St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Parish Team:



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24 & 25 August 2019

NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues - Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am Wednesday 12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass) Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

(every last Sun of the Month)

Saturday 8am

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 - 7.00pm (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 1st Thursday of the month 10.30am at Mt View 3rd Thursday of the month

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday 9am – 8pm
Tuesday 10am – 10pm
Wednesday 11am – 10pm
Thursday 11am – 10pm
Friday 9am – midnight
Saturday 12am – 8am

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.

Message from Fr Dan:

Dear brothers and Sisters, I'm away for next 10 days to see my 2 new grandnephews in Victoria and to go with Fr David Tremble MGL to the funeral of the first Catholic Aboriginal Deacon in the remote NT Community of Wadeye. I have my Knee operation on Sept 10 but don't expect to be out of action very long. Thanks for your love, support and working together, which Fr Rem and I value greatly. Deacon Luke who has been with us, has decided to take some, what we in the MGL call, "time aside". He is with his family in Perth. Please keep him in your prayers during this time of discernment. Be assured of my prayers, Fr Dan Benedetti MGL PP

New Parish Secretary:

We are now entering the interview process for our new secretary. The role of Parish secretary is of high importance; It's relational, Pastoral, professional, and even one of evangelisation. The Parish secretary is, at times, the first person people encounter in person, or by phone, or email and it requires a high level of communication and administrational skills. Please keep this process in your prayers.

RCIA St Benedict's style!



Our first Welcome/Intro meeting for the RCIA will be on Thursday **September 5 at 7:30pm** at the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. Please contact the office if you would like to

join the team or if you know anyone

who would like to take this journey.

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:18-21

They will bring all your brothers from all the nations

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116(117)

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

The Lord trains the one he loves

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:6

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

Luke 13:22-30

The last shall be first and the first last

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

PARISH NEWS

Plenary 2020 update: the church has now entered into the discernment phase as we journey towards the council. The themes for our discernment are:

- Missionary and Evangelising;
- Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal;
- Prayerful and Eucharistic;
- Humble, Healing and Merciful;
- A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community;
- Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform.

Volunteers Needed: The Parish Pastoral Council are looking for a team of volunteers to organise, set up and lead the St Benedict's Family Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve (in the school hall). This vibrant family celebration has become a wonderful tradition in our parish. If you are able to assist or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Union with the Lord Retreat: This retreat will be held at St Benedict's on 31 August 2019 from 9.00 a.m-4.30pm and will be led by Fr Roni and Fr Joby from the Divine Retreat Centre. Admission is free, but BYO Lunch. All are welcome and for more information, please see the poster on the outside Notice board.

Father's Day Appeal: Annual collection for retired priests. There are 30 priests of our Archdiocese who come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. This Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of these priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to make a donation to this Appeal and all gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate

Mass & Procession Feast of Birthday of Mary: Sunday Sept 8 Mass at 2pm St Benedict's Church followed Procession, Rosary and a cuppa in the Parish Centre.

The Padre Pinto Mitten will be available for veneration at St Benedict's Church Narrabundah at and after the 5.30 pm healing Mass on Friday 13th September. All are most welcome to attend. For further information, contact Maria Ransom 0405717890.

Social Justice Sunday: We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on **29 Sept.** This year, the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: Making it real: "Genuine human encounter in our digital world". For further details visit the office for Social Justice website: www.socolajustice.catholic.org.au or call 02 8306 3499.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Richard (Dick) Brennan, Andrew Italiano, Anthony, George Douglas, Susan Sprece, Zeta Evans, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Betty O'Brien, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Pam Pini, Stan Marris, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Frank Pantano, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Sr Anne Derwin RSJ , John Newlyn, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Gerry Agnew, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Louis Camilleri, Sam & Nina Agius

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 24 & 25 August 2019 Sat 6 pm Sun 9am Welcomers Louise Gaudry Vacant Readers B A Daly Louise O'Rance Louise Gaudry Julie Douglas

Julie Douglas Presentation Brian & Leita Maralyn & Ron of the Gifts Barron Molyneux Eucharistic **S** Neimanis **B** Murphy Ministers Flowers, Altar Mary Brown, Leita Barron Cleaning **Church Cleaners** Muneko Ono, Zbiggy Zmurko Mt View Carmel Henry Jindalee Rita Parker

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 31 August & 01 September 2019

| 1ST READING | 2ND READING | GOSPEL |
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| Isa 66:18-21 | Heb 12: 5-7,11-13 | Luk 13:22-30 |
| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
| Welcomers | Anna Pace Sally Cotsell | Alma Burg |
| Readers | Helen Bennett | Nathan Kensey |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Jeffery Family | Social Group |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rita Parker B Barron | School |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Louise Gaudry, Margie Avellino & Claudine Smith | |
| Church Cleaners | Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell | |
| Mt View | Julie Douglas | |
| Jindalee | Vacant | |

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.