

Easy Steps to Holiness: A Lenten Journey
 The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to join us each Wednesday evening for talks, sharing groups and worship. Deepen your faith this Lent and draw closer to Jesus. Weds 21 Feb to Weds 27 March, 7pm-9pm, Parish Room, St Peter Chanel, Weston St, Yarralumla. Call/text Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293, Gabriel 0422 285 491 for more info.

Journey of St Paul
 Fr Rembert Fernando will be escorting a pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey to follow in the footsteps of St Paul and his companions. The tour will commence on 9th April and end on 20th April. For more information, see flyers in the church or visit: harvestjourneys.com/sp2401

Easter Raffle Results
 The Raffle was drawn last Sunday after the 9.00am Mass. While some of the children burst into tears when they learnt they weren't the winners, we were delighted that:
 Shelley Nash with Green Ticket B78 took home the Hamper. The Raffle raised \$550.00 for the Parish. Thankyou to those who donated eggs and wine and to all who supported by purchasing tickets.

Vocations Discernment Dinner at Gungahlin Presbytery.
 Thursday 11 April at 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

20 – 22 MAY | A Current of Grace Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

White Goods & Furniture For Sale
 Brand new front load washing machine and dryer (Simpson), ergonomic computer chairs, chest of drawers, bookcases, bedside/dining tables, single beds, gardening tools, etc. Price negotiable. Please email: elitra21@gmail.com

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 30th & 31st March 2024		
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Marlene Keir, Moira Najdecki	Josephus Bumaat, Julie Douglas
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Anne Hill	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	MGL Narrabundah (Mt View) Nimmy & Santhosh (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Deb Malone & Jess Wyatt	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 6th & 7th April 2024			
	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
	Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor		Robert Henry
Readers	Robert Booth, Moira Najdecki		Grace de Zilva, Julie Douglas
Offertory	Helen Bennett, Volunteer		Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth		Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry		
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno & Nhung Booth		
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)		
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Sarah & Natasha Liston		

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love **Parish Team:**

Parish Office Hours: Tues—Friday, 9am—12pm **Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)**
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Easter Sunday 30th & 31st March 2024

Reflection on Gospel

In today's Gospel, Mark reports the names of three women who go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. They are Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, the mother of James. According to Mark, these are the same women who were among those watching Jesus' Crucifixion from a distance. Mark reports that these women were followers of Jesus in Galilee and that they ministered to him. Mark also reports that Mary Magdalene and Mary observed where Jesus' body was laid. After his death, these women come again to minister to Jesus.

Mary Magdalene, Salome, and Mary, the mother of James, go to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. It is clear from Mark's report of their conversation that they had not worked out all the necessary details. They know that a very large stone was used to seal Jesus' tomb, but they do not know how they are going to remove it. When they arrive at the tomb, they find that the stone has already been rolled back. Upon entering the tomb, they meet an angel who tells them that Jesus has been raised from the dead. The angel then recalls Jesus' promise to his disciples that he would go before them to Galilee.

Amazement would seem to be a natural reaction to the experience that the women had that morning. Yet the angel chides them for being amazed. Perhaps the reason is found in the words that follow, as the angel reminds them that Jesus himself had told his disciples that he would see them again in Galilee. If the women had listened and heeded Jesus' words, they would not have been surprised to find the tomb empty. This highlights a theme of Mark's Gospel: the disciples of Jesus are often clueless about the true identity of Jesus and confounded by his message to them.

Nonetheless, we can find some hope for the disciples, just as there is hope for us when we find ourselves unsure about Jesus. The disciples in today's Gospel were faithful followers of Jesus and remained present through Jesus' death on the cross. In fact, they came to the tomb that morning expecting to minister to Jesus once again. Instead, they were sent to minister in a different way, as apostles to Peter and the other disciples. Because we hear this Gospel proclaimed today, we know that they honored Jesus by accepting this mission.

Archbishop's Easter Message:
Victory for Humanity in the Risen Lord Jesus

At this Easter time, we proclaim to the ends of the earth the victory won for humanity in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.

Recent Popes describe war as a defeat for humanity. No one wins in war. It seems to make things worse than better. We see this, at present, in the Middle East, Ukraine and parts of Africa.

The same could be said for the scourge of euthanasia, at present, being legislated throughout Australia. It is so unnecessary. The best response to terminal illness and great human vulnerability is widely available palliative care. Here tenderness and closeness replace the brute and sinister lethal jab.

Into this developing culture of hopelessness comes the extraordinary hope and joy of Easter!

Easter is God's ultimate victory over threats to living out our humanity to its full. It is the victory for humanity that is permanent and universal. It is love made flesh in the victory of the Resurrection of Jesus on the Calvary Cross.

The tree of our defeat has become the tree of victory in Jesus rising from the dead. In our YEAR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, let us, therefore, "exult ... and let the trumpet of salvation sound aloud our mighty King's triumph."

Let us breathe in the joy and hope of the Risen Lord's transformation of our humanity into its lost innocence.

In announcing this hope to the world, let our first efforts be directed at those who struggle in the homelessness of body and soul.

May our joy be practical to those most in need.

Let us be Easter peacemakers in both our families and our fragile world!

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.

First reading

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Psalm 117 (118): 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second reading

Colossians 3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5: 7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

John 20: 1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey. Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>



Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians 0419 695 927 or phil13murray@gmail.com

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW COPIES?

The Holy Spirit Parish is looking for some 'As One Voice' 1 and 2 or combined hymns and songs books. If your parish has some spare copies and no longer need them we would like to take them off your hands. Please contact Theivani on 6242 9622

9 APRIL | Marriage Preparation Course

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 9th April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER POSITION - Holy Spirit Parish

Permanent Part-time – Four days per week (23 hrs)
Tuesday to Friday – 9.00am to 3.15pm

For the full job description and selection criteria, please [click here](#) or visit our parish [website](#).

Applications: To apply please provide a covering letter which includes your response to the Selection Criteria along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin at atrecruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au. Contact Theivani on 0472 921 518 or 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday).

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'.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Anniversaries: Thomas Fernando, Barbara Parsons, Lorna & Stanley Evans, Noanie Kelly, Leita Barron, Rathesh Fernando, Ray Pasard, Catherine Cleary, Frank Fulop, Ronnie Van Belkom, Tom French, Agnes Calvert, Clare Connell, Pat Connors, Doris Flaherty, Maud Inch, Monica Knight, Mario Krajina, Leonard Legge-Wilkinson, Kenneth Lentell, Lorna Ludwig, Antonia Martin, Fred Martin, Ronald & Marilyn Molyneux, Marie Morgan, Joan Parker, Alice Smith, Stephanie Stoddard, Monica Thomas, Fr Richard Daly, Fr Bill Keating, Fr Francis Hartigan, Fr Thomas Hilly, Fr Joseph Keating.

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Tony Sealy, Tony Evans, Rose Mason, 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, Edwina Gundelach, Daniel Collins, Rita Smith, Andrea Bernabey, Gustavo Caceres.

Parish Office Hours

9am–12pm, Tuesday–Friday

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

Vacant hours that urgently need filling:

Tuesday: 6pm-10pm

Thursday: 7-10pm

Contact: Anne Sutherland (0413203901) or Parish office for more information.

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.