

Help Needed—Sacristy Duties:

Any and all parishioners who may be interested in helping out the parish with sacristy duties are advised to contact the parish office.

8 October | Marriage Preparation Courses

Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 8th October 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare. *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**

13 October | Marriage Encounter Celebrating 50 years of growing great marriages

Are you married, religious or in Holy Orders? Have you attended Marriage Encounter weekend years ago or just recently? Are you looking to regain the sparkle in your marriage and vocation? Join in the celebration, input and fellowship on Sun 13 October 2-4 pm at Haydon Hall, Manuka. Enquiries: Grace and Brendan Price gracemaryprice@gmail.com

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

Ordinations of Brothers Samson & Vijay

The parish would like to congratulate Brothers Samson & Vijay MGL on their recent ordination. They were ordained on the **13th September** at St Christopher’s Cathedral. St Benedict’s congratulates them on this further step forward on their journey of faith.

To celebrate their ordination, 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
14th & 15th September 2024

	Sat 6 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, Altar Clean	Grace De Silva	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
21st & 22nd September 2024

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
1ST READING WISDOM 2: 12, 17-20	2ND READING JAMES 3: 16-4: 3	GOSPEL MARK 9: 30-37
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
Readers	Marlene Keir, Robert Booth	Maria Mendoza, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy
Flowers,	Ann Hill & Anne Sutherland	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth, John Murray	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View) Prakash & Santhosh (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 Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)
Deacon Samson, MGL
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)
Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
14th & 15th September 2024

Reflection on Gospel

Today’s reading is the turning point in Mark’s Gospel. In the presentation of the life and ministry of Jesus found in the Gospel of Mark, the deeds of Jesus have shown Jesus to be the Son of God. Yet many, including Jesus’ disciples, have not yet realized his identity. In today’s Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples for a field report by asking what others say about him. He then turns the question directly to the disciples and asks what they believe. Peter speaks for all of them when he announces that they believe Jesus to be the Christ.

The word *Christ* is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word for Messiah, which means “the anointed one.” At the time of Jesus, the image of the Messiah was laden with popular expectations, most of which looked for a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. Jesus does not appear to have used this term for himself. As we see in today’s reading, Jesus refers to himself instead as the Son of Man, a term derived from the Jewish Scriptures, found in the Book of Daniel and in other apocryphal writings. Many scholars suggest that the phrase Son of Man is best understood to mean “human being.”

Now that the disciples have acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, Jesus confides in them the outcome of his ministry: he will be rejected, must suffer and die, and will rise after three days. Peter rejects this prediction, and Jesus rebukes him severely. The image of Christ that Jesus is giving is not the image of the Messiah that Peter was expecting. Jesus then teaches the crowd and the disciples about the path of discipleship: To be Christ’s disciple is to follow in the way of the cross.

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus’ words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Mark wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.

Notifications for Parishioners:

Fr Chris would like to notify parishioners that he will 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**. We wish ask parishioners to keep him in their prayers.

Parishioners should note that **Saturday mass** will be occurring from **6pm** from **this weekend**.

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 50: 5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
Neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
My cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
Against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
So that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator here is at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?
Then let us go to court together.
Who thinks he has a case against me?
Let him approach me.
The Lord is coming to my help,
Who will dare to condemn me?

Psalm 114 (116): 1-6, 8-9 R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Second reading

James 2: 14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Galatians 6: 14

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 8: 27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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.