

### 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.

### Vocations Discernment Dinners- alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House

Second Thursday of the month. 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).

### 19-21 April | Three day silent retreat

For young men discerning a Vocation to priesthood. Contact Vocations Director, Fr Emil Milat at [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) for more information

### CathNews

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### Mens Sharing Group

The St Benedict's Mens Sharing Group meets every 2nd Wednesday in the Parish Centre. Contact John Murray for details on 0408 257 761.

### Visio Divina Group, commencing May 16

Visio Divina (Latin for "divine seeing") is similar to Lectio Divina ("divine reading"). Where Lectio Divina uses Scripture, Visio Divina uses visual imagery such as artwork to lead us into prayerful reflection and listening to the Holy Spirit.

All welcome, no prior experience of this type of prayer necessary.

Where: St Benedict's Parish Centre

When: Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Arrive 6.45pm for a 7pm start, finishing about 8.30pm.

Register or for more info: Mattia Wellspring on 0434558734

### 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

20th & 21st April 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Maria Mendoza, Loreena D'Silva
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Zilva	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Jeanne Eri & Jonathon Crowley	

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

27th & 28th April 2024

	2ND READING 1 John 3 (18-24)	GOSPEL John 15 (1-8)
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
1ST READING Acts 9 (26-31)		
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Don Jeffery	Shiru Kinyanjui, Julie Douglas
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Brad Hogno	
Church Cleaners	Grace De Zilva & Sue Neimanis	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View) Prakash & Santhosh (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

## 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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## Fourth Sunday of Easter 20th & 21st April 2024

### Reflection on Gospel

The fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In Cycle B, we hear the middle verses of this chapter. Unless we consider this chapter in the greater context of John's Gospel, we will miss the radical nature of the statement Jesus makes when he declares himself to be the Good Shepherd.

This chapter of John's Gospel follows Jesus' healing of the man born blind and the rejection of this miracle by the Jewish leaders who question Jesus' authority to heal. Jesus responds to this challenge by calling himself the Good Shepherd. He is criticizing the leadership of the Pharisees and the other Jewish leaders. The Pharisees and other Jewish leaders are so angry that they attempt to stone and arrest Jesus (see John 10:31,39). This controversy with the religious leaders continues until Jesus' death.

In the portion of the chapter that we hear proclaimed today, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As with so much of John's Gospel, one hears in this passage John's particular focus on Christology. As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

In this context, Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.



### 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.

### 18 May | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Engaged Encounter*- Sydney, Sat 18 & Sun 19 Feb. *FOCCUS* - Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *Evenings for the Engaged*- Sat 13 & 20 July. *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**

### Healing Rally with Damian Stayne

**Wednesday 1st May @ St Peter Channels Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla from 7pm - 9:30pm.**

Everyone is welcome! Praise, worship, healing prayer and joy in the Holy Spirit! Damian is a Catholic lay evangelist from the UK. He ministers powerfully in the charisms of preaching and healing. To register call/text 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.



## First reading

Acts 4: 8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

**Psalm 117 (118): 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29 R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

## Second reading

1 John 3: 1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 10: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel

John 10: 11-18

Jesus said:  
'I am the good shepherd:  
The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.  
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, Abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming,  
And then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep;  
This is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.  
'I am the good shepherd;  
I know my own and my own know me,  
Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;  
And I lay down my life for my sheep.  
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,  
And these I have to lead as well.  
They too will listen to my voice,  
And there will be only one flock,  
And one shepherd.  
'The Father loves me,  
Because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.  
No one takes it from me;  
I lay it down of my own free will,  
And as it is in my power to lay it down,  
So it is in my power to take it up again;  
And this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

## 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)



## August 7 | Tim Fischer Oration on Ethics in Public and Political Life 2024 | 6PM

We are at the crossroads in Australia in particular, and in the Western World in general. Fundamental human values are under great strain, and so an overarching societal narrative is becoming opaque. The Tim Fischer Oration aims to enlighten and encourage us to seek out and promote a free and fair society. Do join us in our noble endeavour.

**Speaker:** Professor Helen Alvare, Levy Endowed Chair in Law and Liberty at Antonin Scalia Law School, George Mason University

Q&A: Chris Uhlmann, Political Journalist and TV Presenter

## Palms Australia

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## 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.