

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.

Invitation to the Ordinations of Brothers Samson & Vijay

The parish would like to invite any interested parishioners to the ordinations of Brother Samson & Brother Vijay MGL. The ordination will be held on **13th September at 7:30pm** in St Christopher’s Cathedral, with refreshments afterwards at the cathedral hall. Please bring a plate to share.

Masses of Thanksgiving will be celebrated by Brother Vijay on **14 September at 11am**, and by Brother Samson on **15 September at 11am**, both at St Benedict’s.

Celebration of the Life of Joan Evans

Caroline Evans would like to invite any interested parishioner to attend mass on the 3rd July in celebration of the the life of her mother Joan Evans.

The mass is to be held on the anniversary of her mother’s passing. A small get together will be held afterwards for attendees interested at her residence.

Jindalee Mass Cancellation

A notice for any parishioner looking to attend mass at Jindalee next month. Due to COVID lockdown, the mass has been cancelled and will not go ahead.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND
22nd & 23rd June 2024

	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		
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
29th & 30th June 2024

<u>1ST READING</u>	<u>2ND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
Wis 1: 13-15; 2: 23-24	2 COR 8: 7, 9, 13-15	MARK 5: 21-43
Sat 5 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Loreena D’Silva, Barry Murphy
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Brendan Bergin
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation		
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Maria & Mark Ransom	

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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Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
22nd & 23rd June 2024

Reflection on Gospel

As we continue in Ordinary Time, our reading today is taken from the Gospel of Mark, the primary Gospel reading in Lectionary Cycle B. Mark’s Gospel presents a vivid portrait of Jesus, whose words and deeds show that he is the Son of God. Today’s Gospel describes the end of a day of teaching in Jesus’ ministry. Jesus taught the crowd in parables and then offered explanations of these parables to his disciples. Jesus then led his disciples away from the crowds and into the boats that they will use to cross the Sea of Galilee. The sea and its surrounding area are the settings for Jesus’ teachings and miracles in this part of Mark’s Gospel. Today’s reading describes how Jesus calmed a storm at sea. It is the first of four miracles that are presented in sequence at this point in Mark’s Gospel.

As is typical in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus’ disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples’ terror and Jesus’ peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples’ words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus’ inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today’s Gospel offers evidence of Jesus’ power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus’ rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus’ power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus’ identity at the conclusion of today’s Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples’ uncertainty about Jesus’ identity is a recurring theme in Mark’s Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or “sleeping.” We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God’s perspective.



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

Job 38: 1, 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:
Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
When it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
When I wrapped it in a robe of mist
And made black clouds its swaddling bands;
When I marked the bounds it was not to cross
And made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
Here your proud waves shall break.

Psalm 106 (107): 23-26, 28-31 R. Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 5: 14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 4: 35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

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

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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.

Fr Rembert & Fr Chris Absence

Fr Chris and Fr Rembert will be in Indonesia until the 30th June for a conference.

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: Antoinette Martin, 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 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.