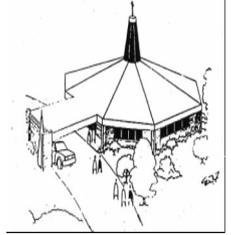


# St Benedict's Catholic Church



*In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love*

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## Parish Team:

Fr Dan Benedetti MGL (Parish Priest)

Fr David Lemewu MGL (Mission Centre)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL

Luz Carlile (Parish Secretary – on leave 3-28 Sept)

Michelle Chua-Lao (acting Parish Secretary)

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 & 9 September 2018

**PARISH OFFICE HOUR SEPTEMBER:** Tues & Fri 9am-1pm

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday 9am  
Sunday 6pm (*Charismatic Mass*)  
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass  
(every last Sun of the Month)  
Saturday 8am

### WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5.30pm  
Wednesday 12.30pm  
Thursday 5.30pm  
Friday 5.30pm (*Healing Mass*)

### RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6:15-7pm  
Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by appointment

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm  
Every Saturday 7.30am

### ROSARY:

Saturdays after 8.00am Mass  
Thursdays – 7.30pm (during May & October)

**BAPTISMS:** during Weekend Masses or by appointment

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays,  
10.30am at Jindalee 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: TEMPORARILY CLOSED

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 7am – 9pm  
Tuesday 7am – 10pm  
Wednesday 7am – 10pm  
Thursday 7am – 10pm  
Friday 8am – midnight  
Saturday 12am – 8am



*Please  
sign up  
for an  
hour*

**Hearing Loop** is located in the right Centre rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

**1ST READING:** ISAIAH 35:4-7

**RESP PSALM:** PS 145:7-10

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

**2ND READING:** JAMES 2:1-5

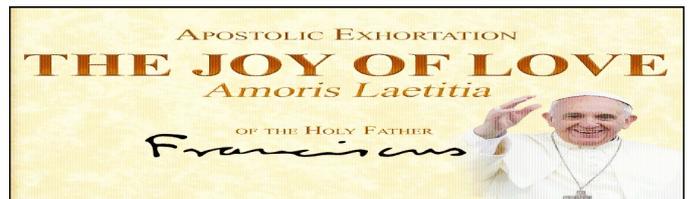
**ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.**

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** MARK 7:31-37



## The current reality of the family

Here I would also like to mention the situation of families living in dire poverty and great limitations. The problems faced by poor households are often all the more trying.<sup>36</sup> For example, if a single mother has to raise a child by herself and needs to leave the child alone at home while she goes to work, the child can grow up exposed to all kind of risks and obstacles to personal growth. In such difficult situations of need, the Church must be particularly concerned to offer understanding, comfort and acceptance, rather than imposing straightaway a set of rules that only lead people to feel judged and abandoned by the very Mother called to show them God's mercy. Rather than offering the healing power of grace and the light of the Gospel message, some would "indoctrinate" that message, turning it into "dead stones to be hurled at others".<sup>37</sup>

# PARISH NEWS

## ST BENEDICT'S PARISH FAMILY CHOIR:

"He who sings well prays twice" - St Augustine. St Benedict's Parish Family Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the **third Sunday of each month**. Come and share your favourite songs and ideas. Choir practice is at 830am before the Mass. Singing lifts the Spirit - all are most welcome. For more info please email Maria on Narrabundah@cg.org.au

**Fr Dan away:** Fr Dan will be in Africa with Youth Reps from the Archdiocese of Canberra from Sept 9-18. Frs David and Baiju will look after the Parish.

**Listening to Jesus:** Next meeting is on Thursday, 6 September at the Collins Wing from 7.30-9:30pm.



## Marian Procession & Youth Pilgrimage 2018

**Sunday 14 October 2018**

**8.30am Youth Pilgrimage | 10.30am Sacrament of Penance | 11.30am Mass with main Celebrant Archbishop Yllana | 12.30pm BYO lunch | 2pm**

Procession to the grotto Contact 02 6239 8500

In 2018, St Clement's Monastery, Galong will be celebrating 100 years since it's founding and opening Mass. There is the opportunity for Mass, the Sacrament of Penance, to pray the rosary & be inspired by the speakers. It is a multicultural family day of festivities, where local Parishes, ethnic communities, clergy and religious take time to enjoy one another and journey with Mary to Jesus.

**YOUTH** – come & join in an hour long Youth Pilgrimage walk that travels from Galong Village to St Clement's.

**ST PADRE PIO'S MITTEN** will be available for veneration on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September at St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah, during & after the 5.30 pm healing Mass. All are most welcome to attend the Mass and to venerate the Mitten.

For further information, ring Maria, 02 6286 5679.

**Special India Collection:** recently severe flood and landslides affected the South Indian state of Kerala. It was the worst flooding in Kerala in nearly a century. Over 445 people have died and at least a million people were evacuated. Properties are so damaged that it will take years to recover. The Catholic Dioceses and other Church organizations are very much involved in the relief process. This weekend **Sept 8/9 St Benedict's will have a collection** for them. We have chosen to send what we raise to the Bishop of the Diocese of Mananthavady in Kerala, where Fr Baiju comes from.

## Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your **card is due to expire in Sept & October 2018** and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card **please bring the card to the Parish Office** as soon as you can. The Parish will take a copy of the both the front and back of the card. Thank you.

## St Benedict's Parish uses Qkr! with Masterpass App:



A secure and easy way to make church donations through your mobile phone or iPad without the necessity of carrying cash. Please download from your App Store. See Brochures in the foyer or contact Parish Office for more information.

## READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND (15 & 16 SEPT 2018)

1ST READING ISAIAH 50:5-9	2ND READING JAMES 2:14-18	GOSPEL MARK 8:27-35
	<b>Sat 6 pm</b>	<b>Sun 9am</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Anna Pace & Sally Cotsell	Mary Smith
<b>Readers</b>	Don Jeffery	School
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Brian & Leita Barron	School
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Brian Barron & Rita Parker	School
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry & Margie Avellino	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell	
<b>Mt View</b>	MGL Priest	
<b>Jindalee</b>	Brendan Price	

## As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

**Our Sick:** Jeanette Cullen, Noeleen Carrick, Charles Morella, Pam Pini, Stan Marris, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Phillip Cooney, Anita Sellan, Helen French, Ellen Brennan, Carol Rees, Michael Croft, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

**Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:** Keith Miller, Marie Bauer, Antonio Nardi, Pat Hannan, Jim Kirkman, William Smith, Allen Palmer, Gregoria Ferrer, Christine Kirchner, Imaculada Buonopane, John Martin, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Ian Smith, Sam & Nina Agius, Cory Browning, Louis Camilleri, Barney Murphy and John Newlyn, Antoinette Martin Robertson.

**Religious Freedom:** Please join us to hear Kevin Andrews speak on the 'Need for Christianity in politics' and how we can help him to defend Christian values in parliament on **Tues 11 Sept, 7.30-9pm at Parish Centre**. Tea and coffee will be served before the talk. Please register for a ticket at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/kevin-andrews-religious-freedom-tickets-49175635650>. If you have any questions, please contact David on 0415 286 080

*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.*