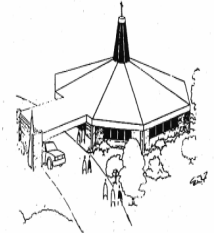


# St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Parish Team:

Fr Dan Benedetti MGL (Parish Priest)

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Luz Carlile (Parish Secretary)

## THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

23 & 24 June 2018

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Tues-Thurs from 9am to 3pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:		WEEKDAY MASSES:	
Saturday	6pm	Tuesday	5.30pm
Sunday	9am	Wednesday	12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)		Thursday	5.30pm
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass		Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)	
(every last Sun of the Month )			
Saturday	8.00am		

### 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:** 11am, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month

**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:

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: ISAIAH 49:1-6**

**RESP PSALM: PS 138:1-3. 13-15**

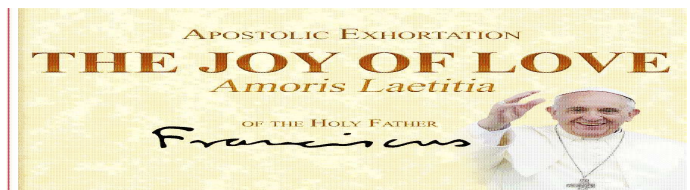
**I praise you for I am wonderfully made.**

**2ND READING: ACTS 13:22-26**

### ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways. **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: LUKE 1:57-66. 80**



## The current reality of the family

**T**he Synod Fathers noted that “cultural tendencies in today’s world seem to set no limits on a person’s affectivity”; indeed, “a narcissistic, unstable or changeable affectivity does not always allow a person to grow to maturity”. They also expressed concern about the current “spread of pornography and the commercialization of the body, fostered also by a misuse of the internet, and about those “reprehensible situations where people are forced into prostitution”. In this con-text, “couples are often uncertain, hesitant and struggling to find ways to grow. Many tend to re-main in the early stages of their affective and sex-ual life. A crisis in a couple’s relationship destabilizes the family and may lead, through separation and divorce, to serious consequences for adults, children and society as a whole, weakening its in-dividual and social bonds”.<sup>16</sup> Marital problems are “often confronted in haste and without the courage to have patience and reflect, to make sacrifices and to forgive one another. Failures give rise to new relationships, new couples, new civil unions, and new marriages, creating family situations which are complex and problematic for the Christian life”.

# PARISH NEWS

**Archbishop Prowse at St Benedict's for Aboriginal Sunday:** 30 June 6pm Sat Vigil we'll celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday with Archbishop Prowse. We have also been given the loan of Aboriginal Stations of the Cross which will be in the Church from that weekend. The Pope and the Church call us to welcome, encourage and promote the gifts of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Some documents worth reading are: Uluru Statement from the Heart and Pope John Paul II's 1986 Message to Aboriginal People in Alice Springs (you can find them online or ask the Office). Also take time to behold the beautiful painting for the Year of Youth near the Sanctuary in the Church. Prayer cards are available in the Foyer or contact the Office.

**First Holy Communion:** Our candidates are excitedly preparing to receive First Holy Communion. The Celebration will be on **Sunday July 1 at the 9am Mass**. There will be celebration after Mass in the Parish Centre. Please make the Candidates and their families very welcome as a number of them are not from the Parish.

**Communion Minister & Sacristan Training:** Unfortunately we have not been able to reschedule Training so please "watch this space" and we will set new dates soon.

**ST BENEDICTS FUNDRAISER:** after 9am Mass on July 8 there will be a cuppa and **Trash & Treasure Stall** in the School Hall. All proceeds go to the Parish. Please contact Fr Dan on 62396772 to add anything you'd like to donate.

**PLENARY COUNCIL: listening & dialogue sessions:** check the poster in the foyer for dates or the website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>.

**Refugee Week (17-23 Jun).** Over the last two years Manus Lives Matters (MLM) has supported refugees on Manus Island and their families thanks to generous parish donations. This year, because medical and welfare support has been reduced, the men's needs have changed. So, our parish MLM group is working with others to fund a support worker, who visits Manus regularly, to personally help the men. To support this humanitarian effort, you can donate to: Account Name: Manus Lives Matter; BSB Number: 062 922; Account Number: 10204914. For more info please contact Tim McKenna on 0416 062 849.

**EVENINGS FOR THE ENGAGED:** a marriage preparation program will commence on Thursday 30 August for five weeks, 6.30 – 9.00 pm. Bookings and Enquiries to Mark and Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634. Info available on Archdiocesan Website: [www.cgatholic.org.au](http://www.cgatholic.org.au)

**PARISH LITURGICAL ROSTER :** Please note new set of roster will commence this weekend.

**SAVE THE DATES: Lectures on Gospels:** One Gospel, Four Versions: We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard 1John 1:3. Thursday nights, Collins Wing at 7pm.

**The Topics and dates are:**

- 26 July: General Introduction
- 2 Aug: Gospel of Mark
- 6 Sept: Gospel of Mathew
- 20 Sept: Gospel of Luke
- 4 Oct: Acts of the Apostles
- 25 Oct: Gospel of John1
- 15 Nov: Gospel of John2
- 6 Dec: Jesus of the Gospel and Historical Jesus



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

**Our Sick:** Charles Morella, Pam Pini, Stan Marris, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Flora Arias, Phillip Cooney, Helen French, Ellen Brennan, Pauline Wilkie, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, John Newlyn, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

**Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:** Pat Hannan, William Smith, Allen Palmer, Gregoria Ferrer, Christine Kirchner, Athol Knight, John Martin, Lawrence Phillip Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Rosa Gallace, Joseph O'Connor, Sam & Nina Aguis, Heather Daly, Correy Browning, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Ian Smith, Louis Camilleri, and Barney Murphy.

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30 June & 1 July 2018

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Leita & B Barron	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Moira Najdecki & H Bramanathan	School—First Holy Communion Celebration
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Bennet family	School—First Holy Communion Celebration
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	A Thomas & A Alex	J Douglas & M Molyneux
<b>Flowers &amp; Altar Cleaning &amp; Sacristan</b>	Chi Holmick, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Julie Douglas & Rosemary Caldwell	
<b>Mt View</b>	Julie Douglas	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Carmel Henry	

*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.*