

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.

Adoration Notice:

Dear St Benedict's Community, due to winter illness and family commitments, many adorers are away. If you are able to help short term (2-3weeks) with the following vacancies much appreciated.

Monday 8-11am & 2-3pm
Tuesday 9-1pm
Friday 9-10am & 2-3pm

When we spend time in Adoration, God's grace poured out upon our individual lives, family, communities & world is astonishing. Even if you are unable to commit with your physical presence, Please pray for more Adorers - the harvest is rich but the labourers are few so let's ask the Lord of the harvest to provide for our needs...

St Benedict's Catholic Church	
Balance Sheet	
As of 30 June 2024	
ASSETS	
General Cheque Account	\$ 172,285.22
Investment Account	\$ 105,020.21
Other Debtors	\$ 45.45
Total Assets	\$ 277,350.88
LIABILITIES	
Collins Wing Donations	\$ 9,169.84
MGL Parish Presbytery	\$ 568.00
Other Creditors	\$ 649.30
GST Payable	\$ 65.00
GST Claimable	-\$ 785.33
Long Service Leave Provision	\$ 354.71
Annual Leave Provision	\$ 1,977.32
Catholic Mission Appeal	\$ 65.00
Total Liabilities	\$ 12,063.84
NET ASSETS	\$ 265,287.04
EQUITY	
Parish Funds	\$ 261,401.15
Current Earnings	\$ 3,885.89
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 265,287.04

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

27th & 28th July 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Robert Booth	Julie Douglas, Grace De Zilva
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View) Prakash & Santhosh (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

3rd & 4th August 2024

1ST READING EXODUS 16: 2-4, 12-15	2ND READING EPHESIANS 4: 17, 20-24	GOSPEL JOHN 6: 24-35
Sat 5 pm		
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Robert Booth	Grace De Zilva, Loreena D'Silva
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Brendan Bergin
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	John Murray	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Jeanne Eri, Jonathon Crowley	

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

Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Priest)

Fr Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)

Deacon Samson, MGL

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time 27th & 28th July 2024

Reflection on Gospel

In many important ways, John's Gospel uses the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to teach about the Eucharist. Like the Last Supper, this miracle is said to have occurred near the time of the Jewish feast of Passover. (In John's Gospel three Passovers are identified.) Jesus' language is similar to the language he used at the Last Supper as reported in the Synoptic Gospels. John's description of this event also anticipates the Messianic banquet of heaven, as the crowd reclines and all hungerers are satisfied with abundance. This connection is further amplified by the response of the crowd, who wants to make Jesus a king. John is teaching us that each time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are anticipating the eternal banquet of heaven.

Recall that John's Gospel tells the story of the Last Supper differently than the Synoptic Gospels. Instead of describing the meal and Jesus' actions with the bread and cup, John describes how Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We hear this Gospel when we remember the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. This recollection of Jesus' action at the Last Supper complements the institution narrative of the Synoptic Gospels and Paul's Letters that we hear repeated at each Mass.

In both stories about the Eucharist—the washing of the disciples' feet and the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes—the Gospel of John teaches us that the Eucharist is an action. Our word Eucharist is taken from the Greek language and describes an action: "to give thanks." In the Eucharist we are fed by Jesus himself, and we are sent to serve others.

John's Gospel notes the detail that the bread blessed and shared with the crowd are barley loaves. This is the food of the poor. It reminds us that God feeds and nourishes us, fulfilling our physical needs as well as our spiritual ones. In the Eucharist, we are sent to serve the poorest among us.

The story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes recalls a particular aspect of the Mass. In this miracle, Jesus transforms a young boy's offering of five barley loaves and two fish. In the offertory at Mass, we present the fruits of our labors, represented by bread and wine. These gifts, given to us first by God as grain and fruit, are returned to God in our offering of thanksgiving. God in turn transforms our gifts, making this bread and wine the very Body and Blood of Jesus. We also offer ourselves in this exchange, and we, too, are transformed by the Eucharist.

Request for Help Regarding Parish Flowers

Each week volunteers prepare St Benedict's church for the weekend Masses and ceremonies. A roster of two people is set up for the arrangement of flowers and a little cleaning, not vacuuming the church. Could you please consider helping the Parish in this way, it would involve giving an hour every 4-5 weeks, usually on a Saturday morning around 9.00. If you think you could help and would like to know what is involved please feel free to call the Parish office or contact Sue on sueneimanis@gmail.com.

Planned Giving Envelopes

Could the parishioner with Envelope Number 10 please contact the parish office as a matter of urgency.

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.

St Benedict's parish would like to thank all parishioners who donate for their generous contributions. Your support in the parish is invaluable.

Coffee Morning

Please join fellow parishioners for a coffee catch up on **Thursday 8th August at 10:30** at Gryphon's in Griffith.

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

2 Kings 4: 42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Psalm 144 (145): 10-11, 15-18 R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Second reading

Ephesians 4: 1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 7: 16

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

Gospel

John 6: 1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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



St Benedict's Catholic Church	
Apr to June 2024 Income and Expenditure	
INCOME	
Direct Giving	\$ 18,219.70
Donations/Bequests	\$ 4,956.40
Functions/Ceremonies	\$ 100.00
Hire/Rent of Facilities	\$ 5,175.00
Copy of Baptismal Certificates	\$ 30.00
Interest Income	\$ 3,565.00
Total Income	\$ 32,046.10
EXPENSE	
Administration Costs	\$ 6,184.55
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 2,820.00
Education Resources	\$ 935.00
Salaries and Wages	\$ 8,251.88
Insurances	\$ 4,673.00
Sound System	\$ 848.00
Archdiocesan Levy	\$ 914.00
Furniture, Fittings & Equipment	\$ 1,568.00
General Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 2,491.00
Presbytery Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,675.50
Total Expenses	\$ 30,360.93
Net Income	\$ 1,685.17
Average Income per parishioner*	\$ 16.43
Average Expense per parishioner	\$ 15.57
Net Income per parishioner	\$ 0.86
*About 150 parishioners attending the 13 weekend masses	

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 **6th August**.

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:

Monday: 8-9am
Tuesday: 11am-10pm
Friday: 2-3pm
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.