

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, readyssetgo@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. Details below:

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

Please use the words 'Sound system' in the Reference. 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 1 December. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.

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**.

Patricians: Saturday 19 November

The Patricians is a Catholic apologetic society for building up the religious knowledge of people and teaching them how to explain their Catholic faith to others. The Patricians is hosted by the Legion of Mary. Come and join us!

When: Saturday November 19 from 2:00pm-4:00pm
Where: Haydon Hall St Christopher's Pastoral Centre 55 Franklin St, Forrest ACT

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).

Horn of Africa Food and Supply Shortages Appeal

Salesian Missions Australia has launched an Emergency Relief Appeal for the Horn of Africa, where the Salesians of Don Bosco (SDBs) are providing access to food relief, education, basic necessities and agriculture programs. The severity of food shortages has recently increased and the number of Internally Displaced People (IDP) continues to swell as conflict uproots the lives of many. OUR URGENT NEED is to assist the Salesians of Don Bosco who offer food, shelter, clean water, medical, hygiene supplies and a safe place to stay.

Donations can be made by:

- Mail: Post to Salesian Missions Australia, P O Box 264, ASCOT VALE, Vic 3032
- Online: through our website www.salesianmissionsaustralia.org.au
- Phone: 03 9377 6060
- Email: salmiss@salesians.org.au.
Donations are tax deductible.

Caring for Creation meeting, 29 Nov 2022

A new southside group of the Caring for Creation movement will meet at 3pm on 29 Nov 2022 at Immanuel Lutheran church, 37 Burnie St, Lyons to explore Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home.

Contact: LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com

St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledge 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.

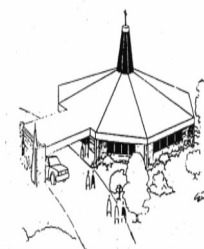
St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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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)



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 19 & 20 November 2022

God's Word reflection

Today's readings speak about God restoring all things, all people in Jesus, the King of the universe. And so we come rejoicing to the house of the Lord, whether physically or in spirit, aware of the mystery of God our Creator who goes on creating his kingdom, right where we are. What does Jesus say to the thief beside him, who asks to be remembered when Jesus comes into his 'kingdom'? '...today you will be with me in to paradise.' This is Jesus, our King—his throne a wooden cross, present today wherever there are criminals and outcasts. The attitude he teaches us to have towards our sisters and brothers, whatever their situation, is to include them and be with them in their struggles, as he is with us in our struggles. We are called to share with each one the gifts of unity and peace, that Jesus, our King for ever, has bestowed on us. With the repentant thief, may we take heart in Jesus' assurance that we will be with him for ever.

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.

MGL Convocation: Mon 21– Tues 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.

Volunteers for Offertory needed

We need new volunteers for the Presentation of the Gifts (Offertory Procession) at Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am Masses. Could you help one weekend per month? If so, please write your name and contact details on the sign up sheet in the foyer, or contact the parish office.

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://cgatholic.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

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 121:1-5

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David.

Jerusalem is built as a city
strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.

Second reading Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God
and the first-born of all creation,
for in him were created
all things in heaven and on earth:
everything visible and everything invisible,
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –
all things were created through him and for him.
Before anything was created, he existed,
and he holds all things in unity.
Now the Church is his body,
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,
he was first to be born from the dead,
so that he should be first in every way;
because God wanted all perfection
to be found in him
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,
everything in heaven and everything on earth,
when he made peace
by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 11:9,10

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND			
19 & 20 November 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	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	Nhung Booth, John & Monica 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:
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			
26 & 27 November 2022			
1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL	
Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:37-44	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Grace de Zilva, Asterie Niyonsenge	Chris Rozario, Jess Wyatt
Offertory	Noreen Dick	Maria Mendoza	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Julie Douglas	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas		
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen		
Mt View		Jindalee	

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 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.

Catholic Theological College: Online Information Session

Join us and learn about your study options at Catholic Theological College
Monday 5 December at 7.30pm (AEDT)
Online options available
Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/open-days
For more information contact:
jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au



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

Anniversaries: Leo Boyton, George Fitzgerald, Eric Ford, Mary French, Jacoba Fulop, Sylvia Mallia, Mary Monkhouse, Mabel Reid, Kathleen Rutter, Leo Stace, Fr Francis T. Carson, Fr Thomas A. Hunt, Fr Terence M. Dunleavy.

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.