

PARISH LENTEN EVENTS

Stations of the Cross: every Friday 5pm in Lent

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday at St Benedict's Church at 5pm during Lent.

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 take place on Sundays at 7:30pm in the Collins Wing. All welcome to join last two seminars: 19th March and 26th March. 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



PARISH GROUPS

Empower Night is held 7pm till 9pm Tuesday 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.

Mothers Prayers: Come and pray for your children. Each Monday in the Parish Centre in school term from 9:30am followed by morning tea. Contact Rachael Nano 0412 472 243.

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 18 & 19 March 2023

	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Helen Bennett, Marlene Keir	Shiru Kinyanjui, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Maria Mendoza
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	John Murray	
Vistation	Grace De Silva & Nimmy Philip (Jindalee)	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 25 & 26 March 2023

1ST READING Ezek 37:12-14	2ND READING Rom 8:8-11	GOSPEL Jn 11:1-45
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Barry Murphy
Readers	Helen Bennett, Don Jeffery	Josephus Bumaat, Maria Mendoza
Offertory	Volunteers	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Vistation	Carmel Henry (Mt View), Shruti Ruzario and Prakash Rebello (Jindalee)	

Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees: Permanent Protection for All The St Vincent de Paul Society supports many refugees and asylum seekers who've been on temporary visas for a decade. So, the Society welcomes the Australian Government's recent announcement of a pathway to permanent residence for 19,000 of these people. However, there are still thousands who [are unable to seek our permanent protection in a fair and timely way](#). So, Vinnies invites Catholics to join us at the Palm Sunday Rally in Garema Place at 1.00 pm on 2 April. There we'll call for "Permanent Protection for All", so that these people can begin to re-build their lives free of fear and uncertainty. Tim McKenna, Vinnies Refugee Support, Canberra-Goulburn

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)

4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 18th & 19th March 2023

Sunday's Gospel

Extracts from Pope Benedict XVI's *Angelus on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 2008*

Let us reflect briefly on the account of the man born blind (Jn 9: 1-41). According to the common mentality of the time, the disciples take it for granted that his blindness was the result of a sin committed by him or his parents. Jesus, however, rejects this prejudice and says: "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him" (Jn 9: 3).



What comfort these words offer us! They let us hear the living voice of God, who is provident and wise Love! In the face of men and women marked by limitations and suffering, Jesus did not think of their possible guilt but rather of the will of God who created man for life. And so he solemnly declares: "We must work the works of him who sent me.... As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (Jn 9: 5).

And he immediately takes action: mixing a little earth with saliva he made mud and spread it on the eyes of the blind man.

Jesus reveals to the blind man whom he had healed that he had come into the world for judgement, to separate the blind who can be healed from those who do not allow themselves

to be healed because they consider themselves healthy.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us allow ourselves to be healed by Jesus, who can and wants to give us God's light! Let us confess our blindness, our shortsightedness, and especially what the Bible calls the "great transgression" (cf. Ps 19[18]: 13): pride. May Mary Most Holy, who by conceiving Christ in the flesh gave the world the true light, help us to do this.

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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

Please join us for morning tea this Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9.00 Mass.



19 March 2023

1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

Second reading Ephesians 5:8-14

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation John 8:12

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement

among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Rest in Peace
Sadly Leita Barron, a long term parishioner at St Benedict's, passed away this week. Her funeral Mass will be held at St Benedict's Church on **Wednesday 22nd March** at **1pm**. All welcome. *There will be no 12:30pm Mass that day. However, there will also be a Memorial Mass for a family member of another parishioner at 6pm which anyone is welcome to attend.*

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> or call Fr Dan on 08 8927 8913

Donating to the parish
Parish expenses continue to rise especially with recent rises in electricity prices. If you are able, we ask that you kindly consider making a regular donation to support the running costs of St Benedict's parish (Second Collection). An easy way to give is by downloading the Qkr! app. You can also give by Direct Debit or automatic credit card withdrawal; please contact the Parish Office to organise. Alternatively, you can deposit directly into the Parish account:
BSB: 062 786
Account number: 000014992
Please include your Planned Giving (envelope) number in the reference if you have one.
Thank you to our generous parishioners who already support the parish and priests financially.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish
Recently deceased: Leita Barron
Anniversaries: Henry Bourke, Irene Cosier, Margaret Dojcinoska, Clare Drinkwater, Miguel Gomez, Michael Krauss, James McIntyre, Fr Michael Meagher, Fr John O'Dwyer, Bishop John Barry.
Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, 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.

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.