

### 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).

### 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**

### Mens Sharing Group

The St Benedict's Mens Sharing Group will meet **Tuesday 30th April** in the Parish Centre, next week.

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

27th & 28th April 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
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	

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4th & 5th May 2024

1ST READING ACTS 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48	2ND READING 1 JOHN 4: 7-10	GOSPEL JOHN 15: 9-17
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Robert Henry
Readers	Robert Booth, Moira Najdecki	Barry Murphy, Julie Douglas
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Anne Hill	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	MGL Brothers	

## 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)

Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55)

Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Director)

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter 27th & 28th April 2024

### Reflection on Gospel

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.



### St Vincent de Paul—Volunteers Needed

Vinnies have supported the poor and needy in Narrabundah for 65 years.

We currently have 2 volunteers who carry out the volunteer work. These volunteers have been involved for 20-25 years. We are seeking additional support from St Benedict's parishioners—to help with home visits.

Volunteering would require 2 hours every 3-4 weeks. There is a requirement to provide a Working with Vulnerable People card and a police clearance.

Should you wish to assist please contact Don Jeffery on 0418 944 731 OR [donjeffery424@gmail.com](mailto:donjeffery424@gmail.com)

### Healing Rally with Damian Stayne

**Wednesday 1st May @ St Peter Chancels 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 9: 26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**Psalm 21 (22): 26-28, 30-32 R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.**

## Second reading

1 John 3: 18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

## Gospel Acclamation

John 15: 4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel

John 15: 1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:  
'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away— he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

## 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

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

**Our Deceased:** Louis Pini, 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, 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.