

Events in the Archdiocese

Tuesday 23 May | Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner | 6:45 pm

Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. All welcome – single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert. Free tickets are also available, on request, for those who may not be able to afford them. Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson. Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Registration: <http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

Tuesday 23 May | Catholic Men's Breakfast | 7:00 – 8:45 am

Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full.

Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford fstanford200@gmail.com 0417 664 110

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>

Easter painting in St Benedict's

The painting is of the face of Jesus, our resurrected Lord, surrounded by His glory. He is the Light of the world. Yet, He humbles himself to see us. With eyes full of compassion and mercy, He loves. He does not leave us in our darkness. He draws us into His love.



The scripture reference is 2 Cor 4:6 – “For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.”

If you have a Yahoo address, you may not be receiving emails from St Benedict's. Apologies for this. We are investigating the problem; in the meantime, if you wish to continue receiving emails from St Benedict's (e.g. the weekly bulletin), please provide an alternative address to the Parish Office.

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

6 & 7 May 2023

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Helen Bennett, Robert Booth	Grace De Zilva, Linda Henry
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Avellino, Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose, Nhung Booth	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View); Nimmy & Jonavie (Jindalee)	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

13 & 14 May 2023

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Acts 8:5-8,14-17	1 Peter 3:15-18	John 14:15-21
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Maria Mendoza, Christopher Ruzario
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Ann Hill & Anne Sutherland	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Mt View & Jindalee)	

Archbishop Christopher Prowse's letter on Euthanasia

As a result of legislation passed late last year, the ACT can now make laws on Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD). A vote on the issue is likely to be held at the end of 2023 or the start of 2024. It is essential to understand why the Catholic Church opposes Euthanasia and why we need to care for the most vulnerable and to protect life. Copies of Archbishop's letter on Euthanasia can be found in the foyer: please take one.

Fr Rem on leave

Fr Rem is taking a well-earned break from 2 May to 23 May, visiting family in India. We wish Fr Rem a safe journey and refreshing holiday!

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)

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Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

Belle Joseph (Secretary, Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

5th Sunday of Easter 6 & 7 May 2023

Reflection on the Gospel

The gospel for the 5th week of Easter is taken from Jesus' farewell discourse during the Last Supper. The disciples are saddened by the Master's imminent departure. To console them, our Lord reveals deep truths of faith that we can meditate on as we draw closer to the feast of Pentecost. First of all, Jesus asks his disciples to not let their hearts to be troubled, to have faith and trust in Him and in his deeds. He then speaks about his "Father's house," and says that He is going there "to prepare a place for you". There is nothing wrong with thinking about Heaven in the midst of tribulation. "Our Lord speaks frequently to us of the reward which he won for us by his Death and Resurrection," Saint Josemaria reminds us. [...]

In response to Thomas's question about the way to reach the place where Jesus is going, Our Lord reveals to his disciples that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Saint Augustine comments on these mysterious words: "the Word of God, who is Truth and Life next to the Father, has become the Way by taking on human nature."

Hence to follow Jesus requires grasping the mystery of his Person and Mission. Pope Francis said that "getting to know Jesus is the most important work in our life." We need to discover the intimate union between the Son and the Father: "He who has seen me has seen the Father". Jesus is the way because everything in his Person reveals the Father and unites us to the Father. Jesus has made the invisible God visible for us, through all his deeds and words. He reveals God to us through a human face, and looks upon us with love and calls us his friends, in order to make it easy for us to get to know Him, love Him and become one with Him.

From a reflection on opusdei.org

Morning tea in the Parish Centre

St Benedict's Social Group invites all parishioners to join them for morning tea in the Parish Centre this Sunday 7 May after the 9.00 am Mass

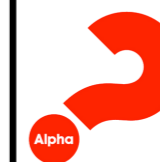
Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal:

This weekend we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous **donation** today or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education of our seminarians. Special envelopes are provided in the church or donations can be made online at bit.ly/goodshepherd2023

Join us for 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!

Alpha is held on **Thursdays at 7pm** in the Collins Wing at St Benedict's and will run for 12 weeks. Enquiries: Br. Michael, michaellast.mgl@gmail.com



First reading Acts 6: 1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Resp. Psalm 32:1-2,4-5,18-19 *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

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.

For 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.

Second reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:16

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's house;
if there were not, I should have told you.
I am going now to prepare a place for you,
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,
I shall return to take you with me;
so that where I am
you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'
Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'
Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'
'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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

To deposit directly into the Parish account, please use the following details:
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. Other ways of giving are via the Qkr! app, direct debit and credit card donations; contact the parish office to organise.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish
Recently deceased: Alanna McBride, Kath Thorne, Marie Flaherty.
Anniversaries: Elva Bogie, Margaret Coan, Grace Ellis, Peter Kulczycki, Krysta Lindstrom, Mary McQuade, Mary Reinhard, Margaret Rooke, George Taylor, Fr Aeneas Hennessy, Fr Francis Bouchier, Anthony McGauran.
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:

Thursday, 9am-1pm; Friday, 9am - 5:30pm

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 7-8pm, Tuesday 3-4pm,
Wednesday 3-4pm, 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.