

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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2 & 3 November 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 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 – 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.

Condolences

We send our love and prayers to George Wyer and his family at the passing of his lovely wife Patsy. We also send our love and prayers to the family of Julie Douglas, our PPC member on the passing of her father-in-law George. May they rest in peace.

2019 World Mission Sunday - Church Appeal – Ghana – 3 November

This year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal highlights the life-saving work supported by Catholic Mission in Ghana, through programs designed to rescue babies and children who are vulnerable and foster their personal development for a brighter future. To view video about this project visit: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathmission>
Let's reach out to our brothers and sisters who are in great need.

November Month to Pray for Souls

Traditionally, November is the month we pray for souls. If you would like a Mass said for a departed loved one, please fill in an envelope available in the Church or contact the parish office.

Christmas is coming - Volunteers needed

The Parish Pastoral Council are looking for a team of volunteers to organise, set up and lead the St Benedict's 6pm 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.

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FIRST READING

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

You are merciful to all, because you love all that exists

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):1-2, 8-11, 13b-14

I will bless your name forever, O God my King.

I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
And praise your name for ever.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

The name of Christ will be glorified in you, and you in him

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
That all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

Salvation comes to the house of Zaccheus

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

PARISH NEWS

National Drought Prayer Campaign: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have asked us to devote November as a month to pray for those affected by the drought and to pray for the gift of rain. Resources can be found at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders: If your card is due to expire in November or December 2019 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office.

Memorial Mass for loved ones who have died by suicide will be held at St Joseph's O'Connor Church on **8 November at 6pm**. All are welcome. A light supper will follow and Specialist Counsellors will be present.

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 at the Scented Rose Garden, Bywong on **Sunday 10 November, meeting at 12pm** for lunch. To join us please call Patricia 0412 351 548.

RCIA St Benedict's: Everyone is welcome to come anytime and join the journey. Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 14 November at 7:30pm** and **Saturday 16 November from 9:30am—12pm**, both at the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. All are welcome to come along and support our candidates.

Palms Australia Outreach: Communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Come and join Tony Bozicevic and Ivapene Seiuli, who will share their experience of communities in Papua New Guinea and Samoa, and explain how sharing your skills with Palms support can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. The meeting will be held on **Saturday, 16 November at 11:00am**, at King O'Malley's Pub in Civic.

St Paul in the Light of Modern Scholarship – A seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney. Christian and non-Christian scholars alike agree that St. Paul was one of the greatest philosophers, saying he has the answers to the current political situation. We will reflect on fresh insight into Paul's teaching. A single session on **Wednesday 20 November at 6:45pm** at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways St., Curtin. Entry free. Kindly register name & phone by calling 6286 3388.

Pastoral formation day—The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a pastoral formation day for those ministering to the sick called: *Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing* on **Saturday 23 November** at ACU Watson. Cost is \$60 (incl lunch). For more information and to register, please phone 9701 4751 or email CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam Pini, Anthony, Susan Spruce, 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: 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 2 & 3 November 2019

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Leita & B Barron	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery Christopher Ruzario	Louise O'Rance Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	BA Daly	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis	M Stratford Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas, Sue Neimanis & Mattia Wellspring	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith	
Mt View	Julie Douglas	
Jindalee	N/A	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9 & 10 November 2019

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
2 Macc 7:1-2,9-14	2 Thess 2:16-3:5	Lk 20:27-38
		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Helen Bennett Don Jeffery	Louise O'Rance Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett family	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	B Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

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