

## PARISH NEWS

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St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992
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### Resuming RCIA program (1<sup>st</sup> week of October)

St. Benedict's Parish is hoping to resume our RCIA program in the first week of October, for those who are interested in becoming Catholics at Easter. If you know anyone who is interested in that please ask them to contact the Parish office.

### 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)
	Saturday 8.00am

#### RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6:15-7pm  
Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by appointment

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

#### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Monday</b> 6am – 9pm	<b>Tuesday</b> 6am – 9pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 6am – 9pm	<b>Thursday</b> 6am – 10pm
<b>Friday</b> 6am – midnight	<b>Saturday</b> 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 rosary, adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

**Recently Deceased:** Jan Leyden; John Brown; Elaine French; John Ryan, Sr. Heather Roberts, Olga Hector.



**Anniversaries:** Jacqueline Fitzpatrick, Catherine Golding, Mary Jerga, Kataryna Kocielek, Michsel Marks, Keith Miller, Charles Rogan.

**Other Celebrations:** Fr Rem celebrated his 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination day on August 19<sup>th</sup> let us keep him in our prayers.

**Our Sick:** Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Mathew, Jindalee & Mt View residents, Fr Laurie Blake; Mark Ransom; Agostino Luongo, Pamela Brown, Rita Parker.

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

21 & 22 August 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers		
Readers		
Presentation of the Gifts		
Eucharistic Ministers		
Flowers, Altar Cleaning		
Church Cleaners		
Mt View		
Jindalee		

### READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

28 & 29 August 2021

1 <sup>ST</sup> READING	2 <sup>ND</sup> READING	GOSPEL
Duet 4:1-2,6-8;	James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27;	Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
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## St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 21 & 22 August 2021

### Extended lock down

The ACT has entered an extended lockdown period. With churches closed, the Rosary kicked off online for the archdiocese yesterday with Archbishop Christopher Prowse leading the devotions on the Zoom video platform. When the going gets tough, the tough get going and for the faithful that means they get going with prayer. For the extent of the lockdowns, the Archbishop invites all to pray the Rosary as a community via Zoom each **Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm**. "All you need are your Rosary beads and your intentions," the Archbishop said. ZOOM DETAILS: Simply click on the link Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn Rosary. Or enter in the details below after opening the **Zoom app Meeting ID: 850 2245 8332**

**Passcode: 543675543675** The 12.15 pm Monday to Saturday masses and the 11 am Sunday mass at St Christopher's Cathedral will continue to be live-streamed as normal at the following link: <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online/>

### Online parish mass link:

<https://www.facebook.com/Charismatic-Masses-101083641671136/>

### Pandemic Prayer:

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, health of the Sick, who at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will

of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

### Sacraments

Sacrament of confirmation has been postponed until further notice due to our Covid situation. Let us keep our school children, families and staff in our prayers.

### Words for Afghanistan from Pope Francis

"I join in the unanimous worry about the situation in Afghanistan. I ask you to pray along with me to the God of peace so that the clamor of weapons ends and that solutions can be found around a table of dialogue," Pope Francis said to the thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square. "Only this way can the martyred population of that country – men, women, elderly and children – return to their homes and live in peace and security in full reciprocal respect," he said.

### Message from Father Rembert

"We are moving forward with renovations, so that we may live in safer conditions. I thank everyone for your generosity and ongoing support to the parish, it is greatly appreciated. The presbytery renovation fund envelopes will be distributed later but due to Covid, we would appreciate electronic donations. Our Parish bank account details are on our website as well; <http://cg.org.au/narrabundah/Home.aspx>

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

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Sunday 22 August 2021

*21 Sunday in OT Year B.*

## First reading

**Joshua 24:1-2,15-18**  
**We will serve the Lord, for he is our God**

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 33(34):2-3,16-23**

### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.

### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The Lord turns his eyes to the just  
and his ears to their appeal.

### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

They call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress.  
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Many are the trials of the just man  
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.  
He will keep guard over all his bones,  
not one of his bones shall be broken.

### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Evil brings death to the wicked;  
those who hate the good are doomed.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.

Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

### Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## Second reading

**Ephesians 5:21-32**  
**Christ loves the Church, because it is his body**

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

## Gospel Acclamation

**John 6:63. 68**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:**  
**you have the words of everlasting life.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

**John 6:60-69**  
**Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God**

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life,  
the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit  
and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'