

**13 July | Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples**

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *Evenings for the Engaged*, Sat 13 & 20 July. *FOCCUS* - Tues 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au) Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

**St Benedict's Feast Day**

**Sunday 21 July**

**10.00am**

We will celebrate St Benedict's Feast Day on Sunday 21 July with a multicultural theme. Come along and help celebrate in the School Hall after the 9am Mass.

Wear your national dress and bring a plate of your favourite national food to share

There will be music, singing, eats and drinks and an opportunity to thank our wonderful volunteers.

If any convenors of the various Mission groups in the Parish would like to set up a table at the Feast Day celebrations that would be a good way for people to see what is happening and invite others to join.

**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.

**Archdiocesan Roundtables**

In preparation for the Archdiocesan Assembly, there are four more Roundtables coming up. Attendance is offered in person at St Christopher's, Manuka or via Zoom.

In July there are two opportunities to participate by registering at

[www.cgevangalisation.org.au](http://www.cgevangalisation.org.au) and go to Roundtables

**ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND**

6th & 7th July 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Brendan Bergin, Santhosh Jose
<b>Offertory</b>	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
<b>Flowers, Altar Clean</b>	Grace De Zilva	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Nhung Booth	
<b>Visitation</b>	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
<b>Sun 6pm Mass Readers</b>	MGL Sisters	

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

13th & 14th July 2024

<b>1ST READING</b>	<b>2ND READING</b>	<b>GOSPEL</b>
<b>Amos 7: 12-15</b>	<b>EPH 1: 3-14</b>	<b>MARK 6: 7-13</b>
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Marlene Keir	Robert Henry
<b>Readers</b>	Moira Najdecki, Louise Gaudry	Grace De Zilva, Josephus Bumaat
<b>Offertory</b>	BA Daly, Volunteer	Young family
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Nhung Booth	Julie Douglas
<b>Flowers, Altar Clean</b>	Anne Sutherland & Anne Hill	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Santhosh Jose	
<b>Visitation</b>	MGL Garran (Mt View & Jindalee)	
<b>Sun 6pm Mass Readers</b>	Deb Malone & Caitlyn Petering	

**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)**

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**6th & 7th July 2024**

**Reflection on Gospel**

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

**New Parish Priest Installation Mass**

On **Saturday 13th July** at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass, at St Benedict's, Fr Chris Eaton MGL will be installed by Archbishop Christopher Prowse, as the the new Parish Priest of St Benedict's Parish and Mission Centre.

Please join us for this celebration, as we also thank Fr Rem for all he has done over his time as Parish Priest. There will be a reception after mass in the Parish Centre. Please bring some food to share.

**Planned Giving Envelopes**

Parishioners who use parish-provided envelopes for planned giving are advised that new envelopes has been placed in the parish foyer. The boxes have been labelled according to each planned giver. Additionally, some extra boxes are available for interested parties from the parish office.

To help the parish save money and reduce waste, some paper envelope givers have had their giving numbers changed, therefore it is **EXTREMELY** important that envelope givers only use the **CURRENT/NEW** envelopes from July onwards. If you have any envelopes left over from last year, please do not donate with them as there is a risk that your generous contribution may be allocated to someone else.

The St Benedict's parish would like to thank all planned givers and donators. Your generous contributions are immensely helpful to the wellbeing of the parish and its mission. The parish would also like to thank parishioners for cooperating with the changeover of envelopes during this period.

*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

### Ezekiel 2: 2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

## Psalm 122 (123): R. Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

## Second reading

### 2 Corinthians 12: 7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## Gospel Acclamation

### Luke 4: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
He sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### Mark 6: 1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

## 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>



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Closed Sundays and public holidays

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

Email: [catholic.bookshop@cg.org.au](mailto: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:** Elaine French, 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 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.