

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

21 & 22 September 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.

Pray for rain

Dear brothers and Sisters, the long-running dry conditions which have affected much of eastern Australia since April 2017 have had a severe impact on water resources in the Murray–Darling Basin. These rainfall deficiencies are some of the lowest on record. Please join me in praying for rain and for those whose livelihoods are impacted by this.

Prayer for the Blessing of Rain

Lord God,

Bless Australia – our *Great South Land of the Holy Spirit*.

Grant, that as the *Cross* shines in our southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new.

May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the “desert blooms with the life that lies in wait.”

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

From Fr Tony Percy VG

Special Wedding Anniversaries and Birthdays!

Congratulations to Domenic and Filomena Mangeruca who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on 28 September.

Congratulations to Nell Cook who will be 97 on 23 September, Iris Coppin who will be 90 on 28 September and George Wyer who will be 93 on 2 October. If you know anyone who is celebrating a significant Birthday or Anniversary please let the Office know.

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FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

I will never forget your deeds, you who trample on the needy

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and Sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 112(113):1-2, 4-8

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
Yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly
from the dungheap he raises the poor
To set him in the company of princes
yes, with the princes of his people.

SECOND READING***1 Timothy 2:1-8******Pray for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved***

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION***2 Co8:9*****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL*****Luke 16:1-13******You cannot be the slave of both God and money***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." 'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

PARISH NEWS

CONFIRMATION at St Benedict: This weekend we have 27 young people celebrating their Confirmation, praise God! It will be at the **9am Mass on Sunday September 22**. It's a great opportunity for regular parishioners to meet the families of these young ones. It will be a longer Mass with big numbers so you may wish to go to a different Mass.

St Vincent de Paul Ozanam Sunday Appeal: This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society are conducting the annual Ozanam Sunday appeal. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses on 21-22 September.

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

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your card has expired, or is due to expire in October and November 2019 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office.

Social Justice Sunday: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **29 Sept**. This year, the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: Making it real: "Genuine human encounter in our digital world". For further details visit the office for Social Justice website: www.socolajustice.catholic.org.au or call 02 8306 3499.

Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux

Mass for the feast of St Therese of Lisieux will be concelebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana at **10.30am on Tuesday 1 October** at the Carmelite Monastery, 28 Mugga Way, Red Hill, ACT. The traditional Blessing of Roses will take place after the Mass, and the Nuns would be grateful for roses prior to the Feast or before the Mass.

St Benedict's Mens BBQ Lunch

Saturday, 12 October. The Parish will be having a Men's BBQ lunch on Saturday 12 October at 12 noon, at the Parish Centre. All are welcome. To have an idea of numbers and if you would like to assist with the organising, please contact the Parish office or Father Dan on Daniel.benedetti@cg.org.au.

The Joy of the Gospel Program, 2019

Want to discover ways to improve and cultivate Good Community, Good Teaching and Preaching and Good Music in your parish? Join us for The Joy of the Gospel 2019 program. **Saturday 19 October, from 10 am to 1 pm** in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. The morning will include several short talks and open dialogue discussions. It is free, and everyone is welcome. Please register at <http://www.joyofthegospel.com.au/>

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Louis & Pam Pini, Richard (Dick) Brennan, Andrew Italiano, Anthony, George Douglas, Susan Sprece, Zeta Evans, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Betty O'Brien, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Stan Marris, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: 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
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	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Vacant
Readers	B A Daly Louise Gaudry	Confirmation Sunday
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery family	Confirmation Sunday
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Mark Doverty	Terry and Karen Flood
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mary Brown and Leita Barron	
Church Cleaners	Muneko Ono and Zbiggy Zmurko	
Mt View	Carmel Henry	
Jindalee	Vacant	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Amos 6:1, 4-7	1 Tim 6:11-16	Luke 16:19-31
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Leita B Barron	Alma Burg
Readers	Mark Doverty Helen Bennett	Barry Murphy Priscilla Kinyanjui
Presentation of the Gifts	Sally Cotsell BA Daly	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	B Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry, Margie Avellino and Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo and Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View	Rita Parker	
Jindalee	MGL Narrabundah	

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