

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

Recruiting for Archdiocesan Healthy Relationships Team

Are you 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 and the details below:

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

Please use the words 'Sound system' in the Reference so we can allocate your donation appropriately.

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.

Note on Electronic Donations

We really appreciate our generous parishioners who donate to our various fundraising efforts. However if some sort of reference is not used we don't know where to assign the donation. So if parishioners who donate could just put their name and music fundraising,

name and presbytery fundraising, name and parish fundraising, it would help tremendously. Thank you, Fr Rem.

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.

Synodality: Walking Together

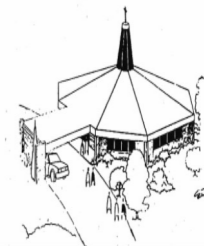
At the recent Plenary Council, there was much talk of synodality, or *walking together*. Archbishop Christopher has recently launched the Year of Walking Together for the Archdiocese. Fr Rem and the parish office staff attended a meeting with the Archbishop on Wednesday and Archbishop Christopher gave a short talk about what synodality means practically. The Archbishop explained the first requirement for genuine synodality, which is that we walk together on four foundations, which must always be kept in balance: the Bible (the Word of God), Tradition (the Words of God, summarised in the Catechism of the Catholic Church), Philosophy, and the Descriptive Sciences (e.g. Psychology). Secondly, we must understand the nature of the human person. We are relational beings, made for relationship with God, with others, and with 'all things'. Thirdly, we must keep in mind the 'Christ-event', God become man in Jesus Christ, and what this means for our faith. Christianity is an encounter religion: an encounter with a Person. Christianity has always especially honoured the dignity of the human person. It is also missionary: we go out to evangelise others. Finally, the Archbishop clarified what Evangelisation in a Synodal / Marian way is. Pope Francis often talks about a Marian evangelisation, that is, sharing the Gospel with the motherly tenderness and gentleness of Mary. So evangelisation never imposes the faith, but rather proposes it, sometimes verbally, often through the witness of non-verbal realities, such as beauty, music, art, architecture, the Christian lifestyle, and service to the poor and marginalised.

Come Alive - Young Adults Retreat

Come Alive is a 1-day retreat for young adults happening on Saturday 15 October in Watson. Cost is \$20. Speakers are Fr Ken Barker MGL, Fr Tony Percy (Vicar General), Lara Kirk and Adrian Wellspring. The speakers will facilitate inputs and discussions on surrendering to God, work, marriage and family, discernment and personal vocation. More information is available at <https://www.cg youth.org.au/comealive/>.

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)*

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 & 2 October 2022

God's Word reflection

Today's readings caution us not to discount small things as insignificant and clamour for big and more. What we need is not more things, more money, a bigger house or car, but enough of everything to live a good Christian life. Jesus shows us the creative miracle locked in faith as tiny as a mustard seed. Every good deed, backed up by genuine faith, takes us further ahead in our journey towards God. There is immense value even in a small deed if done in faith. Just like the tiny mustard seed that could be lost if not handled carefully, faith too, if not nurtured carefully, can be lost. As today's second reading advises, we each need to fan into a flame the gift that God gave (us) and guard this precious gift with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. What small things can you do to help others? How big could those small things become? Lord, give me the grace to do small acts of kindness that help others and keep aflame my faith.

Social events

St Benedict's Social Group invites all parishioners to join them for:

- **morning tea in the Parish Centre** this Sunday, 2nd October, after the 9.00 am Mass, and
- **coffee and a chat at Gryphon's** in Griffith on Thursday 13th October at 10.30 am.

Alpha course on Thursday evenings

An Alpha program started on Thursday 8th September. Sessions are 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.

Thank you for supporting the Presbytery Renovations

Morning Tea – Sunday October 9 at 10am

St Benedict's School Hall

We would like to invite all parishioners to a Thank You Morning Tea after the 9am Mass on Sunday October 9. The Parish Pastoral Council is doing all the catering, so just bring yourselves and come along to catch up with one another, enjoy morning tea and have a walk through the wonderfully renovated presbytery. Archbishop Christopher will be in attendance.

During the morning we would also like to take a couple of moments to thank and acknowledge all the many volunteers in our Parish. The PPC extends a special invitation to all volunteers, no matter how big or small are your contributions to make St Benedict's a well run and vibrant community.

Moira Najdecki

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council/

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.

Habakkuk 1: 2-3, 2: 2-4

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm 94: 1-2, 6-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us: for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

Second reading 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 1 & 2 October 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	Don Jeffery, Robert Booth	Linda Henry, Madison Acton	Bronwyn Blundell, Jonathon Crowley
Offertory	BA Daly, Noreen Dick	Social group	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Janice Kelly	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland, Ann Hill		
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen		
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 3-4pm
Friday 12-1pm

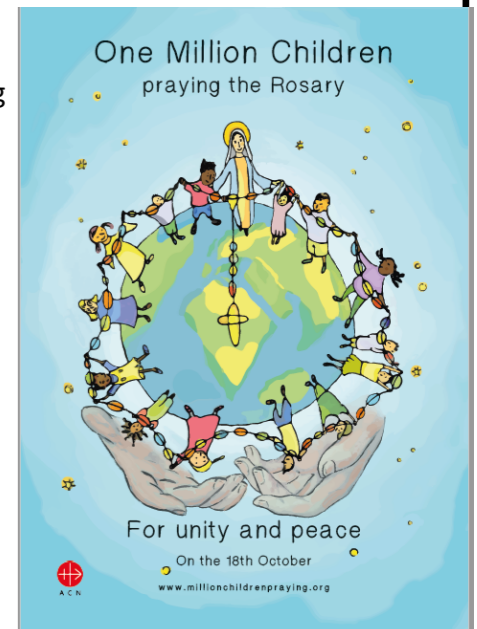
Hearing Loop is located in the right center rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

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 8 & 9 October 2022			
1 ST READING 2 Kings 5: 14-17	2 ND READING 2 Timothy 2: 8-13	GOSPEL Luke 17: 11-19	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy	
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Marlene Keir	Joshua D'Silva, Josephus Bumaat	Natasha Liston, Sarah Liston
Offertory	Jane Camilleri, BA Daly	Maria Mendoza	
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Bronwyn Blundell	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday & Margie Arvelino		
Church Cleaners	John Murray, Melissa Dixon		
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



Anniversaries: Vincent Dixon, Stephen Donnelly, Phyliss Ehlers, Emily Gardiner, Neville McGahey, John Moore, John Sykes, Frederick Williams, Fr Thomas I. Barry, Fr James P. O'Reilly, Fr Denis T. Walsh, Fr Peter O'Leary CM, Fr Timothy O'Connell, Fr Edward Barry, Fr Dermot F. O'Hurley .

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.

