

copy) to the parish office during the week, that would be greatly appreciated. Some hard copies of the Code of Conduct are also available in the foyer, for those who cannot access it online.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who have signed the form already.

Opportunities for Safeguarding Formation

Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL) offers free online sessions on how church ministries can better safeguard children and vulnerable adults. Go to www.acsltd.org.au for more information.

Archbishop's Day of Teaching - Saturday 12 November 2022

At St Peter Chanel's Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome and it's free! Talks, Testimonies, Worship, Healing prayer ministry! Holy Mass at midday. Free Sausage Sizzle lunch! To register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CDFEF>. Or call/text Maida 0423 658 326

Men's Cursillo Retreat Weekend, Thursday 24 November

A Cursillo retreat weekend offers you the opportunity for formation through talks, meditations, discussion and prayer, led by an experienced local volunteer team. A three-day retreat starts on the evening of Thursday 24 November in a relaxed retreat setting. Contact Alfred (0412 268 044, readsetgo@live.com.au). <https://bit.ly/cursillo22>



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.

Sound system upgrade

The parish is looking to update the sound system in the church, with a projected cost of \$25,000. So far we have raised \$17,000, so we need a further \$8000.

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. Thank you to the very generous donors who have given thus far.

Young Men of God

Meet fortnightly on Thursdays in the Parish Centre. 6pm-9pm. Next on Thursday 3 November. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.

Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) – All feedback welcomed

In April this year Archbishop Prowse established a working party to consider the (re-)establishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council. The DPC Working Party has considered; 1. Past attempts at a DPC - our legacy, 2. The present context and needs and 3. Options for a workable DPC.

Download the Executive Summary and Report at bit.ly/3Cc4soF or contact your parish office for a copy. Questions have been developed to aid reflection. Answer questions online here or email workingparty@cg.org.au.

Marriage Preparation Program, Wednesday 9 November

This Catholic Care/Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The session is held in the St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, Manuka on Wednesday 9 November from 5-9 pm at a cost of \$300 per couple for the whole program. Information and registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

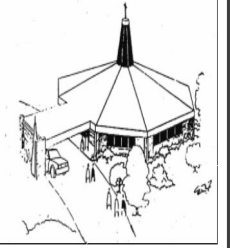
Evenings for the Engaged, 12 & 19 November

Evenings for the Engaged marriage preparation course. 2 consecutive Saturdays 9am-3pm in Murrumbateman \$150 includes catering and resources. Presented by married couples and a priest. Time provided for couple to discuss topics privately. Register at www.marriagefamily.org.au
Enquiries 0451670041 prugordon@gmail.com

Cocktail Party for the Farm, Galong, Friday 18 November

The Farm at Galong is a residential program for women who have been harmed by substance abuse and may also have experienced domestic violence, abuse, trauma and homelessness. The program aims to equip women in recovery with the skills and insights they need to lead productive lives. 5pm – 7pm. Contact: b_layton@optusnet.com.au

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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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)

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 & 30 October 2022

God's Word reflection

Zacchaeus wanted to 'see' Jesus, while Jesus wanted to 'meet and stay' with Zacchaeus. The subtle difference in intent between Jesus and Zacchaeus implications for our relationship with God. God wants to be engaged in our lives, to meet and stay with us where we are, sharing his forgiving love and presence. If we let him into our lives, we will go through a Zacchaeus-experience: everything I have, I am willing to share, to give up everything to receive the giver of all things into my life! From a mere desire to see, Zacchaeus takes Jesus home, regardless of what others think. Without being asked, he declares that he will share his wealth with the poor, not out of selfish motives but obviously moved by Jesus' love. His life's priorities straightened out, money was no longer the driving force. All he cared about was to follow Jesus. We can learn much from Zacchaeus in our daily life. An effort to catch a glimpse of Jesus will have him waiting for us, inviting himself into our hearts. When we take one step towards God, he takes several towards us. Do we still only want to 'see' Jesus or to 'meet' and be transformed by him forever? *Lord, I leave the doors of my heart open, please enter in.*

All Souls Day, Wednesday 2 November: extra Mass at 5:30pm

On All Souls Day, we remember and pray for the souls of all those who have died and are in Purgatory. An extra Mass will be held that day at 5:30pm.

Professional Standards Training for Volunteers: Wednesday 9 November, 7pm-9pm

Maria Hicks, the manager of the Archdiocesan Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding (IPSS) will be joining with Kim Linsell from Marymead CatholicCare to talk to St Benedict's volunteers about working with children and vulnerable adults.

All St Benedict's volunteers are encouraged to attend to learn more about this important aspect of ministry, and become better equipped to safeguard and support children and vulnerable adults in our parish. Tea and coffee and a light supper will be provided.

Event: Professional Training Standards for Volunteers

When: 7pm-9pm, Wednesday 9th November

Where: Collins Wing, St Benedict's Parish

Mass for Babies Lost in the Womb: Friday 4 November

The annual Mass for Babies Lost in the Womb will be held at St Benedict's Church on Friday 4 November at 5:30pm. Join us to remember babies who have died before or at birth and to pray for those grieving their loss.

Morning tea after Mass Sunday 6 November

The Parish Social Group invites you to morning tea in the Parish Centre after 9.00 am Mass on Sunday 6 November.

Child Protection Code of Conduct: all parish volunteers please sign

The Archdiocese has a Child Protection Code of Conduct and requires that all Church volunteers sign a form acknowledging they have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct. Even if volunteers do not work directly with children, it is still requested that they sign the form. Every three years the form must be re-signed.

You can read the Child Protection Code of Conduct online at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct>. Copies of the Acknowledgment form can be found in the church foyer.

If all volunteers could kindly sign a copy, and leave it in the box provided or bring it (or send a scanned

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.

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

Responsorial Psalm 144:1-2, 8-11, 13b-14

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

Gospel Acclamation John 3: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 29 & 30 October 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	Moira Najdecki,	Loreena D'Silva, Shiro Kinyanjui	Carmel Henry, Jeanne Eri
Offertory	BA Daly, Noreen Dick	Maria Mendoza	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Josephus Bumaat	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas		
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.

EMPOWER HOUR gathers after Tuesday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of preaching, adoration, worship and healing. 6.30pm-8.30pm All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Monday 6:30pm at St Benedict's Parish Centre (*note change of day and venue*). New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5 & 6 November 2022			
1 ST READING 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14	2 ND READING 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5	GOSPEL Luke 20:27-38	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel &	Barry Murphy	
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Grace de Zilva, Paula Keating	Gabriel Joseph, Julie Giacomini
Offertory	BA Daly	Social group	
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Janice Kelly	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday, Margie Avellino		
Church Cleaners	John Murray, Melissa Dixon		
Mt View		Jindalee	

Night of the Witnesses, Wednesday 23 November

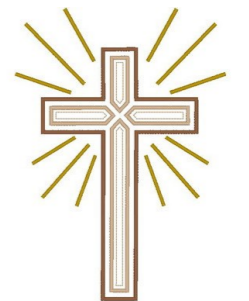
Night of the Witnesses will be held on 23rd November, 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need Australia invites you to a unique and inspirational event to be held in Australia for the first time.

Rest in Peace

Sadly, two long-standing parishioners of St Benedict's have passed away in recent days: Pat Connors and Ron Molyneux.

The funeral for Pat Connors will be held at St Benedict's Church on Monday 31 October at 10am.

Ron Molyneux's funeral will be held at St Benedict's Church on Tuesday 8 November at 10:30am.



Rest In Peace

Recently deceased: Pat Connors, Ron Molyneux.

Anniversaries: Agnes Calvert, Clare Connell, Doris Flaherty, Maud Inch, Monica Knight, Leonard Legge-Wilkinson, Kenneth Lentell, Lorna Ludwig, Antonia Martin, Fred Martin, Marie Morgan, Alice Smith, Benjamin Stanley, Monica Thomas, Fr Richard Daly, Fr William (Bill) Keating, Fr Michael Brennan, Fr Francis Hartigan, Fr Thomas Hilly, Fr Joseph Keating, Fr John Fogarty, Fr Dominic F. Egan.



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, Colin Paley, Janice Paley, Gert Fletcher, Joan Porter.