

MGL Spiritual Association

Parishioners are invited to join our MGL brothers and sisters for Spiritual Association. Beginning at **2pm on Saturday 29 June**, the event will contain Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Benediction, Celebration of the Eucharist and finish with afternoon tea.

The event will be at **MGL Garran, 6 Boake Place**. For more information, contact Anne Foster on 0402 904 188 or fosterja@outlook.com

6 July | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples:

Evenings for the Engaged, Sat 6 & 17 July.
FOCCUS - Tues 13th August 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare.
Engaged Encounter- Sydney, Sat 17 & Sun 18 August.

SmartLoving – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you.

For more information or to register go to

www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

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 **12:30pm Wednesday 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.

17 October | Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha

Save the Date Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

29th & 30th June 2024

	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	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6th & 7th July 2024

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Ezekiel 2: 2-5	2 COR 12: 7-10	MARK 6: 1-6
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Brendan Bergin, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Zilva	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth	
Visitation		
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	MGL Sisters	

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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Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)

Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Fr Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)

Deacon Samson, MGL

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 29th & 30th June 2024

Reflection on Gospel

Today's Gospel reports two stories of healing. One story tells us about a father's great love for his dying daughter. The other story tells us about a desperate woman who risks much as she seeks healing from Jesus. In each story, the request for healing is itself a courageous act of faith, and yet very different circumstances are represented by the lives of each suffering person.

Jairus is described as a synagogue official, a man of considerable standing in the Jewish community. Distraught over his daughter's poor health, he approaches Jesus and asks him to heal her. Although Mark doesn't provide many details, we can imagine that his daughter has been ill for some time and that her condition is deteriorating.

As Jesus leaves with Jairus, Mark describes a second person who seeks healing from Jesus, a woman with a hemorrhage. This woman secretly touches Jesus from behind and is immediately cured. In response, Jesus turns and asks who touched him. Jesus' disciples, always a little clueless in Mark's Gospel, help us envision the scene. The crowds are pushing in on Jesus, and yet he, knowing that power has gone out of him, asks who touched him. The woman could have remained anonymous, yet at Jesus' question she steps forward and acknowledges what she has done. Jesus responds by acknowledging her as a model of faith and sends her away in peace.

At this point, we can imagine Jairus's impatience with Jesus; his daughter is dying and Jesus hasn't helped him yet. As if to build a sense of urgency, messengers suddenly arrive and confirm Jairus's worst fear: his daughter has died. Jesus curiously ignores their message and reassures Jairus. When they arrive at Jairus's home, they find family and friends mourning the girl's death. Jesus enters the room of the dead girl, takes her by the hand, and instructs her to arise. Jairus's faith in Jesus has not been in vain; his daughter is restored to life.

The contrasts between Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage are stark and revealing. One is a man, the other is a woman. One is a public official, an important person in the community. The other is a woman who has lost everything to find a cure to a condition that separated her from the community. One approaches Jesus publicly. The other approaches Jesus secretly. Yet in each case, faith leads them to seek out Jesus in their time of need.

The Gospel concludes with Jesus' instructions to remain silent about this miracle. This is typical of Mark's Gospel and is sometimes referred to as the messianic secret. Repeatedly, those who witness Jesus' power and authority are instructed to not speak of what they have witnessed. These instructions appear impossible to obey, and it is difficult to understand the purpose of these instructions. But in each case, they seem to emphasize the fact that each individual, including the reader of Mark's Gospel, must, in the end, make his or her own judgment about Jesus' identity. Each individual must make his or her own act of faith in affirming Jesus as God's Son.



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

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

Death was not God's doing,
 He takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
 To be—for this he created all:
 The world's created things have health in them,
 In them no fatal poison can be found,
 And Hades holds no power on earth;
 For virtue is undying.
 Yet God did make man imperishable,
 He made him in the image of his own nature;
 It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,
 As those who are his partners will discover.

Psalm 29 (30): 2, 4-6, 11-13 R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Second reading

2 Corinthians 8: 7, 9, 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: *The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.*

Gospel Acclamation

2 Timothy 1: 10

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
 and brought us life through his gospel.
 Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 5: 21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24

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

Canberra Catholic Bookshop

More than just a bookshop, you will find a wide array of giftware and greeting cards, including plenty of options for First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri - 9:30am to 5pm

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Closed Sundays and public holidays

55 Franklin Street, Forrest, ACT 2603 (behind St Christopher's Cathedral)

Mobile: 0478 248 679 | Tel: (02) 6239 9888

Email: catholic.bookshop@cg.org.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 **9th July**.

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: Joan Evans, 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.