

Lenten and Easter Devotional

'Passion to Pentecost' is a 100-Day Devotional written by Raifiel Cyril. It features daily reflections and prayers starting from the Sunday before Ash Wednesday (19th Feb 2023) to the Feast of Pentecost. Get your copy now for a deeper walk this Lent. Available for purchase online (Amazon and other online stores) and the Cathedral bookstore.

Volunteers for Church Cleaning, Altar Cleaning and Flowers needed

We need new volunteers for the Flowers & Altar Cleaning roster. Could you help one Saturday a month? We would also be grateful for additional volunteers for Church Cleaning, especially to fill in when the regular volunteers are away. Cleaning the church mainly involves wiping down the pews and vacuuming. If you can help, please sign up on the sheets in the church foyer.

Volunteers Needed for Visitation

Volunteers are also needed for monthly visitation to the Nursing homes in our parish. Please contact Fr Rem or the parish office for more details.

We Welcome into our Christian Community

Albert James Morris and Harry Eugene Campbell who will be baptised on Saturday 11 February. Please remember them in your prayers.

Sound System Upgrade

The parish is looking to update the sound system in the church, with a projected cost of \$25,000. 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.

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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 11 & 12 February 2023		
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Barry Murphy
Readers	Robert Booth, Don Jeffery	Christopher Ruzario, Julie Douglas
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Zilva & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Mt View		Jindalee

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18 & 19 February 2023		
1ST READING Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-	2ND READING 1 Cor 3:16-23	GOSPEL Matt 5:38-48
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
	Welcomers Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
	Readers BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Maria Mendoza
	Offertory BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Jose family
	Eucharistic Ministers Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
	Flowers, Altar Clean Maria & John Michas	
	Church Cleaners John Murray	
	Mt View	Jindalee

Eucharistic Adoration

Have you considered joining the Adoration Roster? New Adorers always needed and welcome.

Contact Anne Sutherland for information 0413 203 901

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: 9am—1pm, Tues, Thurs, Fri

Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)

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Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 & 12 February 2023

God's word

Today's Gospel is taken from the sermon Jesus gave on a mountain in Israel, a lovely place overlooking the Sea of Galilee. In these passages Jesus refers to the law of God given to Moses on another mountain, Mount Sinai. The first reading, from the Book of Sirach or Ecclesiasticus, is about choosing to keep the commandments, choosing good rather than evil. The Psalmist also exhorts us to wholeheartedly follow God's law.

Paul preaches about the mysterious, hidden, wisdom of God, revealed by the Spirit. Jesus, who is the Wisdom of God, wants the people to go beyond legalistic following of the law as taught by the scribes and Pharisees. He teaches the people with authority, proclaiming 'I say to you...' Through him, the God of Moses and the spirit of the law are fully revealed. God's law is about right relationships, and the second great commandment—loving your neighbour in sincerity and goodness as you love yourself.

As a Christian, a follower of Jesus, do I pray to the Spirit of God to help me make the hard choices, to choose what is right and good? Is it possible for me to love others, even those who wrong me?

Morning tea in the Parish Centre on Sundays

All parishioners and visitors are warmly invited to join us for morning tea and fellowship in the Parish Centre next to the church every Sunday after 9am Mass.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2023

A First Reconciliation Preparation Evening is being held on Thursday 23 February 5.30-7pm in the Collins Wing. Reception of the Sacrament will be Wednesday 15 March at 5.30pm in St Benedict's Church. Registration is by the Qkr! App. The registration fee is \$60, and covers administration, materials, and facilities. Assistance is available if payment is an obstacle; please speak to the parish priest Fr Rem or contact the Parish Office.



To enrol your child

- Download the Qkr! app
- Type in St Benedict's Parish Narrabundah. Make sure you select the Parish rather than the School (the Parish account has a little icon of St Benedict).
- On the menu, select Parish Payments, then the second tab across the top Sacramental and then First Reconciliation.
- Once you commit to pay, you will be taken to the registration form to fill in.

For inquiries please contact the Parish Office.

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation of Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 5:1

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not kill*; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to

the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: *You must not commit adultery*. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: *Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal*. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: *You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord*. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Marie Hamilton

Anniversaries: Ray Anderson, Eva Barron, Roger Belcher, Elizabeth Czekalski, Rosario Marquez, Kevin McCusker, Thelma Mitchell, William O'Brien, May Alberta Power, Mary Ryan, Rita Sullivan, Francesco Zuccatto, Fr Thomas Ryan, Fr Charles Gleeson, Fr Michael Slattery, Fr Athanasius O'Dwyer.

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, Daniel Collins, Barbara Parsons, Edwina Gundelach.

Treasures of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr Dan Benedetti MGL

Join Fr Dan on a Harvest Journey Pilgrimage following in the footsteps of the Italian Saints and including St Benedict, St Francis, St Padre Pio and St Anthony !

When: 4th-15th September 2023

For more info: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/treasures-of-italy>

Bring palms for ashes

If you have any old palms from previous Palm Sundays, you can drop them at the Parish Office. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.



Becoming a Catholic

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and becoming a Catholic through the RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), please contact the parish office.

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 7-8am, 8-9am, Friday 12-1pm, 2-3pm

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 NIGHT will recommence early Feb 2023 at the new time of 7pm till 9pm Tues nights. It's a Charismatic night of Lay preaching and healing in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The night is a chance for those attending training to use their skills and gifts. Everyone is very welcome to come worship and soak in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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.