

Migrant and Refugee Week - Sunday 16 – Saturday 22 June

In 2016, then Deacon Rembert assisted Manus Lives Matter (MLM) to contact 24 Tamil asylum seekers on Manus Island.

Since then, St Benedict’s parish through MLM has helped these men, initially with phone credits and food parcels. In March 2023, the last of these men was evacuated to Australia.

15 are now permanently resettled, 7 in the United States, 5 in Canada, 2 in Finland and 1 in the United Kingdom.

2 returned to Sri Lanka, where unfortunately, 1 died in a car accident in 2022. Sadly, 1 also died on Manus Island.

6 are still on bridging visas in Australia, awaiting resettlement, hopefully in Canada.

MLM thanks Father Rem for his support during his time in the parish as it continues to support refugees, asylum seekers and their families.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 15th & 16th June 2024		
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	Marlene Keir, Robert Booth	Shiru Kinyanjui_Young Brendan Bergin
Offertory	Volunteers	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	John & Monica Murray	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22nd & 23rd June 2024		
1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Job 38: 1, 8-11	2COR 5: 14-17	MARK 4: 35-41
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Louise Gaudry	Maria Mendoza, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View) Prakash & Sruthy (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

St Benedict's Catholic Church May 2024 Income and Expenditure	
INCOME	
Direct Giving	\$ 5,459.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 1,435.00
Hire/Rent of Facilities	\$ 4,575.00
Copy of Baptismal Certificates	\$ 30.00
Total Income	\$ 11,499.00
EXPENSE	
Administration Costs	\$ 2,917.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 600.00
Education Resources	\$ 662.00
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,689.00
Sound System	\$ 848.00
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 2,245.00
Presbytery Expenses	\$ 582.00
Total Expenses	\$ 10,543.00
Net Income	\$ 956.00
Average Income per parishioner*	\$ 19.17
Average Expense per parishioner	\$ 17.57
Net Income per parishioner	\$ 1.59
*About 150 parishioners attending the 4 weekend masses	

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

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Fr Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)
Deacon Samson, MGL
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)
Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

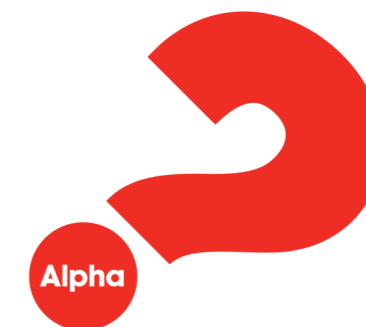
Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 15th & 16th June 2024

Reflection on Gospel

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO TRY ALPHA

Alpha is a series exploring the Christian faith. Each week we look at different questions 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. We encourage you to invite your friends, particularly those you would like to introduce to faith.

Millions of people around the world have found Alpha 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 in a safe space to share.

Alpha will run every Thursday 7.00pm-8:45pm from 27 June to 12 September 2024 in the Collins Wing.

Please register by 25 June by contacting Asterie Twizeyemariya on 0401540814 / tasterie@gmail.com

First reading

Ezekiel 17: 22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar,
From the highest branch I will take a shoot
And plant it myself on a very high mountain.
I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.
It will sprout branches and bear fruit,
And become a noble cedar.
Every kind of bird will live beneath it,
Every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.
And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one
Who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow,
Who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Psalms 91 (92): 2-3, 13-16 R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15: 15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
All who come to him will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’ He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’ Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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

JOURNALIST/EDITOR

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Position Description: bit.ly/4aILK78
More information: Call Anthony Spata at Reach HR on 0402 210 055 or anthony@reachhr.com.au

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 **25th June**.

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

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 Bernabeu.

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 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.