

Events Around the Archdiocese

Vocations Dinner at Fr Josh's Presbytery in Queanbeyan, Thursday 1 June at 6pm.

(optional Mass at 5.30pm) For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

SmartLoving Sponsor Couple Orientation Webinar | Tuesday 6th June, 8:00 pm

Would you and your spouse like to support engaged couples to build vibrant Catholic marriages? SmartLoving and the Archdiocese of Canberra Goulburn would like to invite you to an online orientation webinar to learn more about becoming a sponsor couple to the engaged.

Registration: <https://smartloving.org/webinars/>
Enquiries: lara.kirk@cg.org.au or 0429 192 869

St Thomas More Forum and Parish Forum Dinner, Friday 23rd June

This is to be held at the Mercure Hotel Ainslie, Friday 23rd June 7:30-9:30pm. The Keynote Speaker will be Madeline Brennan KC. Dinner and wine is \$90, please book through Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> for a very enjoyable evening. For more information: Campbell@cg.org.au.

Women's Eucharistic Retreat Day Canberra: Saturday 24 June

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20) *register here at* (<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>)

Caring for Creation—Southside Group

The southside group of the Caring for Creation movement will meet at 3 pm on 30 May 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 37 Burnie St, Lyons to explore Chapter 5 of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home*. Contact: LaudatoSiACT@gmail.com

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 27 & 28 May 2023		
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Maria Mendoza
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View); Prakash & Grace (Jindalee)	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3 & 4 June 2023		
1ST READING Ex 34:4-6, 8-9	2ND READING 2 Cor 13:11-13	GOSPEL Jn 3:16-18
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery, Robert Booth	Joshua D'Silva, Asterie Niyonsenga
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View); Nimmy &	

Pentecost Rally: This Sunday (Sunday 28 May), 3pm, St Benedict's

Charismatic worship, preaching and prayer. Hosted by the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Canberra Goulburn in association with the Disciples of Jesus Community and St Benedict's Mission Centre.

Morning tea in the Parish Centre

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

Join us for Alpha

The Alpha course continues on Thursday evenings, 7:00pm-8:45pm in the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. Enquiries: email Asterie, tasterie@gmail.com

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

**Pentecost
27 & 28 May 2023**

Pentecost Reflection

ON THE FEAST of Pentecost we could say that Jesus' mission on earth ends and ours begins, encouraged, impelled and sustained by his same Spirit. We receive his same mission, entrusted by the Father to his Son. "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you" (Jn 20:21). We are filled with gratitude for such a great gift and want the fire that burned in Christ's heart, and that he longed to see enkindled on earth, to burn in our hearts too. We want the "tongues of fire" that appeared over the heads of the apostles, and that are present in our souls, to spread to the furthest corner of the world. We are not alone in carrying out this mission; we have the unsurpassable help Jesus promised us when he said he would not leave us orphans (cf. Jn 14:18). "Wherever the Spirit of God enters he puts fear to flight; he makes us know and feel that we are in the hands of Omnipotent Love: whatever happens, his infinite love never abandons us. This is shown by the witness of the martyrs, the courage of confessors of the faith, the undaunted zeal of missionaries, the frankness of preachers, the example of all the saints, even some who were adolescents and children. It is shown by the very existence of the Church which, despite the limitations and sins of men and women, continues to cross the ocean of history, impelled by the breath of God and animated by his purifying fire." [1]
At times we may feel like we are orphans, but we don't want this feeling to paralyze us. We know that it is part of the weeds that the devil is trying to sow among the good wheat of God's Love. When this feeling tries to enter our heart, we shouldn't make a pact with it. Rather it should spur us to consider once again, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that we are God's beloved children. And with Saint Josemaría we want to enter into the endless stream of divine grace: "Glory, for me, is love; it is Jesus, and with him,

the Father – my Father – and the Holy Spirit – my Sanctifier." (St Josemaría) In the love the Holy Trinity pours into our heart we find the solution for all our fears and worries. Saint Therese of Lisieux said regarding the day of her Confirmation: "What joy I felt in my soul! Like the apostles, I awaited joyfully for the visit of the Holy Spirit ... I didn't feel the mighty wind of the first Pentecost, but rather the gentle breeze which the prophet Elias heard on Mount Horeb. On that day I received the gift of fortitude in suffering – a gift I needed sorely, for the martyrdom of my soul was soon to begin." We too want to be attentive to the inspirations of the Comforter of our soul.
Reflection from opusdei.org

Spiritual Retreat at St Benedict's, Saturday 8th July

The Missionaries of God's Love present **Well in the Desert**: "From *Dryness to Intimacy* with God". Hosted by MGL Melbourne Brothers. Contact Br. Adrian (0432291678 or email sura57adrian@gmail.com).

Date: Saturday 8th July 2023, 10am-3:30pm (Registration starts at 8:30am)

Place: Collins Wing, St Benedict's Church (10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah)

Open to age 18 and above. Free admission and Lunch provided.



Catholic Voice available on parish website

The Archdiocese has decided to re-introduce the weekly version of the Catholic Voice newspaper over the next several weeks. For coverage of the ongoing Calvary Hospital situation, and other local news, download and read a copy on the St Benedict's website.

First reading Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Resp. Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34 *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence: Veni, sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

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; please 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: George Durr, Charles Gerrey, George Harris, John Hurley, Athol Knight, Mary Lyons, Arthur Oakes, Edith Oxborrow, Elaine Richardson, Kari Allen, Catherine Bartley, Leo Bourke, Neville Murray, Dorothy Ross, Fr Val Patterson MSC, Fr Lawrence Gallagher, Fr Frederick J. Edwards, Fr Peter McAlroy.

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.