

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 22 February and 23 February 2020

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 – 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.

Reflection on Ordinary Time

Lent and Advent are times of preparation, Easter and Christmas are special celebrations, and it may seem that Ordinary Time is, well; ordinary. But it is precisely in this “ordinary” time that God offers us a chance to see the extraordinary. Ordinary Time is a time of Hope and Perseverance. Recognizing His goodness and love in the small things that occur without much pomp and circumstance, can help us grow in our faith. This season is a great time to ask God what he wants you to focus on in your prayer. With no significant liturgical events, you might take this time to pray through smaller details from scripture. Lean into this season, and do not be afraid of the quiet, commonplace moments. He is there and he is speaking.

Father Rem's pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Father Rem will be going on a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land, departing **13 March**. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Thank you!

A special thank you to a donor who has come forward to help provide us with new lectionaries and a new Book of the Gospels. We are so grateful for all our parishioners support. If anyone else would like to make a donation towards the lectionaries, please contact Father Dan or the Parish office.

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FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
And never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
Who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 3:16-23*****You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God***

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: *The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are;* or again: *God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise.* So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**1 John 2:5****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!**GOSPEL****Matthew 5:38-48*****Love your enemies***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: *Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.* But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

PARISH NEWS

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 26 February 2020 - Our Ash Wednesday Mass times at St Benedict's will be 12:30pm and 6pm.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will soon be starting. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Adoration ministry invitation: Thanks to the recent promotion of Adoration, the roster of adorers is growing and we are looking for more co-ordinators to oversee full or half day time slots. Anyone enthusiastic about growing this powerful prayer ministry is invited to attend a meeting from 4:30 to 5:30pm this Sunday in the Parish Centre. Contact Anne 0413 203 901 to find out what this job entails.

Alpha Program Queanbeyan: Frank & Selina Stanford are hosting the Alpha Parish renewal program again this year. It's a great opportunity to build friendships, deepen your faith, share your faith, and it's free! It starts on **Wednesday, 26 February** at 7:30pm, or 6:30pm dinner. Contact Fr Dan or Selina for more information.

MenALIVE weekend: A MenALIVE weekend will be held on **Saturday 29 February & Sunday morning 1 March** at St Brigid's, Dickson. A terrific weekend of testimonies from ordinary men, discussion, time out to reflect on your life journey, and hospitality. For further details, contact Fr Emil on 0414 523 036 or Najib Raya 0439 581 204 najibemail1@gmail.com

World Day of Prayer—Pray for Zimbabwe: Australian Church Women Inc. invites you to attend a day of prayer at 11am on **Friday, 6 March 2020** at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Forrest. The service will be followed by a light lunch for \$6 per person. Guest speaker will be the Governor General's wife, Mrs Linda Hurley. All are welcome.

Parish Pilgrimage: *In the Footsteps of Sts Benedict, Francis & Anthony*—Consider joining **Father Dan** on a magnificent pilgrimage with **St Benedict, St Francis and St Anthony**: Rome, Subiaco/Montecassino/Pompeii/Norcia, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, Venice and more! With daily mass at sacred sites and the Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis. **Departing September 2020.** For more information call or email the Parish Office or Fr Dan.

St Benedict's Abba Father Worship Group meets after Thursday 5.30pm Mass from 6:15pm to 7pm for intercession and worship. All are welcome to join.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam Pini, Anthony, 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: Michael Slee, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Ian Patterson, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, 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, Sam & Nina Agius

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 22 & 23 February 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Nadjeki H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario Priscilla Kinyanjui
Presentation of the Gifts	Nick & Maria Marzano	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	Maurie & Bernice Boland
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria & John Micas	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View	Carmel Henry	
Jindalee	Maria Micas	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 29 February & 1 March 2020

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7	Rom 5:12-19	Mt 4:1-11
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Noreen Dick	Paula Keating Nathan Kensey
Presentation of the Gifts	Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Noreen Dick	B Murphy Peter Stauffer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Noreen Dick and Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario	
Mt View	Julie Douglas	
Jindalee	n/a	

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