

## 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.

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

Contact Anne Sutherland for information 0413 203 901



### Aid to the Church in Need Appeal

*Aid to the Church in Need* is asking for support to provide sisters in Romania with a new heating system. The Sisters of the Mother of God are the oldest congregation of sisters in the Romanian Greek Catholic Church. The history of their community has long been one marked by persecution, particularly when Romania was under communist rule. Today the sisters continue to aid their local community with youth groups, spiritual support and counselling, as well as providing the poor with basic necessities. But they are facing a major problem. Their ancient heating system has finally broken down and needs to be replaced, but they cannot afford the cost. The sisters need your help! To make an offering and learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject).

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

4 & 5 March 2023

	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Grace De Silva, 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	Julie Douglas	Jindalee

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

11 & 12 March 2023

1ST READING Ex 17:3-7	2ND READING Rom 5:1-2,5-8	GOSEL Jn 4:5-42
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Christopher Ruzario, Julie Douglas
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Sue Neimanis and Grace De Silva	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
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.

Please TEXT 0407 216 497

## 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)

## 2nd Sunday of Lent 4th & 5th March 2023

### God's word

Today's Gospel is one of the most dramatic moments in all Scripture—the transfiguration of Jesus Christ, in which our Lord appears to his chosen disciples in glory, enrobed in dazzling light, with a splendour exceeding anything of this earth, and anything of this universe. The transfiguration of our Lord is best understood as a temporary and partial dropping of the veil of appearances, so that the disciples were able to catch a glimpse of the true divine splendour of Jesus, a small rift in the obdurate darkness of the window which separates phenomena from *noumena*, which divides the illusion of this world from the truth of eternity. What they saw, indeed, was but the merest glance, the slightest revelation; anything more would have overwhelmed them—but it was enough to fill them with awe and wonder. And it is this same Jesus Christ who appears to us in every Mass, clothed, not in raiment of dazzling white, but in the visible form of humble bread and wine. Let us therefore say at each celebration of the Eucharist, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here!'

### Morning tea in the Parish Centre

St Benedict's Social Group will host morning tea this Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9.00 Mass. All parishioners are welcome.



Caritas AUSTRALIA

### Project Compassion

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children.

### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023

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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion), or by calling 1800 024 413.



### 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>

Genesis 12:1=4

The Lord said to Abram, ‘Leave your country, your family and your father’s house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

‘I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.’

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

Responsorial Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Second reading 2 Timothy 1:8-10

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

Archdiocesan and National Events

Friday 17 March—Sunday 19 March, Sisterhood National Catholic Women’s Conference

Stanwell Tops, Sydney: The vision of Sisterhood is to see women supported in their Catholic faith and walk with the Lord. It seeks to provide women with authentic Catholic teaching on femininity which is in keeping with the teachings of the Church as well as recognising and encouraging the valuable gift of female friendship, meaningful connection and community. For more information contact info@sisterhood.org.au.

Friday 17 March: HOME’s Movie Night Fundraiser

Please join us for an evening of fundraising for one of Canberra and Queanbeyan's most beloved not-for-profit community organisations HOME in Queanbeyan. This year’s annual fundraiser includes the screening of a fantastic film, Made in Dagenham a silent auction, food & drinks. Venue: The Q Theatre When: 6pm Friday 17 March 2023 Price: \$80 pp (movie ticket, food & drinks) https://qprc.sales.ticketsearch.com/sales/salesevent/95008

Thursday 9 March: International Women’s Day Breakfast

ACT Human Rights Commission President and Commissioner, OAM recipient and 2020 Senior Woman of the Year, Dr Helen Watchirs, will be the guest speaker at the annual International Women’s Day Breakfast hosted by the Archdiocese’s Women’s Taskforce. All welcome. Thurs 9th March 7.30am-9.00am. 10 Watson St Turner. \$20 for breakfast & coffee.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Philip Lee

Anniversaries: Angel Agudo, Michael Antonypillai, Janelle Bason Colin Dent, Patricia Brown, William Collins, Giustina Deiagnoli, Thomas Hughes, Francis Kelly, Manuel Marquez, Antonia Martin, Agnes McCluskey, Monica Mullins, Lawrence Power, Marion Thompson, Fr Michael Coffey, Fr Christopher McNeeve, Fr William Thomas McCormack.

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.

We welcome Ariana Strmota to the parish as our new Music Coordinator. If anyone would like to be involved in music ministry, you can contact Ariana at ariana.strmota@gmail.com.



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.