

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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

### Teresa Benedicta—Women’s House of Prayer:

A residence for young adult women, in full-time work or study, interested in their Catholic Faith and participating in the Cathedral Parish. Living individual freedom and commitment to common life of prayer and sorority.

The house is located in Red Hill, has a chapel, garden, kitchen and common area, with five bedrooms. \$400 per week per person.

Expressions of interest to [cathedral@cg.org.au](mailto:cathedral@cg.org.au)

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

21st & 22nd September 2024

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
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, Altar Clean	Ann Hill & Anne Sutherland	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth, John Murray	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View) Prakash & Santhosh (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

28th & 29th September 2024

1ST READING NUMBERS	2ND READING	GOSPEL
11: 25-29	JAMES 5: 1-6	MARK 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki, Robert Booth	Loreena D’Silva, Josephus Bumaat
Offertory	Ruzario family	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Gaudry	Brendan Bergin
Flowers,	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	MGL Narrabundah (Mt View) Sruthy & Nimmy (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

## St Benedict’s Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God’s Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: Tues-Thursday, 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)

## Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 21st & 22nd September 2024

### Reflection on Gospel

In today’s Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week’s Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today’s Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God’s kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus’ name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God’s judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.

### 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.

The parish secretary will be absent on **Wednesday 25th September** for training. The parish office will be closed at this time.

Parishioners should note that **Saturday mass** will be occurring from **6pm** from **12th October**.

### Pilgrimage of the First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis—28/29 September:

St Joseph’s, O’Connor is honoured to host the first-class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the young "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist." This rare and blessed opportunity offers a unique chance for the faithful to venerate and seek the intercession of a modern-day saint who has inspired millions worldwide. Blessed Carlo Acutis, beatified in 2020, was an Italian teenager who combined his profound faith with a passion for technology. Known for his Eucharistic devotion, Carlo created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles around the world. His life stands as a testament to how modern tools can be used to glorify God.

Event Details:

- Date: September 28-29, 2024
- Location: St. Joseph’s Parish Centre
- Register Now! Register on Eventbrite at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/pilgrimage-of-the-first-class-relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1014183479087>

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

## Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us  
And opposes our way of life,  
Reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
And accuses us of playing false to our upbringing

‘Let us see if what he says is true,  
Let us observe what kind of end he himself will have,  
If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part  
And rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.  
Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
And thus explore this gentleness of his  
And puit his endurance to the proof.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
Since he will be looked after—we have his word for it.’

## Psalm 53 (54): 3-6, 8 R. The Lord upholds my life.

## Second reading

## James 3: 16-4: 3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn’t it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven’t got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don’t have what you want is because you don’t pray for it; when you do pray and don’t get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

## Gospel Acclamation

## Thessalonians 2: 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 9: 30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

St Benedict's Catholic Church	
Income & Expenditure Report	
31-Aug-2024	
<b>INCOME</b>	
Direct Giving	\$ 5,635.00
Donations/Bequests	\$ 2,076.00
Functions/Ceremonies	\$ 424.00
Hire/Rent of Facilities	\$ 2,200.00
Sacramental Programs	\$ 120.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,455.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
Administration Costs	\$ 3,438.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$ 770.00
Sacrament Expenses	\$ 280.00
Salaries and Wages	\$ 2,341.00
Workers Compensation Insurance	\$ 388.00
Property Charges	\$ 518.00
<b>Presbytery Expenses**</b>	<b>\$ 25,346.00</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 33,081.00</b>
<b>NET LOSS</b>	<b>-\$ 22,626.00</b>

**\*\*The presbytery expenses relate to the new windows, doors and painting of our presbytery which have been duly budgeted for.**

## **Visio Divina Group, next meeting is October 17th.**

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

## **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, Pat Evans, Zeta Evans, 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 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:**

Monday: 8-9am

Tuesday: 11am-10pm

Friday: 2-3pm

Contact: Anne Sutherland (0413203901) or Parish office for more information.

**Hearing Loop** is currently not working in the church. We apologise for the inconvenience.