

Brian Barron Funeral:

The parish would like to inform all parishioners that the service for Brian Barron will take place on **Thursday 12 September** at **1pm**. Brian was a valued member of the parish and a volunteer, and St Benedict's parish extends our condolences to the family. There will be a gathering after the service in the Parish Centre for the bereaved.

Living in the Divine Will Retreat

Presented by: Fr Hugh Thomas C.Ss.R and Fr Emil Milat

The talks focus on how various saints and mystics draw us to live in the holiness of God.

For more information, contact Fr Emil Milat @ emil.milat@cg.org.au

WHEN: 13 Sept 2024 @ 5:00PM
15 Sept 2024 @ after lunch

WHERE: St Clement's Conference Centre, Galong NSW

BOOKING: contact Galong directly on St Clement's Retreat and Conference Centre, Kalangan Road, Galong NSW 2585

Phone: [02 6380 5222](tel:0263805222)
email: info@stclement.com.au

26 September | Encountering God in Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina is Sacred Reading. It is a way of prayer whereby we allow the Word of God to touch our hearts and change our lives. It is a dialogue of love between the person and God as heart speaks to heart through the Word. This weekend retreat focusses on the process of lectio divina by engaging participants in the ancient art of reading and praying with the Word of God in scripture.

For more details ring 0242360011 Ext. 114

Cost: \$150

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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

7th & 8th September 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Loreena D'Silva, Brendan Bergin
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Mt View & Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	MGL Brothers	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

14th & 15th September 2024

	1ST READING ISAIAH 50: 5-9	2ND READING JAMES 2: 14- 18	GOSPEL MARK 8: 27-35
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am	
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg	
Readers	Robert Booth, Moira Najdecki	McKinley Molina, Shiru Kinyanjui	
Offertory	Volunteers	Jose family	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Julie Douglas	
Flowers,	Grace De Silva		
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri		
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)		
Sun 6pm Mass Readers			

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)

**Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
7th & 8th September 2024**

Reflection on Gospel

Today we continue to hear the Gospel of Mark proclaimed. In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. In the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, we are anointed with holy oil on the forehead and the hands. In the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. We are a sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.

Some, however, see in this Gospel an image of the proclamation of the good news of Jesus to the Gentiles. The geographic references tell us that Jesus is journeying through Gentile territory. Jesus had previously visited this region and healed a person possessed by a demon. Jesus was already famous there, which explains why people brought the deaf man to him. The story that precedes this reading in Mark's Gospel sets the stage. Jesus encounters a Gentile, a Syrophenician woman who asks him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. Jesus engages her in a dialogue about not feeding to dogs the food intended for children. Jesus is struck by the woman's great faith when she replies that even dogs eat the food that falls from the table, and he heals her daughter immediately. The faith of this Greek woman compels Jesus to respond to her plea.

Mark shows that Jesus' own mission affirms the early Church's mission to the Gentiles. This was a significant issue to the early Christian community, which found that the good news of Jesus took root and spread quickly among the Gentiles. Yet there is an irony in the story of healing that Mark tells. Jesus gives the man the gift of speech, but then tells him not to use it. Jesus asks that the news of his healing power, which is evidence of his identity as the Messiah, not be spread. This is a recurring motif in Mark's Gospel and is sometimes called the "messianic secret."

Notifications for Parishioners:

Fr Chris would like to notify parishioners that he will be absent between **2nd September to 12 September** for a retreat. He will also be on a three week break from **29 September to 17 October**.

Parishioners are advised to note the change in parish office hours, as we will no longer be open on Fridays. We thank you for understanding.

Fr Rem will be on Sabbatical from the **15th September**. Next year, he will be moving to Melbourne to continue his studies. We wish ask parishioners to keep him in their prayers.

Working With Vulnerable People Audit:

Dear volunteers,

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support.

It is a requirement in the ACT for anyone over 16 years of age involved in activities with children and/or vulnerable persons to hold a current Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. At a parish level, this applies to parish priests/staff/volunteers active in particular ministries.

Twice a year, a report of all active WWVP holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding office (IPSS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of **March and September** and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by ACT Govt agencies at any time so the audit reports are an important part of maintaining accurate records for when an audit occurs.

Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Govt requirements for WWVP. Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWVP is current.

*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

Isaiah 35: 4-7

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.
Look, your God is coming,
Vengeance is coming,
The retribution of God;
He is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
The ears of the deaf unsealed,
Then the lame shall leap like a deer
And the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

For water gushes in the desert,
Streams in the wasteland,
The scorched earth becomes a lake,
The parched land springs of water.

Psalm 145 (146): 7-10 R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second reading

James 2: 1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7: 31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

CatholicPsych:

The founder of the CatholicPsych Institute Dr Greg Bottaro is coming to Australia in September. He will be speaking at around 15 events in Tasmania, Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney. One of the only public events will be held in Canberra on 21 September and will feature a day workshop drawing on content from the newly developed CatholicPsych PREPARED Workshop (Mental Health Crisis Response Training). Tailored for educators, campus ministers, parish and diocesan staff, parents, and priests, addressing the urgent need to respond to the growing mental health crisis within our communities. Participants will learn to identify and address mental distress through a deeply Catholic lens. This is unique opportunity to connect with Dr Greg Bottaro in person. Given the late notice for this event, I am wanting to get the word out. Please feel free to share with anyone you think might be interested. To register for this training see here for the booking page: <https://www.trybooking.com/CULHL>. For more info on the PREPARED Workshop content see here: <https://catholicpsych.com/prepared>. Thank you,
Shawn van der Linden

Visio Divina Group, next meeting is September 19th.

Visio Divina (Latin for "divine seeing") is similar to Lectio Divina ("divine reading"). Where Lectio Divina uses Scripture, Visio Divina uses visual imagery such as artwork to lead us into prayerful reflection and listening to the Holy Spirit.

New members welcome, no prior experience of this type of prayer necessary.

Where: St Benedict's Parish Centre
When: Every 3rd Thursday of the month. Arrive 6.45pm for a 7pm start, finishing about 8.30pm. Register or for more info: Mattia Wellspring on 0434558734

Vocations Dinner at Pearce Presbytery. Thursday 12 September 6pm Evening Prayer and then dinner. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

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: Brian Barron, Fr Peter Gannon, Cain Rogers, Elaine French,, Antoinette Martin, Louis Pini, Thomas Fernando, Barbara Parsons, Noanie Kelly, Leita Barron, Rathesh Fernando, 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 Evans, Rose Mason, Clem Dick, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Pat Atkins, Lorraine Davis, Mathew 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—Thursday

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.