

St Benedict's Catholic Church



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St Benedict's Catholic Parish aims to be a caring and prayerful community, committed to outreach & service, where each person is valued, and their gifts encouraged.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 & 19 November 2017

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues—Thurs from 9am to 3pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

Sunday 7pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 7pm Youth Mass

(every last Sun of the Month)

Saturday 8.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following 6.15 –7.00pm after

(Healing Mass)

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 – 7.30pm (during May & October)

BAPTISMS: 11am, 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

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:

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 8am – 9pm

Tuesday 8am – 10pm

Wednesday 9am – 10pm

Thursday 9am – 10pm

Friday 6am – 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.



Readings for this weekend:

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

2nd Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-6

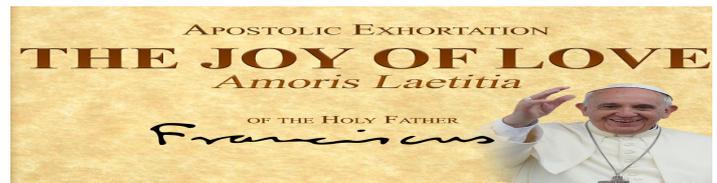
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Responsorial Psalm:

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!



A path of suffering and blood

The idyllic picture presented in Psalm 128 is not at odds with a bitter truth found through-out sacred Scripture, that is, the presence of pain, evil and violence that break up families and their communion of life and love. For good reason Christ's teaching on marriage (cf. *Mt* 19:3-9) is in-serted within a dispute about divorce. The word of God constantly testifies to that sombre dimension already present at the beginning, when, through sin, the relationship of love and purity between man and woman turns into domination: "Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you" (*Gen* 3:16).

This thread of suffering and bloodshed runs through numerous pages of the Bible, beginning with Cain's murder of his brother Abel. We read of the disputes between the sons and the wives of the Patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the tragedies and violence marking the family of David, the family problems reflected in the story of Tobias and the bitter complaint of Job: "He has put my brethren far from me... my kinsfolk and my close friends have failed me... I am repulsive to my wife, loathsome to the sons of my own mother" (*Job* 19:13-14, 17).

PARISH NEWS

Church Mission Meeting this Sunday

The **meeting** is this **Sunday 19th November at 10:15am** for an hour and half. In this meeting we will ask how these areas can better serve the vision of Pope Francis and our vision for the Parish. How will this focus on Spiritual growth, Children and youth ministry, Liturgies and Building a strong sense of Community enable us to be *the Church in the midst of the homes of people* and help to *encourage and train people in being able to share their faith more effectively in our culture?*

Are you passionate about any of these areas? What *commitment can you give to this passion?*

Prayer: It is a time of **Discernment** which means we are prayerfully considering how the Holy Spirit is creatively guiding all our discussions and planning for the future mission from St Benedict's. So please pray regularly for this time as we seek new ways to bring the Gospel of Jesus to our culture.

*Star of the New Evangelization,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the
poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of
the earth, illuminating even the fringes of our world.
Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for
God's little ones, pray for us. Amen. Alleluia!*

Prayer from Pope Francis: Evangelii Gaudium

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH FAMILY CHOIR: "He who sings prays twice" - St Augustine. St



Benedict's Parish Family Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the **third Sunday of each month**. Families from St Benedict's Primary School together with families from St Benedict's Parish and the community in general, are warmly invited and encouraged to participate, by taking the opportunity to lead music and ministry. Come and share your favourite songs and ideas. Choir practice is from 12-1pm on the **third Saturday of each month** at St Benedict's Church (i.e. the day before the Mass). Singing lifts the Spirit - all are most welcome. For more information please email Maria on Narrabundah@cg.org.au



Is coming to St Benedict's soon. The new way to make Parish Donations through a phone app. To be launched soon!



Super Christmas Raffle Tickets

(to be drawn 4 December)

Many thanks to all who have bought tickets and taken books for this fund raiser. **A little reminder that all books and money must be returned no later than 26 November** (regardless of whether they are sold or not) - we hope we don't get too many unsold books back .

PARISH LITURGICAL & NON LITURGICAL ROSTER:

As people on the current roster are aware it will finish at the end of next month. If anyone on the current roster is unavailable for the new roster in 6 Jan—1 July please notify the Parish Office on 6295 7879.

Gowrie Court Christmas Fair - 17th December:

Gowrie Court Christmas Fair is on again this year. Do you have any toys, food (non-perishables), prizes, gift cards, presents, clothes (any size/age male or female) that you would like to donate to the fair? If so, please drop into the box in the foyer, at the Parish Office or ring Therese MGL Sisters on 0432228250.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your **card is due to expire in November or December 2017** and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card **please bring the card to the Parish Office** with another form of identification, such as your driver's license that includes your date of birth on the information listed. The Parish will take a copy of the both the front and back of the card.

Please note: It is an offence to engage in regulated activity for vulnerable people without a current WWVP registration.



Connect with us on Facebook!

Like 'St Benedict's Church and Mission Centre, Canberra' to keep updated on events run by both the parish and its mission centre.

Columban Fr George Hogarty has recently returned from Peru where he was parish priest in one of the poorest areas in Peru for 8 years. Fr George will be visiting and speaking at all Masses next weekend 26 November to promote subscriptions to 'The Far East' Magazine.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: A father and young son looking for accommodation unit/flat to rent within the parish. Please contact George Wyer. 6295 7042.

CCR Mercy Vigil on Saturday 25 November. All are welcome to come and adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Rosary, intercession, praise and worship and times of quiet reflection. From 7pm til 1am at St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla. Call/text Susanna for more info: 0419 902 293.

Countdown is on to Youth Festival:

With less than a month to go, Sydney is gearing up to play host to more than 18,000 young Catholics from around the nation for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival, a 3-day event of concerts, workshops, social events, forums and worship at **Sydney's Olympic Park from 7-**

9 December. If you are over the age of 18, there is still time to register for this amazing event. With Festival numbers nearing capacity, you will need to get online now. Find out more by visiting www.acyf.org.au



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mass is held every last Sunday of the month at 7pm Charismatic mass. Come and experience the liturgy run by the youth, for the youth.

Fusion Youth Group is held every 2nd Friday during the school term, from 7pm-9pm at the Collins Wing. This is for high school students to connect in fellowship and grow more in their faith. Like 'Fusion Youth Group' on Facebook to stay updated on our next gatherings. Like 'St Benedict's Youth' on Facebook. Keep updated on the latest events that involve the youth in this parish, the Archdiocese, and schools.

CHILDREN NEWS

Kingdom Kids Ministry:

Next Mass is Sunday 10 Dec (**second Sunday of each month**) Families are warmly invited to the 9am Mass and children are welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities of Kingdom Kids. For info email Anita on kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com. Remember the prayer wall for those intentions you want the children to pray for.

PRAYER WALL: The children from the 9am Mass continue to pray for the intentions of our parish community.

*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.*

New to St Benedict's Community? **Welcome**

Please see all the ways you can be part of this community by checking out the contact list in the foyer and see the back page of the bulletin. Please fill out a new parishioner form in the foyer or download it from the website.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Graham Pollard	Julie Douglas	Fr Mat Wuwu
Helen Bennet	Mattia Wellspring	Fr Steve Fletcher
Meaghan Younger	Claudia Krebs	
Pat Doyle	Anita Zinkle	
Next PPC meeting:	30 Nov 2017 7pm	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25 & 26 November 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
Welcomers	Leita & B Barron	Mary Smith
Readers	Maureen & Pat Hannan	Terry & Karen Flood
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery family	Doyle family
Eucharistic Ministers	A Thomas & R Alex	J Doiglas & M Molyneux
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Sue Neimanis & Mattia Wellspring	
Sacristan	Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Christine Jeffery & Frances Crowe	
Mt View	Gary & Zenka Taffe	
Jindalee	Brendan Price	

FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

20 Nov St Leo
 21 Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 22 Nov St Cecilia
 23 Nov Bl Miquel Sts Columban & Clement
 24 Nov St Andrew

Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Collections from the last weekend:

First Collection: \$ 1031.05
 Planned Giving Collection: \$ 724.00
 Loose Collection: \$ 327.10

The Catholic Weekly and *The Catholic Leader* are available at the Church foyer for \$2.
Please place money in the Poor Box.

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Parish Pastoral Council RCIA Coordinator Sacramental Coordinator School of Iconography Parish Grounds/Maintenance Liturgical Rosters Pastoral Groups Young Men of God MenAlive Evenings for the Engaged Ministry to the Newly Married Healing/Prayer Listening to Jesus/ Called & Gifted Visitation Group Social Group Family Planning Adoration Adoration Roster Neighborhood Care Gowrie Court Meals MGL Sisters Bible Study & Prayer Groups Marian Devotions Padre Pio Prayer Group Bible Study Mothers Prayers Cell Prayer Group Living Water Prayer Group Youth & Children Ministries Fusion DOJ Chaplain Youth Minister Kingdom Kids Ministry St Benedict's Primary School 6295 8027 School First Friday Mass is at 10am in the Church	Fr Stephen Fletcher 6295 7879 Frs Mat & Baiju 62957879 Melanie Stratford Melanie.Stratford@cg.catholic.edu.au Wendy Fisher-Hudson 6295 8791 Bob O'Heir/GrahamTooth 0423 278 350 Parish Office 6295 7879 Fr Ken Barker 6281 0132 Torrien Lau 0432 679 630 Mark & Kathy Haseler 6166 7634 Catharina & Graham Williams, Debbie & Brian Kensey 6231 3389 Mark and Maria Ransom 6286 5679 Adrian Wellspring 62958532/0421451412 Parish Office 6295 78789 Sue Neimanis 6295 0687 Veronica & Pablo Jimenez 0406277365 Frs Mat/ David 0424869539 /0435484608 Sally FitzGerald 0422066080 Parish Office 6295 7879 Judy/Therese/Katherine 6166 6941 Pat Hannan 6156 3882 Maria Ransom 6286 5679 Parish Office Anne Hartwell 6282 0874 Maria Michas 0427092149 Gary & Zenka Taffe 0423-707-838 Fr Chris Eaton 62953415 Chiara Catanzariti 0429699322 chiaraccatanzariti@gmail.com Anita Zinkel kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com
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As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Stan Marris, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Betty O'Brien, Flora Arias, Phillip Cooney, Barrie Marshall, Brad Chalmers, Helen French, Jessica Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Wendy Gaudiosi-Logan, Rick Oxford, Ellen Brennan, Pauline Wilkie, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, John Newlyn, George Durr, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Brian Kelly, Shirley Parsons Lorna Evans, Gerard Agnew, Alfred Zammit, Marie Bauer, John Hamilton, Antonio Nardi, Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Ian Smith, Jane Evans, Bro Paul Nixon, Joseph O'Connor, Sam & Nina Aguis, Heather Daly, Ian Smith, Correy Browning, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Marea Brennan, Louis Camilleri.