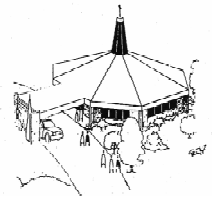


St Benedict's Catholic Church



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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.

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 & 20 August 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 a.m.
(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 a.m. 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:

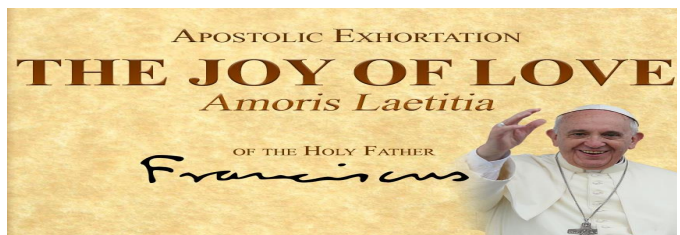
1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7
2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Responsorial Psalm:

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.



I will begin with an opening chapter inspired by the Scriptures, to set a proper tone. I will then examine the actual situation of families, in order to keep firmly grounded in reality. I will go on to recall some essential aspects of the Church's teaching on marriage and the family, thus paving the way for two central chapters dedicated to love. I will then highlight some pastoral approaches that can guide us in building sound and fruitful homes in accordance with God's plan, with a full chapter devoted to the raising of children. Finally, I will offer an invitation to mercy and the pastoral discernment of those situations that fall short of what the Lord demands of us, and conclude with a brief discussion of family spirituality.

Given the rich fruits of the two-year Synod process, this Exhortation will treat, in different ways, a wide variety of questions. This explains its inevitable length. Consequently, I do not recommend a rushed reading of the text. The greatest benefit, for families themselves and for those engaged in the family apostolate, will come if each part is read patiently and carefully, or if attention is paid to the parts dealing with their specific needs. It is likely, for example, that married couples will be more concerned with Chapters Four and Five, and pastoral ministers with Chapter Six, while everyone should feel challenged by Chapter Eight. It is my hope that, in reading this text, all will feel called to love and cherish family life, for "families are not a problem; they are first and foremost an opportunity".

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION 2017: Enrolment is closed.



Parish Mass & Prep Session:

This Sunday 20 Aug Sunday 9am
Mass Church &

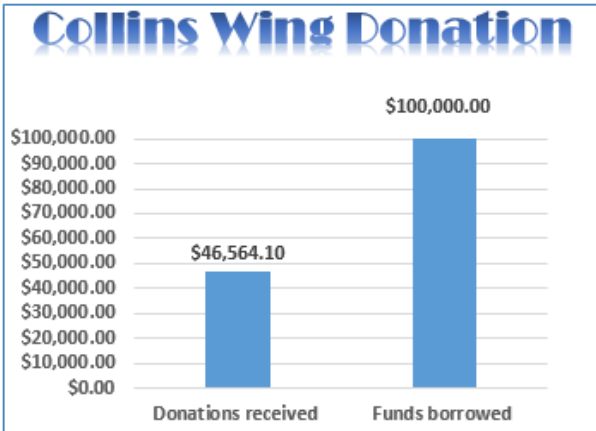
Prep 10am-11.30 Collins Wing

Retreat & Practice: 30 Aug Wed
9am-3pm Collins Wing

Celebration: 10 Sept Sunday at 9am Mass

Collins Wing Donations

We are already half-way to our target to pay for the Collins' Wing renovations – please support this important project by grabbing a donation envelope from the foyer and placing it in either of the collection bags, or hand it to a priest, a PPC member or the Parish Office. A big thank you to those who have generously contributed. For Direct Debit donations: St Benedict's Parish: BSB: 062 786 Account No: 0000 14992



LOOK AFTER YOUR GROUNDS: Please do not drive or park on the grass especially outside Collins Wing, it will be a dust bowl in summer if we allow tracks to develop. Thank you from the Maintenance Team.

Pastoral Statement from Archbishop Christopher Prowse regarding two significant public issues concerning the Church. Hard copies are available in the foyer.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE PERSONS WWVP CARD REMINDERS:

If your **card is due to expire in August or September 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.

Adoration Vacancies: We DESPERATELY need ADORERS Friday 9am-10am & 6pm-7pm. If you can help please contact Sally on 0422 066 080.

AGREEMENT FOR GROUPS USING ST BENEDICT'S FACILITIES:

The Archdiocese has provided us with a **Venue Hire Agreement** which includes WWVP Provisions. This will be sent to the groups who are regular, current and future bookings for signing.

ST BENEDICT'S MISSION CENTRE IS PRESENTING A TALK SERIES ON THE OLD TESTAMENT

called *"The God of the Old Testament"* with cake and cuppa from 7.30pm-8.30pm on the following Thursdays in the Collins Wing CW & Parish Centre PC.

Session Dates:

14 PC & 28 CW Sept

5 PC & PC 26 Oct and 2 CW Nov

All are welcome. For more information please ring Fr Baiju on 0490 400 557 or email: baijuthomasis@gmail.com

*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 and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*



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.

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.

Listening to Jesus

Runs over five evenings & concludes with a live-in weekend
Program Starts 24 August 2017

Listening to Jesus Program: How do I identify the voice of God in my life and distinguish His voice from my own thoughts and other people's voices? The Listening to Jesus program answers this question through the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The program is open to all Catholics in Canberra and helps people become better able to listen to the voice of God speaking within and grow in relationship with Him. Further information see flyers in the foyer.

CHILDREN NEWS

KINGDOM KIDS MINISTRY:

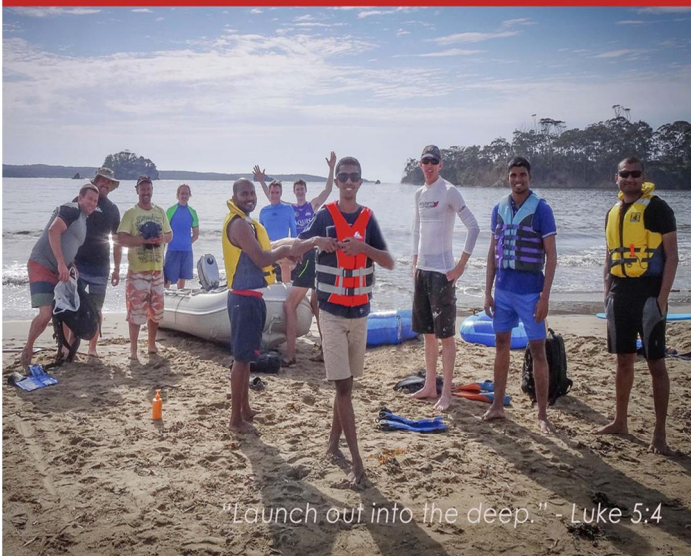
Next Mass 10 Sept (second Sunday of each month) Families are warmly invited to the 9am Mass and children are welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities of Kingdom Kids. For info email Anita on kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com.

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.

Missionaries of God's Love

- PRIESTS & BROTHERS -



"Launch out into the deep." - Luke 5:4

DISCERNMENT DAY

When: Saturday 2nd Sept 2017
9.00am to 9.30pm
(Includes Sunday Vigil Mass)

Cost: \$10 to help cover meals

Where: 6 Boake Pl, Garran, ACT

Topics include:

- Leaving a legacy
- Life is not about you!
- Identifying your passion
- What are you scared of?
- How do we go from here to there?

For all enquiries (RSVP by 30th Aug): ceatonmgl@gmail.com/0410935621

www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org

Marymead's Card Day on Thursday 31st August at Federal Golf Club. Tables of 4 can be booked to play cards, scrabble, mah-jong, board games etc and a hot lunch with wine, tea, coffee and petit fours is provided for \$45. There will also be a craft stall as well as preserves. For further information please contact Jacinta O'Brien 62900499. (All proceeds go to Marymead).

31 - August "Concerned Catholics"

Parishioners, clergy, and friends are invited to attend the meeting from 7.30pm - 9.30pm at the Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture, Blackall Street, Barton.

Presenters will include Dr John Falzon (CEO of St Vincent de Paul Society National Council of Australia); Sr Ruth Durick OSU (President, Catholic Religious Australia) and Fr Peter Day.

New to St Benedict's Community? **W e l c o m e**

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	Ma ^o a Wellspring	Fr Steve Fletcher
Meaghan Younger	Claudia Krebs	
Pat Doyle	Anita Zinkle	
Next PPC mee ^o ng:	17 Aug at 7pm in Collins Wing	

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

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Pastoral Groups Young Men of God MenAlive Evenings for the Engaged Ministry to the Newly Married	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
Healing/Prayer	
Listening to Jesus/ Called & Gifted Visitation Group Social Group Family Planning Adoration Adoration Roster	Adrian Wellspring 62958532/0421451412 Parish Office 6295 78789 Sue Neimanis 6295 0687 Veronica & Pablo Jimenez 0406277365 Frs Mat/ David 0424869539 /0435484608 Sally FitzGerald 0422066080
Neighborhood Care Gowrie Court Meals	Parish Office 6295 7879
Bible Study & Prayer Groups Marian Devotions Padre Pio Prayer Group Bible Study Mothers Prayers Cell Prayer Group Living Water Prayer Group	Pat Hannan 6156 3882 Maria Ransom 6286 5679 Parish Office Anne Hartwell 6282 0874 Maria Michas 0427092149 Gary & Zenka Taffe 0423-707-838
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Kingdom Kids Ministry	

St Benedict's Primary School 6295 8027

School First Friday Mass is at 10am in the Church

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 26 & 27 August 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
Welcomers	Maureen & Pat Hannan	M Stra ^o rd
Readers	Marlene Keir & Mike Slee	B Murphy & Jessica Pearson
Presenta^oon of the Gi^os	Jeffery family	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharis^oc Ministers	S Neimanis & B Marris	A & M Wellspring & B Murphy
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
Sacristan	Susanna Taylor	
Church Cleaners	Julie Douglas & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View	Julie Douglas	
Jindalee	MGL Brothers	

FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

21	Aug	St Pius X Pope
22	Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23	Aug	St Rose of Lima
24	Aug	St Bartholomew
25	Aug	Sts Louis 1X & Joseph Calasanz

Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading:	Isaiah 22:19-23
2nd Reading:	Romans 11:33-36
Gospel:	Ma ^o hew 16:13-20

Collec^oions from the last weekend:

First Collec ^o ion:	\$ 978.00
Planned Giving Collec ^o ion:	\$ 1110.00
Loose Collec ^o ion:	\$ 450.65

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

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Dorothy Lamb, Jan Baker, Be^oly 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: Mark Doyle, Merv O'Brien, Mark Gobbin, James Kirkman, Gennaro Rosini Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Colin 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.