

At home retreat 1-29 August

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Kakadu/Darwin Pilgrimage with Fr Dan Benedetti MGL | August 20-28

Fr Dan will be leading a Top End Encounter Pilgrimage on August 20-28. This amazing opportunity promises to bring together the spectacular Top End of Australia (Darwin, Kakadu, Tiwi Islands and Katherine Gorge) with the faith and spirituality of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. Harvest Journeys continues its mission to immerse people in the grace of pilgrimage. Time is running out. So for more information please go to: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/top-end/>



Save the date 17 September

Caring for Creation Conference on 17 September at John Paul II College in Gungahlin. Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home. The Pope has called all our Parishes, schools, families and individuals to help save the planet and one another from greed, consumerism and climatic change. Our Bishops have called us to respond to: The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor. Everything is connected. Saturday, 17 September is the day to work together to change ourselves, each other and the planet. Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com. Please see the Flyer in the foyer

6 & 7 August Engaged Encounter Retreat

A two day marriage preparation program in Sydney which provides engaged couples with deeper insights into each other and into married life. \$290 not including accommodation. Information & registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

19-21 August Marriage Enrichment Weekend

via Zoom. Married couples, are invited to attend a live Marriage Encounter weekend from the comfort of their own home. Conducted via zoom, the weekend starts at 7PM on Friday 19th August and concludes with Mass at 4PM on Sunday 21 August.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or vicbooking@wwme.org.au



22 August Natural Fertility

Awareness Week

A free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" is being held on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm. Enquiries: Joanne Widdup 0414 165 848

Information Night for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a faith process for children of 3-12 years of age. It has its foundation in the Montessori method and sessions occur in a specially prepared children's prayer space called an atrium. If you are a parent, carer of children, teacher, catechist, priest/pastor and would like to be involved in children's catechesis or would just like to find out more; an information evening is being held on Monday 1st August, 2022 at St John Vianney's School, Waramanga at 7.30pm – 8.30pm. Registration is essential by Sunday 31st July. Email Anna canberraatrium@gmail.com or phone Camille Corson, Weston Creek Parish CGS coordinator on 0402 201 251. National website: <https://cgsaust.org.au/>

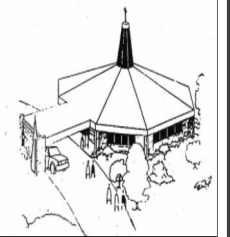


Catholic Theological College

Semester 2 Study Options. Explore your questions in theology and ministry at CTC in Semester 2 with our introductory and advanced units, for audit or credit study. Online and in-person options available. To enrol or for further information: Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au or <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/ctc-videos/>



St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

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Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)

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Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 July & 31 July 2022

God's Word reflection

We began this month reflecting on the many ways to follow Jesus, with love, mercy and kindness to all. At the end of the month, and indeed past the halfway mark of the year, we can look again at our life and take stock of the treasures we are storing up. Our purpose in life is not to hoard riches in a barn but to keep seeking heavenly, that is, Godly riches, in our heart. Paul's letter to the Colossians puts it clearly. Our life must be a true life in Christ. There is only Christ who is everything and in everything and our task must be to let him be revealed more and more in us each day. When there is greed of any kind in us, and it can slip in very easily, our focus becomes wholly caught up in ourself. That is why Jesus says to watch and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, because this is what takes us away from Jesus, our one true security. There is only one thing we need to fill our hearts with—Love. 'In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days'

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father to all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archdiocesan Code of Conduct

It has been 3 years since the Code of Conduct was introduced in the Archdiocese. And so they are now due for re-signing. We are required to have a current signed Code of Conduct acknowledgement

form for all volunteers for the parish, regardless of whether they require a WWVP card or Working with Children Check. You can find the Code of Conduct and acknowledgement on the Archdiocesan website <https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>. Or there are copies of the acknowledgement forms in the Church. If you need help accessing a copy of the Code to read please contact the parish office.

Urgently Needed

We need parishioners to join in our ministries of Church Cleaning, Welcoming, Reading and Special Ministers of Communion. Father is very grateful for our current volunteers but, without new members, we will soon run out of people to provide these services. Father asks you to consider urgently whether you can volunteer to join one or more of these ministries that keep the parish going. Please use the form in the foyer of the church to nominate for the rosters along with your contact details. Or phone the office and leave your details there.

St. Benedict's Social Group

Invites all parishioners to join them for:

- morning tea in the Parish Centre on Sunday 7th August after the 9.00 am Mass, and
- coffee and a chat on Thursday 11th August at 10.30 at Gryphon's in Griffith

Planned Giving

New envelopes have been issued and parishioner's numbers have changed. Please **discard any OLD envelopes** otherwise your giving may be assigned to another parishioner's record.

St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges 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.

31 July 2022

First reading Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm 89:3-6, 12-14 ,17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.
You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.
In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Second reading Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit:
The kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri , 9am - 12 noon

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6pm (*Vigil*)
Sunday: 9am; 6pm (*Charismatic Mass*)
Fourth Sunday of the Month: 6pm (*Youth Mass*)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 12.30pm; Thursday: 5.30pm;
Friday: 5.30pm (*Healing Mass*); Saturday 8.00am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6.15pm-7pm
Saturday: 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday: 7.30am
3rd Friday Padre Pio:5pm

BAPTISMS: During weekend Masses or by appointment. See parish website for booking information..

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

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday & Tuesday: 6am-10pm
Wednesday & Thursday: 1pm-10pm; Friday 6am to Saturday 8am
Urgent hours that need to be filled:
Monday 5– 6pm; Wednesday 3-7pm; Friday 7-8pm, 8-9pm.

Hearing Loop is located in the right center rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

HOUR OF POWER gathers after Tuesday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of preaching, adoration, worship and healing. 6.30pm-8.00pm All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Sunday at 10.30am at St Benedict's Outreach Centre. New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.



Recently Deceased: Claire Da Silva (Singapore)

Anniversaries: John O'Dwyer; Danny Sharp; Margaret Carton; Christine Chang; Renato Franco; Lino Lanza; Elizabeth Robertson; Evelyn Ross; Frances Rowland; Veronica Walton

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne; Monica Boyton

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

30 & 31 July 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	BA Daly; Louise Gaudry	Madison Acton; Joshua De Zilva
Offertory	Bennett Family	Grace De Zilva
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Sutherland & Ann Hill	
Church Cleaners	TBC	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6 & 7 August 2022

1ST READING Wis 18:6-9	2ND READING Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	GOSPEL Lk 12: 32-48
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki; Don Jeffery	Asterie ToNiyansenge; Christopher Ruzario
Offertory	Jane Camilleri; Noreen Dick	Socila Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Bronwyn Blundell
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Claudine Smith; Louise Gaudry; Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD.

Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others.

The rich man in today's Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions.

If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God.

A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.