

First Holy Communion Registration

Parents are advised that registration for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is now open. Students wishing to participate in the sacrament must be at least grade three or older. Registration for this sacrament can be done through either the Qkr! app or by contacting the parish office directly.

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.

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.

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 and go to Roundtables

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

13th & 14th July 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Robert Henry
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Louise Gaudry	Grace De Zilva, Josephus Bumaat
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Anne Hill	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Mt View & Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Deb Malone & Caitlyn Petering	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

20th & 21st July 2024

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
JEREMIAH 23: 1-6	EPHESIANS 2: 13-18	MARK 6: 30-34
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui-Young, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	MGL Brothers	

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

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Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Parish Priest & Mission Centre Director)

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Fr Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)

Deacon Samson, MGL

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time **13th & 14th July 2024**

Reflection on Gospel

This week's Gospel and the one for next week describe how Jesus sent the disciples to minister in his name and the disciples' return to Jesus afterward. These two passages, however, are not presented together in Mark's Gospel. Inserted between the two is the report of Herod's fears that Jesus is John the Baptist back from the dead. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is presented in connection with the teaching of John the Baptist. Jesus' public ministry begins after John is arrested. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, who preached the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God.

While we do not read these details about John the Baptist in our Gospel this week or next week, our Lectionary sequence stays consistent with Mark's theme. Recall that last week we heard how Jesus was rejected in his hometown of Nazareth. The insertion of the reminder about John the Baptist's ministry and his death at the hands of Herod in Mark's Gospel makes a similar point. Mark reminds his readers about this dangerous context for Jesus' ministry and that of his disciples. Preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God is dangerous business for Jesus and for his disciples. Mark wants his readers to remember that we, too, may find resistance as we choose to be disciples of Jesus.

Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus sent out the Twelve. These twelve were selected from among Jesus' disciples and named by Mark in chapter 3. Mark notes that these twelve are also called "apostles." The word *apostle* means "one who is sent." The number twelve is also a symbolic number, representing the twelve tribes of Israel. By naming twelve apostles, Jesus shows his mission to be in continuity with the mission of God's people, Israel.

Jesus' instructions to the apostles are very specific. He repeats the mission that they are sent to preach and to share his authority to heal and to drive out demons. Jesus sends them in pairs, establishing his mission as a communal endeavor. Jesus also instructs them to travel lightly, without the customary food, money, and extra set of clothes. These instructions mean that the Twelve will be dependent on the hospitality of others, just as Jesus depended on others to provide for his needs.

Jesus continues to send us into the world as his disciples. But like the first disciples, we are not sent alone. Jesus has given us the community of the Church, which strengthens our life of discipleship. The Christian message can only authentically be proclaimed in and through the community of faith that is the Church. In our work with others, we build this community of faith and can invite others to share in it.

Prayer to St Benedict:

O Saint Benedict,
Show us the way that leads us to God's peace.
Through your learning and on your example,
Teach us how to be more like Jesus.
Pray for us so that we love
Jesus the way that you did.
Amen.

Prayer of St Benedict:

O gracious and holy father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you; through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.—St. Benedict.

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

Amos 7: 12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Psalm 84 (85): 9-14 R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second reading

Ephesians 1: 3-14

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.
Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
To be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
Determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ
For his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace,
His free gift to us in the Beloved,
In whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.
Such is the richness of the grace,
Which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.
He has let us know the mystery of his purpose,
The hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
To act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
That he would bring everything together under Christ, as head,
Everything in the heavens and everything on earth.
And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own,
Chosen from the beginning,
Under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things
As he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory,
The people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came.
Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation.
And have believed it, and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise,
The pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for this whom God has taken for his own,
To make his glory praised.

Gospel Acclamation

Ephesians 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart,
That we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6: 7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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

Healing and Wholeness in the Holy Spirit With Richard Martin

Richard Martin and his wife Gerry are Leaders at Servants of Jesus Community Sydney. He has a powerful anointing to proclaim the word of God and move powerfully in words of Knowledge for healing and the prophetic.

St Benedict's Catholic Church Narrabundah

Friday 26th July 5.30pm Healing Mass, followed by Talk and Healing Ministry.

Saturday 27th July 10am-3pm
Worship Talks Mass and Ministry

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 **23rd 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 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.