

PARISH NEWS

Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm Blessing of the Fire, Procession and Exsultet, Baptismal Liturgy
 Easter Sunday: 9.00am
 6.00pm Charismatic Mass

The annual Good Friday Appeal for the Holy Land

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas of health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Envelopes will be available next weekend if you wish to use a credit card. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday & please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Invitation to Lenten prayer service

All are invited to enjoy the songs and prayers of the Taize community in a contemplative prayer service which will be held on Sunday 21 March, from 5:30-6:30pm. Hosted by the Immanuel Lutheran church (37 Burnie St, Lyons). All are welcome. Enquiries to Caroline Weller (c.weller@internode.on.net)

Neglect of Ageing with Dignity

23 – March (7.00pm) Christians for an Ethical Society forum will be held at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity and Culture. Speakers: Lin Hatfield-Dodds and Gordon Ramsay. Information & registration through [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Request for volunteers to clean the Church

Recently a few of our wonderful volunteers who clean the Church have had to step back. If any parishioners have the time to volunteer to clean the Church for two hours on a Saturday morning (approximately once every six weeks), please contact the Parish office to be placed on the cleaning roster.

St Benedict's Key Audit

The Parish Office is in the process of updating our key register. We are requesting that anyone who holds a key to either the Parish Centre or the Collins Wing contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to advise us of which key you hold, and the key number if applicable. Thank you



Recently Deceased: Frances Standing, Reverend Mgs Kevin Barry-Cotter; Ray Anderson; Barbara Reinstadler;
Anniversaries: Clare Drinkwater, Irene McLean

Other Occasions:

Our Sick: 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, Simon Keay, Mathew, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 20 & 21 March 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Brian Barron	M Stratford
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Nick & Maria Marzano	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Booth	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith	
Mt View	Maralyn	
Jindalee	MGL Narrabundah	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 27 & 28 March 2021

<u>1ST READING</u> Is 50:4-7	<u>2ND READING</u> Phil 2:6-11	<u>GOSPEL</u> Mk 14:1—15:47
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki; H Bramanathan	Chris Ruzario Shiro Kinyanjui
Presentation of the Gifts	Jane Camilleri & Noreen Dick	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Tessa Oh & Sue Neimanis	
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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 Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Thursday 12.30-4.30pm)
 Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B 20 & 21 March 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:		WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:	
Saturday	6pm (Vigil)	Tuesday	5.30pm
Sunday	9am (Streamed via Facebook)	Wednesday	12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)		Thursday	5.30pm
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass (Fourth Sun of the Month)		Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)	8.00am

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9am – 8pm **Tuesday** 10am – 9pm
Wednesday 11am – 10pm **Thursday** 11am – 10pm
Friday 9am – 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent will be held at 5.00pm before Mass.

Palms for Palm Sunday

If anyone in the Parish has palms that they would like to donate to decorate the Church for Palm Sunday, please contact the Parish office.

Collections in the Church

We have restarted taking up collections in the church during Mass. The first collection, taken up after the homily is for the priests of the parish and the second collection, taken up just before the Offertory is for the parish. The collectors have bags on extendable poles so parishioners don't have to touch the bags.

We also have the tap and go payment machine if you prefer. It is set at \$10 and you can use it once a week or fortnight or month. However it doesn't keep a record just a total for the day. So if you require a receipt other ways to give into the parish need to be used. Direct deposit from you bank account, automatic credit card payment or using Qkr! on your phone. Envelopes will still be available but the cost of them has gone up to \$20 a set.

Chrism Mass

Join the Archbishop and the clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 29 March 2021 at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral for this most important Holy Week ceremony. During this Mass the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Bookings are essential using the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAJ>

Easter Timetable in our Parish

Holy Thursday: 5.30pm Supper of the Lord followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose
 Good Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy

Fifth Sunday in Lent Year B 20 & 21 March 2021

First reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

I will write my Law in their hearts

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you.

Second reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

He learned to obey and he became the source of eternal salvation

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

John 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.
I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,
it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.
Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.

Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.