

Young Men of God

Meet fortnightly on Thursdays in the Parish Centre. 6pm-9pm. Next on Thursday 20 October. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.

Urgently Needed

We need parishioners to join in our ministries of Church Cleaning, Welcoming, Reading, Special Ministers of Communion, and Music. 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.

Logs and wood mulch available

Last week, a tree cutting service felled one of the trees near the church. There are piles of logs and wood mulch near the church. Fr Rem invites parishioners to please help themselves!

Second Liturgy Training Day, 10th September

Fr Baiju will run another Liturgy Training Day on Saturday 10th September from 9am to 12pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre, next to the church. Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist may be especially interested, but all are welcome. For more information contact Fr Baiju via the parish office.

Urgent: WWVP cards renewal

Many thanks to all those volunteers who have provided copies of their new Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) cards to the parish office. If you have recently received a new card, or applied for a renewal, please let the parish office know and bring or email a copy of your new card as soon as possible. It is essential to have an up-to-date WWVP card in regulated ministries, where children or vulnerable adults may be involved; these ministries include home visitation and prayer and healing ministry. If you are unsure whether your role requires a WWVP card or not, please feel free to contact the parish office. Thank you for helping the parish to meet its legal and safeguarding obligations.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliari Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon

Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry - www.cagliari.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Father's Day Appeal: Collection for retired priests

There are 26 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the **Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today, by envelopes, by giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate, or by calling: (02) 6239 9801. Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

Recruiting for Archdiocesan Healthy Relationships Team

The Archdiocese is looking for enthusiastic young adults to join the pool of casual employees who assist us in Catholic Schools running our Healthy Relationships Programs. Training is provided for you to assist in facilitating small group activities in upper primary and high school classrooms. Work only when it suits you and always as part of a friendly team of other Catholic facilitators. Contact Cathy.Madsen@cg.org.au 0422 117 210.

Under the Stars Charity Event for Young Adults: Saturday 8 October 2022

Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Good Shepherd Seminary by attending the *Under the Stars* Charity Event. This will be held on Saturday 8th October 6:30-9:30pm at East Hotel Kingston! Tickets can be purchased on TryBooking (<https://www.trybooking.com/CCFTY>) and follow the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details. If you have any questions, please email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

Sound system upgrade

The parish is looking to update the sound system in the church, with a projected cost of \$25,000. Contributions to the project will be gratefully received. You can deposit your donation directly into the parish bank account using the reference 'Sound system' and the details below:

Account name: St Benedict's Parish
BSB: 062 786
Account number: 000014992

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.

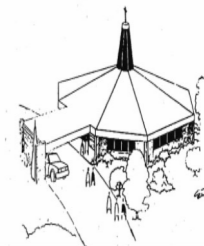
St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

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Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)
Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)
Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)
Belle Joseph (Secretary, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am—1pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)



24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th & 11th September 2022

God's Word reflection

Our readings this Sunday are a handbook for learning about God. We read the words which, in the different contexts of the Old and New Testament stories, seem to say the same thing: God is merciful! Our reflection starts with a very well-known story about the people of Israel. Their action in replacing the Covenant of Love with worship of a golden calf shows both human weakness and the endless patience of God. Despite the chosen people disappointing their leader, Moses, by offending God, God is patient and does not bring on them any punishment. Similarly, what we learn in the responsorial psalm is that God is kind and forgiving. He can purify our hearts and make them his own again. There is even more reassurance about the extent of God's forgiveness for us, who have been sinners, in the letter of Saint Paul to Timothy. The parables in today's Gospel also highlight the mercy of God who searches for all who are lost until they are found. The focus in this story is not on how they came to be lost but on God who celebrates their return and shows even more clearly that his love is unconditional and endless. What if the focus of our week to come will be to mirror in some small way God's attitude? What if, this week, we try to find something good in every person we meet, despite our natural reaction to their wrongdoings? What if, this week, we try to be a little bit more merciful to ourselves? What if...?

Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported. You can find out more about the

Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Alpha course on Thursday evenings

An Alpha program started on Thursday 8th September. Sessions will be held every Thursday from 6pm-9pm in the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly environment over a meal. You are welcome to join at any time. For more information contact the parish office.

Get the Formed App for free

St Benedict's Parish has just subscribed to the FORMED app, a Catholic app that provides thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books instantly. Parishioners can sign up for free.

To sign up for free:

1. Visit signup.formed.org
2. Enter **St Benedict's Catholic Church**.
3. You will be prompted to create an account.

Rest in Peace Queen Elizabeth II (1926-2022)

Many of you would have been saddened by the news that Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passed away on Thursday. We give thanks to God for Her Majesty's life and example of Christian faith and service and pray for the repose of her soul and for comfort and strength for her family.

In a telegram to the new King, Pope Francis wrote: "I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion to duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ and her firm hope in his promises."

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord; may perpetual light shine upon her, and may she rest in peace. Amen.

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!”’ the Lord said to Moses, ‘I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation’ But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: “I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.”’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

I will rise and go to my father.

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.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.
A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

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.

Second reading 1 Timothy 1: 12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 5:19 Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 15: 1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. ‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’ He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. ‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father. ‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate. ‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.” ‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

10 & 11 September 2022

	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistoro	Barry Murphy	
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Madison Acton, Asterie ToNiyansenge	Christopher Ruzario, Bronwyn Blundell
Offertory	BA Daly	Maria Mendoza	
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Janice Kelly	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry & Margie Arvellino		
Church Cleaners	John Murray		
Mt View		Jindalee	

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 1pm

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:
Tuesday 1-2pm Wednesday 7-8pm
Friday 2-3pm

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.

HOOR 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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

17 & 18 September 2022

1ST READING Amos 8: 4-7	2ND READING 1 Tim 2: 1-8	GOSPEL Luke 16: 1-13	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	BA Daly	Christopher Ruzario, Josephus Bumant	
Offertory	Ian & Rita Smith	Grace De Zilva	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Bronwyn	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas		
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith, Amir		
Mt View		Jindalee	

New painting in church

"Flourish: Restoration of Peace to our War-torn lands" This painting speaks of growth where it seems impossible in the difficulties and ordinariness of our lives. Last Thursday I watched as the magnificent old gum tree behind the church was felled. I went home and painted the tree. Jesus dies so that we might have life to the full.

The cross in the rocks is symbolic of the root of Jesse, which figuratively stands for the Messiah. [Isaiah 11:10](#): "In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious." The tree stands not only as Jesus in His now glorious, resurrected state but also for His church, for each one of us.



Recently Deceased: Kaylene Carberry, Godfrey Stevens.

Anniversaries: Dorothy Blewitt, Peter Corkhill, Faith Durr, Myles Kehoe, Thomas McGrath, Winifred Murray, David Rees, Daniel Regs, Terence Smith, Kevin Tankey, Ellen Taylor, Marjorie Taylor, Paul Tonna, Jacobus Zutt, Fr Thomas Long, Fr Edmund Butler.

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, Mary Smith, Ben Melbourne.