

On Sunday 25th September, we celebrate the World Day for Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis' theme for the day is 'Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees' and his message for us says: "God's plan (for the Kingdom of God) is essentially inclusive and gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries. Among them are many migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking. The Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. If we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us do so together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees."

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 Cagliero 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.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Administrative Assistant Position at Marist College

The Marist College Mission Team has a vacancy for a part-time Administrative Assistant from Term 4, 2022. Further details can be found at <https://www.maristc.act.edu.au/our-college/employment>.

Recruiting for Archdiocesan Healthy Relationships Team

Zoom Information Evening, Tuesday 20th September, 7.30pm for anyone interested in joining a young and enthusiastic team of casual employees who assist intermittently in Catholic schools running our Healthy Relationships Programs. Would suit a University

student. Contact Cathy.Madsen@cg.org.au 0422 117 210 for further details.

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

28 October Women's Taskforce Annual Dinner

The Archdiocese Catholic Women's Taskforce annual fundraising dinner October 28th 6.30 pm, Woden Southern Cross Club. Guest speaker is Dr Ursula Stephens, Former Senator and CEO Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited. Funds raised go to MacKillop House, a place of safety for women and children in need. Earlybird tickets \$65. Book via <https://womenstaskforceacg.org> or call 0487388873.

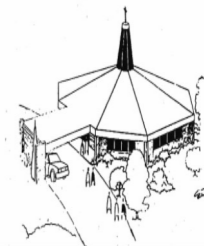
New painting in church

"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.

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:

Parish Office Hours: 9am—1pm, Tues, Thurs, Fri
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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)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th & 18th September 2022

God's Word reflection

From our earliest days we have been told that people in authority shouldn't have favourites. If someone receives 'special treatment' others will complain about unfairness and prejudice. But the readings of this Sunday show that God very clearly 'favours' one group of people. All those who are poor, needy, lonely and disadvantaged will be the ones whose prayers are answered first. God never forgets those who help his favoured people and encourages us to praise the Lord in all of life's circumstances. It is eye-opening to realise that God, whom we may think of as being 'up-high', takes an interest in the lives of those who are 'low down'. All the promises about the kingdom of God, which were fulfilled in the person of Jesus, become clear and visible. Only those who, like Jesus, are willing to do what they can to help others, live according to God's plans. But to choose God instead of fame, money or any other possession is not only an act of our will. God encourages us to rely on him, to draw our energy and enthusiasm from his power and use every possible, opportunity to bring people to him. Our astuteness should be expressed in our eagerness to choose the good over bad and others over ourselves. This is a much greater challenge than working out how to spend our money responsibly.

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.

Save the date: Thank you Morning Tea – Sunday October 9 at 10am

The Parish Finance Council and the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite all parishioners to a Thank You Morning Tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday October 9th.

Just bring yourselves and come along to catch up, enjoy morning tea and have a walk through the wonderfully renovated presbytery.

Young Men of God

Meet fortnightly on Thursdays in the Parish Centre. 6pm-9pm. Next on Thursday 15 September. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.

Next roster: new volunteers needed

We are currently preparing the roster for October and November. We need parishioners to join in our ministries of Church Cleaning, Welcoming, Reading, Special Ministers of Communion, and Music. 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. Thank you to those parishioners who have already volunteered.

Logs and wood mulch available

Recently 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!

World Day for Migrants and Refugees: Sunday 25th September

Amos 8: 4-7

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 112: 1-2, 4-8

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!

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

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.

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?

Second reading 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

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 Luke 16: 1-13

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

Gospel Luke 16: 1-13

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.’

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 17 & 18 September 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	BA Daly	Christopher Ruzario, Josephus Bumant	
Offertory	Ian & Rita Smith	Grace De Zilva	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Bronwyn Blundell	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas		
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith, Amir		
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:
Monday 3-4pm Tuesday 1-2pm, 3-4pm
Wednesday 5-6pm Friday 11am-12pm, 12-1pm

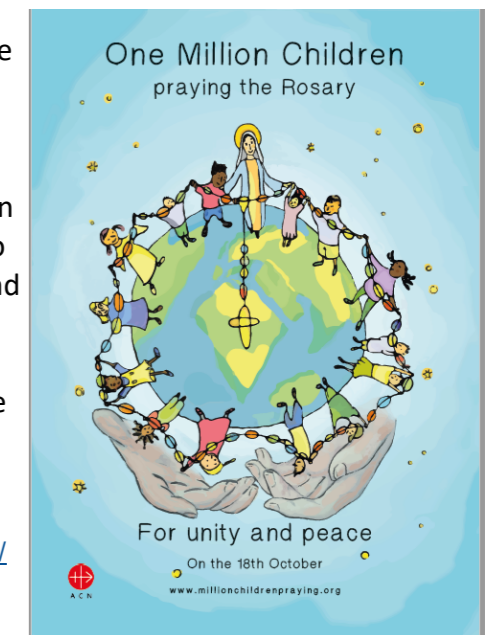
Hearing Loop is located in the right center rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24 & 25 September 2022			
1 ST READING Amos 6: 1, 4-7	2 ND READING 1 Timothy 6: 11-16	GOSPEL Luke 16: 19-31	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy	
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Don Jeffery	Loreena D’Silva, Shiro Kinyanjui	
Offertory	Bennett family	Madison Acton	
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday, Margie Arvellino		
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario, Nhung Booth, Loreena D’Silva		
Mt View		Jindalee	

One Million Children Praying the Rosary
Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join the prayer campaign **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**. We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit:
www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children



Recently Deceased: Kaylene Carberry, Godfrey Stevens.
Anniversaries: John Bartty, Edwina Boure, Emiliana Buhain, Ronald Hewett, Kathleen Hogan, Raymond Kirby, Maria Krugiolka, Linda Lauer, Kevin O’Brien, Daniel Rees, Mabel Stone, George Temoschtschuk, Alfred Zammit, Fr Michael Casey, Fr William O’Shea, Fr Gregory Hannan, Fr Peter Quirk, Fr Mietek Markowicz, Fr George Weissel.
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.

