

love who has died. She is going to mourn, to grieve, to remember him, perhaps even to ask the question 'why?!' through she doesn't expect an answer. When she finds the stone rolled away and the tomb empty, she is shocked and confused. She thinks someone has stolen the body. The thought that he has risen doesn't enter her mind.

Later, while still searching she meets a man she thinks is the gardener and she asks him if he knows where they have put Jesus' body. The person says simply 'Mary' and suddenly, totally unexpectedly, she realises that she is in the presence of the risen Christ.

We also will meet the risen Christ in unexpected moments during this Easter season. Surely we will meet him in the Mass and in the sacraments, and in moments of prayer. But, like Mary, we will also meet him in our brothers and sisters, perhaps in the gardener, or in the stranger you meet along the way, or in those in need: 'For I was hungry and you gave me to eat, I was frightened and you comforted me, alone and you came to see me.' Then, like Mary, our joy will be full.

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.

For enquiries please contact: Mission Centre 02 6295 7879; Winniefred: 0451015527

Join us for our upcoming Alpha

The Alpha program is a global phenomenon, run in churches, schools, prisons, and more in over 100 languages. Alpha is a place you can ask questions, and explore the answers in a friendly, non-judgemental environment. We share a meal together, watch a video, and discuss in small groups. We look at questions such as 'Is there more to life than this?', 'Who is Jesus?', 'Why did Jesus die?' and 'Why read the Bible?' Alpha is perfect for those new to faith, for those wanting to be renewed and refreshed in their faith, and for those desiring a deeper experience of Christian community. Why not give it a try? And bring a friend along too! Come along to our first session on Thursday 27th April, 7pm in the Collins Wing. Alpha will run on

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 8 & 9 April 2023		
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	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	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 15 & 16 April 2023		
1ST READING Acts 2:42-47	2ND READING 1Peter 1:3-9	GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy
Readers	Robert Booth & Marlene Keir	Christopher Ruzario & Julie Douglas
Offertory	BA Daly & Louise Gaudry	Maria Mendoza
Eucharistic Ministers	Special rosters	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Silva & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth & Brad Hognio	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace	

Thursdays for 12 weeks. Enquires: Br. Michael, michaellast.mgl@gmail.com

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.

Car Boot Sale in St Brigid's car park 34 Wilshire Street Dickson 8-12noon Saturday 15 April. Car entry to sell items welcome \$30 limited spots -first in. Devonshire tea & other food for sale.

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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Easter Sunday 8 & 9 April 2023

Easter Message 2023

WALKING TOGETHER WITH OUR FIRST AUSTRALIANS

Aboriginal leader, Noel Pearson, last year described his people as “much unloved.” In a distressing observation, he stated that although Australians “hold and express strong views on us...few have met us and a small minority count us as friends.”

At this Easter time, we can see ongoing suffering continues in the everyday lives of our beloved First Australians: the high death rates in custody, imprisonment, the persistence of totally unacceptable socio-economic and health statistics, suicides, scattered opinions regarding a Constitutional “Voice to Parliament”, racist attitudes in sport, and so on.

The Crucified Christ also has an “Aboriginal face”.

Despised and rejected like Jesus, the Good Friday of their suffering continues seemingly unabated.

With all wounded humanity, but especially our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, we unite our sufferings with the sufferings of Jesus and receive redemption in the mercy of God.

Easter gives us hope that the Light has destroyed the darkness of alienation and brought us peace in “the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.” We WALK TOGETHER embracing the Resurrected Victory of Jesus. We carry each other, especially the battlers, closely on our final journey to the fullness of Resurrected glory.

Let us WALK TOGETHER with our First Australians. Practically, this means seeking them out in true friendship in our local communities. Also, trying our best to

understand life from their perspective.

Practical help will follow. Over these coming months, a Constitutional “Voice to Parliament” will need ears that truly listen.

Then Australia will truly become the Australia God wants us to be – a Resurrected Missionary People washed clean in “the Blood of the Lamb” that lives forever in Easter hope and joy.

Happy Easter to all, Alleluia!

Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn

Apostolic Administrator, Military Ordinariate of Australia

Divine Mercy Sunday

Adoration 1.30pm

Reconciliation form 1.30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet Sung 2.30pm

Mass at 3.00pm All Welcome

God's Word

All of the Gospels stress that Jesus' resurrection was completely unexpected by his disciples, even though Jesus had told them on a number of occasions that he would rise from the dead. It seems they did not understand what he was saying. In today's Gospel we see Mary Magdalene going to the tomb early in the morning while it is still dark. She is like you and me going to the cemetery to visit the grave of someone we

St Benedict's Social Group

invites all parishioners to join them for a coffee and a chat at Gryphon's in Griffith on Thursday 13th April at 10.30



9 April 2023

First reading Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

Responsorial Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23 *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
‘His love has no end.’

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ’s glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life’s own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see
upon the way.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

PARISH GROUPS

Empower Night is starting back on 18 April at 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.

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: Kath Thorn; Elena McBride, Leita Barron, Frank Smith.

Anniversaries: Nina Agius; Noeline Belcher; Jennifer Fitzpatrick; Ratko Imsirovic; Margaret Jones; Lucija Juric; Rudolf Kovacs; Mary Undine.

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.