

# St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Parish Team:

Fr Dan Benedetti MGL (Parish Priest)

Fr David Lemewu MGL (Mission Centre)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL

Luz Carlile (Parish Secretary – on leave 3-28 Sept)

Michelle Chua-Lao (acting Parish Secretary)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 & 2 September 2018

Father's Day (Retired Clergy Appeal)

PARISH OFFICE HOUR SEPTEMBER: Tues & Fri 9am-1pm

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 9am  
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)  
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass  
(every last Sun of the Month)  
Saturday 8am

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5.30pm  
Wednesday 12.30pm  
Thursday 5.30pm  
Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

### RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6:15-7pm  
Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by appointment

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm  
Every Saturday 7.30am

### ROSARY:

Saturdays after 8.00am Mass  
Thursdays – 7.30pm (during May & October)

**BAPTISMS:** during Weekend Masses or by appointment

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays,  
10.30am at Jindalee 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 7am – 9pm  
Tuesday 7am – 10pm  
Wednesday 7am – 10pm  
Thursday 7am – 10pm  
Friday 8am – midnight  
Saturday 12am – 8am

*Please  
sign up  
for an  
hour*

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

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

1ST READING: DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2, 6-8

RESP PSALM: PS 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

2ND READING: JAMES 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

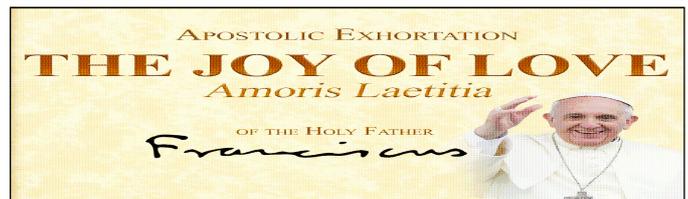
ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: MARK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



## The current reality of the family

Most families have great respect for the elderly, surrounding them with affection and considering them a blessing. A special word of appreciation is due to those associations and family movements committed to serving the elderly, both spiritually and socially... In highly industrialized societies, where the number of elderly persons is growing even as the birth rate declines, they can be regarded as a burden. On the other hand, the care that they require often puts a strain on their loved ones".<sup>34</sup> "Care and concern for the final stages of life is all the more necessary today, when contemporary society attempts to remove every trace of death and dying. The elderly who are vulnerable and dependent are at times unfairly exploited simply for economic advantage. Many families show us that it is possible to approach the last stages of life by emphasizing the importance of a person's sense of fulfilment and participation in the Lord's paschal mystery. A great number of elderly people are cared for in Church institutions, where, materially and spiritually, they can live in a peaceful, family atmosphere. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are serious threats to families worldwide; in many countries, they have been legalized. The Church, while firmly opposing these practices, feels the need to assist families who take care of their elderly and infirm members.

(Cont., paragraph 49 Amoris Laetitia)

# PARISH NEWS

## FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY APPEAL

**THIS WEEKEND** — Annual collection for retired priests or take an envelope.

### ST BENEDICT'S PARISH FAMILY CHOIR:

*"He who sings well prays twice"* - *St Augustine*. St Benedict's Parish Family Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the **third Sunday of each month**. Come and share your favourite songs and ideas. Choir practice is at 830am before the Mass. Singing lifts the Spirit - all are most welcome. For more information please email Maria on Narrabundah@cg.org.au

Come along and support **Namora Anderson and Adrian Chan** who will be ordained to the Priesthood by Archbishop Christopher Prowse on **Friday September 7 at 7pm St Christopher's Cathedral**. All welcome!

**St Benedict's Secretary away:** Luz our Secretary will be away all of September, Michelle will take her place. The Office will be open each Tuesday and Friday 9am-1pm.

**Fr Dan away:** Fr Dan will be in Africa with Youth Reps from the Archdiocese of Canberra from Sept 9-19. Frs David and Baiju will look after the Parish.

**Thirsty Thursday this week at 7:30 in Collins Wing:** Fr Dan on Matthew's Gospel

**Celebrations:** Congratulations to **Rita Parker** who turns 90 on September 1 and **Brian and Leita Barron** who celebrated their 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary last week. If you know of any significant celebrations please let the Parish Office know.

**Special India Collection:** recently severe flood and landslides affected the South Indian state of Kerala. It was the worst flooding in Kerala in nearly a century. Over 445 people have died and at least a million people were evacuated. Properties are so damaged that it will take years to recover. The Catholic Dioceses and other Church organizations are very much involved in the relief process. Next weekend **Sept 8/9 St Benedict's will have a collection** for them. We have chosen to send what we raise to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mananthavady in Kerala, where Fr Baiju comes from.

### St Benedict's Parish uses Qkr! with Masterpass App:



A secure & easy way to make church donations through your mobile phone or iPad without the necessity of carrying cash. Please download from the App Store. See Brochures in the foyer or contact Parish Office for more information.



**The St Benedict's Social Group** invites all to **Morning Tea** in the Parish Centre 2 Sept after the 9am Mass this Sunday.

## READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND (8 & 9 SEPT 2018)

1ST READING ISAIAH 35:4-7	2ND READING JAMES 2:1-5	GOSPEL MARK 7:31-37
	<b>Sat 6 pm</b>	<b>Sun 9am</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Moira Najdecki & H Bramanathan	Nathan Kensey & Adrian Wellspring
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Bennett Family	Children's Liturgy
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Neimanis	Melanie Stratford & Janice Kelly
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Sue Neimanis & Mattia Wellspring	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Philip Family	
<b>Mt View</b>	MGL Garran Fr Dave	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Rita Parker	

## As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

**Our Sick:** Jeanette Cullen, Noeleen Carrick, Charles Morella, Pam Pini, Stan Marris, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Phillip Cooney, Anita Sellan, Helen French, Ellen Brennan, Carol Rees, Michael Croft, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

**Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:** Keith Miller, Marie Bauer, Antonio Nardi, Pat Hannan, Jim Kirkman, William Smith, Allen Palmer, Gregoria Ferrer, Christine Kirchner, Imaculada Buonopane, John Martin, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Ian Smith, Sam & Nina Agius, Cory Browning, Louis Camilleri, Barney Murphy and John Newlyn, Antoinette Martin Robertson.

**Religious Freedom:** Please join us to hear Kevin Adrews speak on the 'Need for Christianity in politics' and how we can help him to defend Christian values in parliament on **Tues 11 Sept, 7.30-9pm at Parish Centre**. Tea and coffee will be served before the talk. Please register for a ticket at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kevin-andrews-religious-freedom-tickets-49175635650>. If you have any questions, please contact David on 0415286080

*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.*