

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Stations of the Cross: every Friday 5pm in Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held at every Friday at 5pm during Lent, beginning on Friday 24th February.

Mercy Night: Thursday 30th March

An evening of prayer and Adoration, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation available, will be held on Thursday 30th March at St Benedict's Church, starting at 7pm.

Life in the Spirit Seminars

Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place on four consecutive Sundays, beginning on Sunday 26th February at 7:30pm. In the Collins Wing. For enquiries, contact Fr Baiju.

Missionaries of God's Love (MGL) Sisters

Some of the MGL sisters will be making their First Vows, Perpetual Vows, or Promises this weekend at St Benedict's. Please keep them in your prayers on this joyful occasion as they take their next steps in consecrated life.



DISCIPLES OF JESUS WYD PILGRIMAGE

There are still some spots left for the DOJ World Youth Day Pilgrimage. Register before the 28th February: <https://bookings.wydjourneys.com/DOJo1>



Departs Wednesday 26 July 2023. Returns Thursday 10 August 2023.
Spiritual Chaplain: Fr Chris Eaton MGL & Rosie Drum MGL & tour coordinator Antoinette Collins
Fatima - Youth Arise International 'AriseFest 2023' (4 Nights) • WYD Week Lisbon (7 Nights) • Salamanca • Avila (2 Nights) • Segovia

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 25 & 26 February 2023

	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Marlene Keir	Josephus Bumaat, Asterie Niyonsenga
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Ann Hill & Anne Sutherland	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View		Jindalee

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4 & 5 March 2023

1ST READING Gen 12:1-4	2ND READING 2 Tim 1:8-10	GOSPEL Matt 17:1-9	
Sat 6 pm			Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg	
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Grace De Zilva, Linda Henry	
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Social group	
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Julie Douglas	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday		
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose		
Mt View		Jindalee	

WODEN CEMETERY VAULT

Rare opportunity to purchase a vault in Catholic Headstone area.
Double depth. Lovely end of row location.
Canberra Memorial Parks current price is \$26K+
Open to all reasonable offers.
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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, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am—1pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

1st Sunday of Lent 25 & 26 February 2023

God's word

Prior to commencing his public ministry, Christ was led into the wilderness for a period of forty days. This was a time of earnest prayer, of fasting, of confronting temptation, and of a deeper encounter with the mysteries of silence, solitude and the self. As we arrive at the first Sunday of Lent, it is pertinent to consider how we may emulate our Lord's example. Let us permit ourselves to be drawn more deeply into our own personal desert, into the hidden and sacred solitude of the soul, and through the uncharted empty spaces of our hearts. For it is when we are most truly alone that we become most authentically ourselves. And it is when we become most authentically ourselves that we are closest to God. For the human solitude of the heart, and the divine solitude of God abide, unseen and unknown, in the same ineffable silence.

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's house Thursday 2nd March at 6pm

An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood, Eucharistic Adoration, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. Please contact one of our three vocations directors: (rsvp required)

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Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

To donate through Caritas donations page set up for our parish, scan the QR code opposite. Alternatively, you can donate with Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Morning tea in the Parish Centre

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.

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm 50:3-6,12-14,17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

Second reading Romans 5:12-19

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and

forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
but on every word that comes from the mouth of
God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
and they will support you on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

We welcome into our Christian Community

Phillip Traynor who will be baptised at the 9am Mass on Sunday 26th February. Please remember him in your prayers on this special day.



Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Marie Hamilton

Anniversaries: Msgr. Kevin Barry-Cotter, Bernadette Cruise, Estyll Jewell, Frances Kavcic, Maxwell Liley, Steven Najdecki, Winifred Smith, Zoena Stankova, Nola Payten, Heinz Schmidt, John Sharp, Fr Michael Phelan SJ, Bishop Eris O'Brien, Fr Geoffrey Lloyd.

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.

New painting in the Church for Lent

Journey to the Cross- An Invitation

In this first week of Lent I am invited to go into the desert, remembering with hope that He who is in me is greater than he who is in the world.

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, Wednesday 6-7pm
Thursday 2-3pm, 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.