

National Anzac Day Mass

The Military Ordinariate of Australia invites you and members of your parish community to the National ANZAC Day Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka ACT at 8:00am on Tuesday 25 April 2023. Guests are asked to be seated by 7:45am. The Ensign Party will enter the Cathedral before 8:00am.



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Friday 28 April Ordinations

Two MGL brothers Joshua Whicker and Justin Uzabeaga are being ordained in Canberra at St Christopher's Cathedral on Friday 28 April at 7.00pm. Joshua's first Mass will be on Saturday at 10am and Justin's first Mass will be on Sunday 11am at St Benedict's church. Br Donn Entienza was ordained in Manila in the Philippines Saturday 15 April. May the call of the Lord be joyfully answered as the love of God surrounds these men. Please pray for them as they continue to respond to God's calling.

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's house: Thursday 4th May at 6pm.

An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood by Fr Josh Scott, 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) Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au 6248 5472, Fr Joshua Scott joshua.scott@cg.org.au, Fr Eden Langlands eden.langlands@cg.org.au.

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

22 & 23 April 2023

| | Sat 6 pm Vigil | Sun 9am |
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| Welcomers | Marlene Keir | Alma Burg |
| Readers | Moira Najdecki, Don Jeffery | Maria Mendoza, Josephus Bumaat |
| Offertory | Volunteers | Linda & Robert Henry |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sue Neimanis | Barry Murphy |
| Flowers, Altar Clean | John & Maria Michas | |
| Church Cleaners | John Murray | |
| Visitation | Carmel Henry, Prakesh & Grace | |

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

29 & 30 April 2023

| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
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| 1ST READING Acts 2:14, 36-41 | 2ND READING 1 Peter 2:20-25 | GOSPEL John 10:1-10 |
| Welcomers | Carmel & Peter Pistor | Barry Murphy |
| Readers | BA Daly, Louise Gaudry | Asterie Niyonsenga, Santhosh Jose |
| Offertory | BA Daly, Helen Bennett | Maria Mendoza |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Caroline Evans | Janice Kelly |
| Flowers, Altar Clean | Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry & Margie Avellino | |
| Church Cleaners | Don & Jennifer Nguyen | |
| Visitation | MGL Garran; Santhosh & Maria Michas | |

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Contact Anne Sutherland for information 0413 203 901



Interesting links:

<https://www.instagram.com/mglsisters/?hl=en>

<https://www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org/>

https://www.instagram.com/p/CRatFF4HoAp/?img_index=1

<https://www.facebook.com/DisciplesOfJesusCommunity/>

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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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)

3rd Sunday of Easter 22 & 23 April 2023

God's Word

Though loneliness can at times lead to desperation, it can also be the start of a journey to faith. To be lonely occasionally is a reminder that within us is a void that can be filled only by Jesus who walks with us, even if his presence is often unrecognised.

This is the symbolism of the 'journey to Emmaus'. The two disciples who walk the road to Emmaus are lonely. The week before, they saw Jesus acclaimed as king coming 'in the name of the Lord', then betrayed and crucified. Now they walk out of Jerusalem defeated, trying to understand the course of events and gather together the pieces of their lives broken by the death of their Master.

In their troubled state, they do not at first recognise Jesus who joins them in their journey and explains to them that the Messiah had to suffer and die. Slowly their eyes are opened: loneliness gives way to a fire burning inside and hope finally blooms when they recognise Jesus in the 'breaking of the bread' (the term early Christians used for the Eucharist). Having experienced Jesus' presence, the two disciples immediately become missionaries, returning to Jerusalem to bring this good news that they know will rekindle the faith and hope of the other disciples.

Christianity does not guarantee a secure life. A Christian may sometimes feel so alone and God so distant because of unfulfilled expectations and hopes. The experience of Jesus' presence brings joy. At the same time, however, it challenges one to mission.

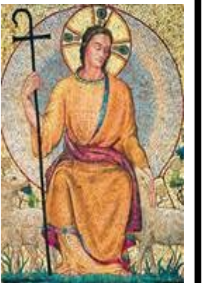
Morning tea in the Parish Centre

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



60th World Day of prayer for vocation Sunday 30 April 2023:

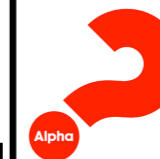
the purpose of this World Day of Prayer is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this Sunday (30th) on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), and consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Please pray that our Archdiocese of Canberra -Goulburn will be blessed with an increase in these vocations.



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 4th May, 7pm in the Collins Wing. Alpha will run on Thursdays for 12 weeks. Enquires: Br. Michael, michaellast.mgl@gmail.com



First reading Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11 Lord, you will show us the path of life.

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Second reading 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had

reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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: Kath Thorn, Alanna McBride, Leita Barron, Frank Smith.

Anniversaries: Margaret Bradbury; Kathleen Conrick; William Dennis; Claude Farretto; Corrine Gillard; Cyril Gudgeon; Eric Herbert; William McGee; Mary McPadden; Catherine Pearce; Rita Smithhammer.

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.