

in the box provided or bring it (or send a scanned 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.

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, readysetgo@live.com.au). <https://bit.ly/cursillo22>



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 17 November. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.

What do Catholic women want from the Church?

The Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce is inviting all women to gather at 10 am on Saturday 12 November at Merici College to discuss the implementation of the Plenary Council's decisions, especially decree Number 4: on Witnessing the Equal Dignity of Women and Men. All women are welcome, whether involved in the church or feeling more on the fringe. For further information and to register, please use Catholic Women Taskforce (cgwomen.com.au) or call 0487388873.

Canberra Central St Brigid's & St Patrick's Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary, Canberra Central Parish. This is a part-time

permanent position, 11 hours per week. Essential Requirements: experience with database packages, strong communication and liaison skills, strong organisational skills, ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction, understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teachings, experience in an office environment. Please phone the Parish Priest, Fr Emil Milat 0414 523 036 for a copy of the duty statement and selection criteria, to be received by Monday **21 November 2022**.

MGL Convocation: 21-29 November

The Missionaries of God's Love will be holding their Convocation at St Benedict's from 21 to 29 November. This gathering will bring together MGL priests and brothers from Australia and overseas. Please pray for God's blessing on the Convocation.

Praying for the sick for healing

A workshop on how to pray for the sick for healing will be run by Patti Jo MGL on Saturday November 19; 9.15-12.30, in the St. Thomas the Apostle parish center, 37 Boddington Cct, Kambah. This is for everyone who would like to be able to pray with sick people in your family, or friends. Please register with Patti Jo by text on 0491 166 449. A donation to the sisters for handouts etc. Jesus called us all to share in his healing ministry Mt 10:1,6-8.

Roll up your sleeves, make a difference overseas

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

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. Cocktail party will be held 5pm – 7pm. Contact: b_layton@optusnet.com.au

*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)



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **12 & 13 November 2022**

God's Word reflection

What is the source of our hoping, our believing? It is the reality that 'the Lord comes' according to today's psalm. Whatever the situation we find ourselves in, the Lord comes into it with us. Jesus experienced betrayal, even by those close to him; he knew hatred. From his experience of human reality, which is also our reality, he asks us to trust in him when we experience betrayal or hatred of whatever kind. Today he calls us for he 'comes' and is always coming, to encourage us towards a new spirit of endurance, believing that with him we 'win' our lives. The end is near, Jesus points out, reminding us of the temporary nature of our life on earth, and all the things that make up our lives. The Communion antiphon captures the essence of today's readings and liturgy: 'To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.' Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you', says the Lord, for I come, helping you to live joyfully and endure with me.

Reinstatement of Sunday Obligation from 1st Sunday of Advent 2022

Archbishop Christopher is lifting the exemption, introduced during the pandemic, from obligation to worship God at Mass on Sundays. Sunday Obligation will be in effect again from the **First Sunday of Advent, 27 November 2022**.

The Archbishop writes in his letter: 'Clearly, this obligation does not bind those who have serious health concerns, or who are physically or morally prevented from attending Mass.

'Indeed, I ask you to remain at home, if you are feeling unwell, have cold or flu symptoms, or believe you pose a risk to the health of others.

'As Catholics we believe that Jesus is present with us in a very special way when we gather as a community in prayer and action, walking together in our faith

and celebration. We attend Mass because Jesus feeds us in Word and Sacrament. An obligation to attend Mass is present to support and encourage us all to gather for the Eucharist, "the source and summit" of our entire Christian lives. We need each other's prayers at Mass, especially to support those struggling in life.'

Copies of the Archbishop's letter are available in the foyer.

Professional Standards Training for Volunteers: Postponed, new date TBA

Unfortunately we had to cancel the Professional Standards Training planned for Wednesday 9 November, as one of the presenters was unwell. We will reschedule it and let you know the new date as soon as possible.

Catholic Mission Appeal – Thank You

Catholic Mission thanks all of the parishioners who contributed to its recent Mission Sunday Appeal. The funds raised will make a difference to the lives of children and adults in need in Ethiopia.

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

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm 97:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord.

For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord.

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 21:28

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 12 & 13 November 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	Don Jeffery, Marlene Keir	Julie Douglas, Maria Mendoza	Maria Michas, John and Nicholas Michas
Offertory	Ian & Rita Smith	Grace De Zilva	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Julie Douglas	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry & Margie Avellino		
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 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 runs 6.30 till 8.30 each Tuesday night. It's a Charismatic night of Lay preaching and healing in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. Please note the **22nd & 29th Nov are cancelled.** 6 Dec is a normal preaching night not a training night. And 13th December is the last one for the year. **We will recommence in early February at a new start time of 7pm.**

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Monday 6:30pm at St Benedict's Parish Centre. New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 19 & 20 November 2022			
1ST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3	2ND READING Colossians 1: 12-20	GOSPEL Mark 11:9,10	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel &	Barry Murphy	
Readers	Helen Bennett, Robert Booth	Paula Keating, Josephus Bumaat	Sarah Liston, Natasha Liston
Offertory	Bennett family	Young family	
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Zilva, Sue Neimanis		
Church Cleaners	Shruti Rozario, Nhung Booth, Loreena D'Silva		
Mt View		Jindalee	

Night of the Witnesses, Wednesday 23 November

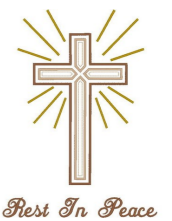
Night of the Witnesses will be held on 23rd November, 7pm at St Christopher's Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need Australia invites you to a unique and inspirational event to be held in Australia for the first time.

MGL priests and brothers: Initial Vows and Promises, Sunday 11 December 2022

The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite you to the Profession of Initial Vows and Promises, on Sunday 11th of December 2022, at 11:15am Mass at St Benedict's Church. Followed by refreshments (please bring a plate to share).

Rest in Peace: Joan Porter

Sadly, long-term parishioner Joan Porter passed away this week. Her funeral will be held at St Benedict's on Saturday 19th November at 10am.



Rest In Peace

Recently deceased: Joan Porter, Pat Connors, Ron Molyneux.

Anniversaries: Allen Ware, Kelvin Cremen, Heather Daly, Cosare Davanzo, Catherine Devine, Simone Grant, Veronica Hunt, Leonard Jenkins, Barbara Jubb, Chyde Knudsen, Maria Lopez, Fred Martin, Gladys Robertson, Vincenza Scibberas, Lucia Vittorio, Fr M. Cyril Commins, Fr. Patrick E. McCabe, Fr John Gaffey, Fr John Kevin O'Brien, Fr Peter Donnelly, Fr William McGrath, Fr. Philip A. Buckley.

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, Caroline Evans, Anna Pace.