

### St Benedict's Family Trivia Night:

St Benedict's school is happy to announce the Family Trivia Night will be hosted on Friday 14th June, from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Tickets will be on sale from the 1st of May, and will cost \$25 for an individual or \$200 per table (max 8 people). BBQ dinner, snacks and drinks will be available for pre-purchase or at half-time.

### April 9 | Last Chance for Marriage Preparation before June

Engaged couples marrying before July need to register now for either: FOCCUS - Tues 9th April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. Engaged Encounter- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 May. SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, flexible timing.

More info and registrations:  
[www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)  
 Enquiries: Helena 0405 440 463

### CathNews

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### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:elitra21@gmail.com)

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

6th & 7th March 2024

	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	

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

13th & 14th April 2024

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Acts 3 (13-15, 17-19)	John 2 (1-5)	Luke 24 (35-48)
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Santhosh Jose, Linda Henry
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Mt View & Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	MGL Sisters	

## St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: Tues—Friday, 9am—12pm

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## Divine Mercy Sunday 6th & 7th March 2024

### Reflection on Gospel

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



### Divine Mercy Sunday, 7th April:

Adoration: 1:30pm

Reconciliation: From 1:30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Sung at 2:30pm

Mass: 3pm

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS CHANGE:

There will be a change in time for the Saturday Vigil Mass, during the colder months. From **Saturday 13 April** the Vigil Mass will begin at **5pm**.

Reconciliation will now be available at the new time of **4-4:30pm** during this period.

### Social Group

All parishioners are invited to come along to the St Benedict's Social Group's coffee catch up on **Thursday 11 April** at 10:30am at Grphon's in Griffith.



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 4: 32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

**Psalm 117 (118): 2-4, 15-18, 22-24 R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

## Second reading

1 John 5: 1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him, loves the child whom he begets. If we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; This is the victory over the world - Our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, Not with water only, But with water and blood; With the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20: 29

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
Happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel

John 20: 19-31

In the evening of that same day, 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.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

## 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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

## Palms Australia

Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills with those who have less opportunity to develop their talents. On our website you can also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: [www.palms.org.au](http://www.palms.org.au)

## 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, Jackie Carpenter, Sagar Julie O'Brien, 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month,  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.