

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Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Parish Priest)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Fr Chris Eaton MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Easter Sunday 16 & 17 April 2022

Easter Message 2022—Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn:

Easter Humanity

In recent years it seems that our annual celebration of Easter accompanies some societal calamity.

There has been bushfires, then the Covid pandemic, and now the Russian-Ukraine conflict.

This current war is particularly disturbing because it arises not from nature or health issues but from a violence within the heart of our shared humanity.

War is the very opposite to the peace and joy of Easter. It is a defeat for humanity. It seems that the new humanity made present in the Easter Jesus has been cast aside. Offered light eternal, war opts for living in darkness.

In our Easter Liturgy, a totally different humanity is announced. The Easter Vigil (Exultet) proclamation chants "Christ your Son, who coming back from death's domain, has shed his peaceful light on humanity, and lives and reigns for ever and ever."

Embracing Easter humanity in the Risen Jesus is clearly an unending task for every age, especially our present time.

Jesuit priest, Fr Andriy Zelinskyy, Ukrainian military chaplain, describes the present war as "cruel, and is one of the most absurd, senseless wars in the history of Europe...There is no reason for the violence." He calls for prayers as the way of "keeping hope alive that the war will come to an end and evil will never prevail."

Praying for hop in war has a practical dimension.

As an Archdiocese, we are becoming deeper friends with our local catholic Ukrainian priest, Fr Wally Kalinecki, and Russian Orthodox priest, Fr Alexander Morozow. I have assured both

communities of our prayers and support in these fragile times.

Ukrainian refugees are beginning to arrive in the Archdiocese. Many more will follow. I have assured Fr Kalinecki, that our Archdiocese stands ready to provide whatever practical assistance deemed appropriate for these traumatised families.

Fr Zelinskyy challenges us by stating: "Please wake up... we are stronger together...we find ourselves at a time when the greatest gift we have is in danger, that is, our humanity...come back to the gift of our humanity because it is something we need to treasure."

Easter humanity in Christ Crucified and Risen is not a sentimental religious pious thought. It is the very essence of our Christian humanity – mind, heart and deeds.

As St Paul declares, when Christ is "your life—you too will be revealed in all your glory with him." (Col. 3/4)

May the Easter Jesus bless and protect you always! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

Caritas Australia

Caritas would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges 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.

17 April 2022
Easter Sunday Year C
(Vigil readings are available on a separate leaflet)

First reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

*This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' -/R

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. -/R

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. -/R

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation 1 Cor 5:7-8.

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. *Alleluia!*

Gospel John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 10am - 1pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6pm (*Vigil*)
Sunday: 9am; 6pm (*Charismatic Mass*)
Fourth Sunday of the Month: 6pm (*Youth Mass*)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

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

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6.15pm-7pm
Saturday: 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday: 7.30am
3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday & Tuesday: 6am-10pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 1pm-10pm
Friday 6am to Saturday 8am

Urgent hours that need to be filled:
Monday 7pm-8pm, Tuesday 8am-9am

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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

23 & 24 April 2022

1ST READING Acts 5:12-16	2ND READING Apoc 1:9-13,17-19	GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki	Christopher Ruzario
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett Family	
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Sutherland & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

Recently Deceased: Maralyn Molyneux, Margaret Borrmann; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father).



Anniversaries: Sr Maria Jacoba Kok, William McGee, Thomas Roblom, Barry Rooke, Elvra Zuccato.
Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne.