

Eucharistic Adoration

The St Benedict's Adoration Team invites you to join us in adoring our Lord Jesus Christ on a regular basis. Particular vacancies are:



Mondays 12 noon - 1 pm
Tuesdays 3 pm - 4 pm
Fridays 11 am - 12 noon

However you can join us at other times and we are particularly keen to fill some Saturday afternoon vacancies. Sign up forms are available in the church foyer.

Men's Sharing Group

A Men's Sharing Group is starting at St Benedict's. Contact John Murray, 0480 257 761 for more information.

Mass for Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Sunday 16th July, 3pm

A Novena of Masses will be offered (7-15 July) in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Carmelite Monastery, 28 Mugga Way, Red Hill. For times please ring 6295 3805. Feast-day Mass - Sunday 16th July, 3pm. Celebrant Rev Fr Richard Thompson VG, All welcome.

Important Notice about Planned Giving Envelopes

Sincere apologies for the mix-up regarding envelopes. If you took a box of envelopes with one of the following numbers, could you please contact the Parish Office so we can match the number to your name? Numbers : **4 20 25**

If you are already a Planned Giver registered with the parish, you can collect your new envelopes (now labelled!) in the church foyer. Your PG number may have changed to accommodate the lower number of envelope packs needed now. Our heartfelt thanks to all the generous givers of the parish for your support; without you the parish could not continue its mission.

NB: There are only 52 envelopes in each pack, but 53 Sundays in this financial year. We have put some blank envelopes in the foyer which you can take for the last weekend (29-30 June 2024), please just write your name and PG number on it.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 15 & 16 July 2023		
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Joshua D'Silva, Linda Henry
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Avellino & Louise Gaudry	
Church Cleaners	John Murray	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Maria & Mark Ransom	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22 & 23 July 2023		
1ST READING Wis 12:13,16-19	2ND READING Rom 8:26-27	GOSPEL Mt 13:24-30
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter	Robert Henry
Readers	Robert Booth, Helen Bennett	Maria Mendoza, Christopher Ruzario
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View); Prakash &	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

Life in God's Spirit Seminar

The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to our New Life in God's Spirit seminar. It's a 7 week seminar held every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from Weds 19 July to Weds 30 August at St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Teachings, worship, prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to encounter Jesus in a deeper way! For more info and to register, call Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

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:

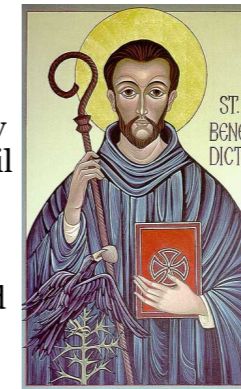
Parish Office Hours: Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-4:30pm
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Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)
Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)
Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)
Belle Joseph (Secretary, Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am-12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 & 16 July 2023

St Benedict's Feast Day Morning Tea On Sunday 16 July 10am In the School Hall

To celebrate our Feast Day the Parish Pastoral Council is hosting a Morning Tea this Sunday for all parishioners. Please come along to enjoy a cuppa and cake and to mingle with the parish community. We will also mark the occasion by thanking the volunteers who do so much to ensure that our parish is a vibrant one. The PPC will provide food and drinks so you just need to bring yourself. We look forward to seeing you.



Pope Benedict on the Feast-Day of St Benedict: Extracts from his Angelus address on Sunday 10 July 2005

"Tomorrow is the feast of St Benedict, Patron of Europe, a saint and abbot particularly dear to me as you can guess from my choice of his name.

Born in Norcia around 480, Benedict completed his first studies in Rome but, disappointed with city life, withdrew to Subiaco, where for about three years he lived in a grotto - the famous "Sacro Speco" - and dedicated himself entirely to God. Making use of the ruins of a cyclopean villa of the Emperor Nero at Subiaco, he built several monasteries together with his first followers. Thus, he brought into being a fraternal community founded on the primacy of love for Christ, in

which prayer and work were alternated harmoniously in praise of God.

Some years later, he perfected the form of this project at Monte Cassino and wrote it down in the "Rule", his only work that has come down to us. [...] Today, I would like to emphasize one typical aspect of his spirituality. Benedict, unlike other great monastic missionaries of his time, did not found a monastic institution whose principal aim was the evangelization of the barbarian peoples; he pointed out to his followers the search for God as the fundamental and indeed, one and only aim of life: "Quaerere Deum" [to seek God].

He knew, however, that when the believer enters into a profound relationship with God, he cannot be content with a mediocre life under the banner of a minimalistic ethic and a superficial religiosity. In this light one can understand better the expression that Benedict borrowed from St Cyprian and summed up in his Rule (IV, 21), the monks' programme of life: "Nihil amoris Christi praeponere", "Prefer nothing to the love of Christ". Holiness consists of this [...]

Mary Most Holy is a sublime and perfect model of holiness who lived in constant and profound communion with Christ. Let us invoke her intercession, together with St Benedict's, so that in our time too the Lord will multiply men and women who, through witnessing to an enlightened faith in their lives, may be the salt of the earth and the light of the world in this new millennium."

Sunday 16 July 2023

First reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Resp. Psalm 64:10-14 *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth.

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Second reading Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 5:30pm at St Benedict's. A Confirmation Information evening will be held beforehand; date TBC. If you would like to enrol your child, please download the Qkr! app, select St Benedict's Parish (with the icon of St Benedict), and complete the Confirmation enrolment form. An administration fee of \$60 covers the cost of administration, materials, and facilities. The fee should not be an obstacle to receiving the Sacrament, so if you have any concerns about making this payment, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Rem.

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden

Join Archbishop Christopher's annual Pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 19th August to commemorate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. For more details and to book, go to Pambula Parish website, cg.org.au/Pambula.

PARISH GROUPS

Empower Night is held 6:40pm 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: Vincent Ciarullo, James Brophy, Heather Harradine.

Anniversaries: Peter Della Torre, Mary Douglas, Agnes Frank, Wayne Hartas, Margaret Kehoe, Keith 'Mick' Kinnane, Janette Leyden, Desmond Maguire, Gordon McLucas, Joseph Micallef, Brian Power, Fr William Birmingham, Fr Thomas McCusker, Fr Vincent Butler, Fr Patrick Dunne, Fr Wladyslaw Stefanski.



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, Jeanette Cullen.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday, 9am-1pm; Friday, 9am - 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5pm (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: 4pm-4:30pm 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

Vacant hours that urgently need filling:

Monday 12noon-1pm, Tuesday 3pm-4pm
Friday 11am-12noon

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.