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16 April – Multicultural Mass

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.

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Easter Service Times at St Benedict's

Holy Thursday, 6th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Good Friday, 7th April

Stations of the Cross, 10:30am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm

Holy Saturday, 8th April

Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, 9th April

9am Mass
6pm Mass (Charismatic)



ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 25 & 26 March 2023		
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Grace De Zilva, Linda Henry
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Ann Hill & Anne Sutherland	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1 & 2 April 2023		
1 ST READING Acts 10:34,37-43	2 ND READING Col 3:1-4	GOSPEL Jn 20:1-9
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Special rosters	Special roster
Readers	Special roster	Special roster
Offertory	Special rosters	Special roster
Eucharistic Ministers	Special rosters	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maggie Avellino, Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Special roster	
Visitation	MGL Garran	

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 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.

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

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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)

Palm Sunday 1 & 2 April 2023

Sunday's Gospel

The Passion Narrative unfolds the drama with a cast of characters: there are the main protagonists, the bad guys and the good guys, the by-standers and extras. They represent the different types of persons in real life.

The extras and onlookers form the vast majority who welcome Jesus in their lives, but whose faith is unstable. They can change their allegiance whenever or wherever is convenient. They have no stand of their own; they place their allegiance on personages or political parties that sometimes run contrary to the voice of their own conscience.

The Sanhedrin, the scribes, and Pharisees represent the self-righteous who are ready to condemn anybody based simply on their own judgement, which at times depends on their whims and caprices. They mark or brand people as 'addicts' or 'thieves' or beyond redemption.

Pilate stands for the powerful on earth, ready to execute anyone who is a threat to the throne or the political interest of the empire. They are deaf to the voice of their conscience and are ready to wash away their guilt. They are indifferent to the cause of the poor and the innocent.

The apostles represent those who wholeheartedly follow Jesus in good times but abandon him when things 'go wrong' because they have not understood that discipleship entails carrying one's cross. But Jesus prays for them so that once they have recovered at Easter, they will strengthen their brethren and become the pillars of the community of believers. The plots and sub-plots of our lives—complete with suffering, conflicts, struggles,

joys and sorrows, success and failure—will find meaning if they are joined with the sacrifice of Jesus for the sake of the beloved.

22 April 2023 Women Alive Retreat

Come journey with us at the Women Alive Retreat on 22nd April at Greg Collin's Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church and discover the hidden strength in you. A strong woman knows she has strength enough for the journey. But a woman of strength knows it is on the journey that she will become strong.

Date: Saturday, 22nd April 2023 (9:30 am - 4.00 pm)

Venue: Greg Collins Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT

Admission is FREE, BYO lunch.

Chrism Mass, Monday 3rd April 2023 at 5pm: St Christopher's Cathedral

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 3 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the **Holy Oils** used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Morning tea in the Parish Centre

Please join us for morning tea this Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9am Mass.



2 April 2023

First reading Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet I can count every one of my bones.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Reading 26:14-27:66 on separate sheet

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Next **Vocations Discernment night** for priestly and religious vocations will be held on Thursday 6th April at St. Brigid's Presbytery 5:30pm, a paschal lamb dinner, followed by the Holy Thursday 7pm Mass, with quiet time with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. Rsvp essential, contact Fr Emil on emil.milat@cg.org.au

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.

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, otherwise your surname and donation.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Leita Barron, Frank Smith.

Anniversaries: Ellen Doherty; Mobel Maberley; Bogdan Michalak; Edwin Miller; Geoffrey Murphy; Robert Noonan; Lawrence Power; Biserka Sulenta; John Pyne; Fr Richard Kennedy; Fr Peter Costello.

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Clem Dick, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Pat Atkins, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Flora Arias, Mark Ransom, Ben Melbourne, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne; Carol Rees, Monica Boyton, Mary Smith, Colin Paley, Janice Paley, Caroline Evans, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Barbara Parsons, Edwina Gundelach, Daniel Collins,

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.