

Married Couple Leader Formation

After Easter there is a leader formation program for married couples interested in getting involved in marriage ministry. They will progress through a marriage enrichment course whilst learning how to host a marriage enrichment experience locally. The program starts on the 27th of April and runs fortnightly online from 7.30pm, ending on 22 June. The experience is run by the Catholic marriage apostolate, SmartLoving. There is an opportunity for two couples from our parish to take part. To find out more visit: <https://smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation>

Women's Cursillo Weekend

12-15 May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. Cursillo is Spanish for a "little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. Many have found a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today's world. Please note, subsidies are available for those experiencing financial difficulty. For further information contact Dianne Franks at dmfranks@bigpond.com or 0418 619 740.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today? www.aidtochurch.org

Burial Allotments for Sale

2 x Burial Allotments in Woden Lawn Cemetery Catholic Section M - Plots 421 and 423 will sell separate or together, last ones available in this section. Asking \$3,500 each plus cemetery costs. For further information phone Carol on 0439474514.

Parish Secretary Position Narrabundah

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for our parish. This is a part-time permanent position (12 hours per week). For more information and the role description please contact the Parish Office.

Message from Parishioner: Accommodation

Looking for a 3 bedroom ensuite plus bathroom home with very few stairs not far from St Benedict's or St Christopher's under \$750 per week. House or unit ok. Please call me if you can help Bronwyn 0400 779 065.

Presbytery Renovation Appeal

Thank you to the generosity of all who have donated so far towards our fundraiser for the Presbytery and participated in the Easter Raffle. We will continue updates on fundraising next week.

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office hours: 10am—1pm

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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)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

2nd Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy) 23 & 24 April 2022

God's Word reflection

Today, as we listen to the end of John's Gospel, maybe we recognise ourselves in the person of Thomas, wanting reassurance that the risen Jesus is really with us. Jesus says, 'happy are those who have not seen and yet believe'. It is all a matter of seeing with the eyes of faith, the eyes of our heart, noticing that 'Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God' is very much with us wherever we are. This presence brings peace, fills us with joy and sends us out on mission. Sounds easy! But just as our significant relationships take time to grow and deepen, so does our faith relationship with God. Thomas needed to see Jesus, to experience his presence, before he could believe. What do I need to do to nurture my faith? Perhaps I need look no further than to the actions, beliefs, and presence of other believers. Perhaps, like Thomas, I need to take the opportunity to 'see' Jesus for myself. If so, then there's no better day than today to start 'seeing'.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us this Sunday for a Divine Mercy chaplet at 2.30pm in the Church, followed by Mass at 3pm.

Baptisms

We welcome Lilian Beth, Josie Louise, Anshiya, Finley Karl and Huxley into the Church this weekend. We pray for them and their families as they make this important step in their spiritual journey.

Principal appointment

Congratulations to Alana Quirk on her appointment as School Principal of St Benedict's

Primary School, and Annie McArthur as Assistant Principal.

Caritas Australia

Caritas would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty. www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father to all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Engaged Encounter Retreat

30 April to 1 May. How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: www.engagedencounter.org.au or www.marriagefamily.org.au. Choose any of the weekends: April 30-1, August 6-7, November 12-13.

*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.*

24 April 2022
2nd Sunday of Easter (of Divine Mercy) Year C

First reading Acts 5:12-16

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm 117:2-4, 22-27

Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let the sons of Aaron say:
‘His love has no end.’
Let those who fear the Lord say:
‘His love has no end.’ **-/R**

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.*

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the Lord God is our light. **-/R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **-/R**

Second reading Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God’s word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord’s day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, ‘Write down all that you see in a book.’ I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, ‘Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.’

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!

Life’s own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe! *Alleluia!*

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him: ‘You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 10am - 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

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 7pm-8pm, Tuesday 8am-9am

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.

ST BENEDICT’S WORSHIP GROUP gathers after Thursday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

23 & 24 April 2022

| 1ST READING Acts 5:12-16 | 2ND READING Apoc 1:9-13,17-19 | GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31 |
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| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
| Welcomers | Carmel & Peter Pistor | Barry Murphy |
| Readers | Moira Najdecki | Christopher Ruzario |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Bennett Family | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Nhung Booth | Janice Kelly |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Anne Sutherland & Sue Neimanis | |
| Church Cleaners | Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth | |
| Mt View | | |
| Jindalee | | |

Birthdays: Best wishes to Ted Green (94 years old) and Bernice Morris (83 years old).

Recently Deceased: Maralyn Molyneux, Margaret Borrman; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John’s father).

Anniversaries: Margaret Bradbury, Kathleen Conrick, William Dennis, Claude Farretto, Corrine Gillard, Cyril Gudgeon, Eric Herbert, Mary McPaddon, Galina Nanninga, Catherine Pearce, Rita Claire Smithhammer.

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.

