

### 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.

### 11 June | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *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**

### YOU ARE INVITED TO TRY ALPHA

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring Christian faith. Each week looks at different question around life and faith such as:

- Is there more to life than this?
- Who is Jesus?
- How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

Alpha is fun, relaxed and free - and you can ask anything you like. Millions around the world have found it a wonderful introduction to the Christian faith and a way to empower faith in people's life.

Each session starts with dinner at 7pm. There is a video presentation and plenty of time to ask questions and share opinions. It is designed to create conversation and there is no obligation and no pressure. Alpha will run every Thursday 7:00pm-8:45pm from 27 June to 12 September 2024 at Collins Wing. For more information please contact the Parish office at [Narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au) or contact Asterie Twizeyemariya on 0401540814 / [tasterie@gmail.com](mailto:tasterie@gmail.com)

### Men's Sharing Group

The St Benedict's Men's Sharing group meets every **second Tuesday in the Parish Centre**, from 7:30pm. Next meeting is on the **28th May**.

For more details, please phone John Murray on 0480 257 761.

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

18th & 19th May 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
<b>Readers</b>	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Santhosh Jose
<b>Offertory</b>	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Nhung Booth	Brendan Bergin
<b>Flowers, Altar Clean</b>	Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Jeanne Eri	
<b>Visitation</b>	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
<b>Sun 6pm Mass Readers</b>		

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

25th & 26th May 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
<b>1ST READING DEUTERONO MY 4: 32-34, 39-40</b>	<b>2ND READING ROMANS 8: 14-17</b>	<b>GOSPEL MATTHEW 28: 16 -20</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmel & Peter Pistoro	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Moira Najdecki, Marlene Keir	Linda Henry, Brendan Bergin
<b>Offertory</b>	BA Daly, Volunteer	Jose family
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
<b>Flowers, Altar Clean</b>	Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Nhung Booth	
<b>Visitation</b>	Carmel Henry (Mt View) Prakash & Santhosh (Jindalee)	
<b>Sun 6pm Mass Readers</b>		

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.

## 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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## Pentecost 18th & 19th May 2024

### Reflection on Gospel

The season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is to we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an Advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

In the context of the feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit upon the apostles mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath." This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiveness of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.



### Prayer to Holy Spirit

*O Holy Spirit, beloved of my soul, I adore You. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I should do; give me Your orders. I promise to submit myself to all that You desire of me and to accept all that You permit to happen to me. Let me only know Your Will.*

### Collection Information

First Collection is for the support of our clergy in the parish and beyond. Funds are directed to:  
The priest's monthly stipend (salary)  
Living expenses  
Food and housekeeping  
Archbishop and Vicar General  
Priests in remote dioceses across Australia  
Sick and retired clergy

Second Collection is for the maintenance and growth of your parish's mission. Funds are directed to:  
Liturgical needs  
Parish sacramental formation & pastoral programs  
Utilities  
Resources  
Maintenance of parish  
Repayment of loans  
Parish staff salaries  
Clergy car expenses & insurance



## First reading

### Acts 2: 1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome—Jews and proselytes alike—Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**Psalm 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34 R. Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.**

## Second reading

### Galatians 5: 16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Matthew 28: 19, 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

### John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,

Whom I shall send to you from the Father,

The Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,

He will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses,

Because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you

But they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes,

He will lead you to the complete truth,

Since he will not be speaking as from himself

But will say only what he has learnt;

And he will tell you of the things to come.'

He will glorify me, since all he tells you

Will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said:

All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

## Divine Renovation Update

Over the past months Fr Rem, Fr Tony, Deacon Samson and myself (Fr Chris) have received four coaching sessions with one of the top coaches of the Divine Renovation. These were very helpful and informative sessions. We spoke a lot about how we can bring the Parish and Mission Centre at St Benedict's together as one community, to enrich each other and move forward together. We will continue to receive coaching from Divine Renovation over the next year.

Our plan is to form a small vision team made up of Fr Tony, Deacon Samson, myself and three lay leaders to help steer our direction as a community at St Benedict's. Please pray as we discern the best fit for these important roles.

Alpha will be a key strategy for our community to move from maintenance to mission. Alpha is a non-threatening way of exploring your faith and inviting others on the journey. I strongly encourage everyone to be involved and invite your friends and family. If you have never done Alpha before, this will be a great opportunity to come along and see what it is all about. On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June we are planning to deliver 3000 flyers across Narrabundah, so we will need your help!!

We ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of unity and the fire of his love to be in our hearts over this Pentecost weekend, and into the future.

Fr Chris

### St Benedict's Catholic Church

#### Apr 2024 Income and Expenditure

INCOME	
Direct Giving	\$ 5,507.70
Donations/Bequests	\$ 1,852.40
Functions/Ceremonies	\$ 50.00
Hire/Rent of Facilities	\$ 150.00
Interest Income	\$ -
Recoupment from Sacramental Programs	\$ -
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,560.10</b>
EXPENSE	
Administration Costs	\$ 1,925.55
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 600.00
Education Resources	\$ -
Salaries and Wages	\$ 1,930.88
Insurances	\$ -
Remittance to Archdiocese	\$ -
Property Charges	\$ 246.00
Presbytery Expenses	\$ 730.50
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 5,432.93</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 2,127.17</b>
Average Income per parishioner*	\$ 12.60
Average Expense per parishioner	\$ 9.05
<b>Net Income per parishioner</b>	<b>\$ 3.55</b>

\*About 150 parishioners attending the 4 weekend masses

### 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, Brian Barron, 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: 5pm (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: 4pm-4:30pm 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.