

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**

28-29 Sept | Pilgrimage of the First-Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

(8am, 28 September to 5.30pm 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." Location: St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Register on Eventbrite by searching for "Blessed Carlo".

Tickets with available timeslots are available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/myevent?eid=1014183479087>

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

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

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND
28th & 29th September 2024

	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, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	MGL Narrabundah (Mt View) Sruthy & Nimmy (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND
5th & 6th October 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	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	Marlene Keir, Louise Gaudry	Grace De Zilva, Linda Henry
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Louise Gaudry & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
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)
Fr Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)
Fr Samson, MGL (Priest)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)
Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
World Day of Migrants and Refugees
28th & 29th September 2024

Reflection on Gospel

Today we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones. In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy. Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now. Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal." In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

Notifications for Parishioners:

Fr Chris would like to notify parishioners that he will be on a three week break from **30 September** to **17 October**.

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

The Wild Goose Series

This series will help you discover a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

If you allow him, the Holy Spirit will lead you on an adventure greater than you can imagine. The Spirit will lead you to a place of mercy, healing, peace, and presence. The Holy Spirit has been given to us not as a possession to be tamed or controlled, but rather as a Person that will lead us to the Heart of God.

Topics Covered:

1. God's Love Poured Out
2. The Spirit and Our Lady
3. The Spirit and the Eucharist
4. Baptism in the Spirit and Fire

Four Thursday Night's (Oct 10, 17, 24, 31) Starts 6:30pm with dinner. Finishes 8:45pm at the Collin's Wing. All welcome. To register or find out more email: tasterie@gmail.com

Victory in Christ—Breakthrough with Healing

A time of praise & worship, adoration and prayer ministry with Lalith Perera, Spiritual Director of the Risen Lord Community.

23 October 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Mary Help of Christians Church, Pearce. Conducted by Lalith Perera

24 October 2024 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at St Brigid's Church, Dickson. Conducted by Archbishop Christopher and Lalith Perera

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

Numbers 11: 25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Psalm 18 (19): 8, 10, 12-14 8 R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Second reading

James 5: 1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

John 17: 17

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth:
Make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

17 October | Ordination to the Priesthood of Rev. Mark Ha

Save the Date Thursday 17 October 2024 at 5.00pm at St Christopher's Cathedral Forrest, Canberra 0414 523 036

2024 Canberra Catholic Ball

You are invited to the 2024 Canberra Catholic Ball: A Royal Affair! It will be held this October 19th, in the Juliet Room at Verity Lane Market. Bring your friends and meet many more young Catholics from across Canberra at a great night of regally-themed fun. Tickets are \$120 and include a four hour drinks package and a selection of canapés. Please find more information on the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook page. Please email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

29 Sept | Respect Life Sunday | 11am Mass | 12pm Brunch & Expo | Manuka

The ACT Right to Life Association is hosting speaker Monica Doumit, on Sunday 29th October at 12:45pm in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. Monica has been influential in legislative battles on life, marriage, and family issues. As the ACT prepares to implement liberal euthanasia laws, she will share insights on the future of the prolife movement. Speaker, Q&A, Refreshments. Contact actrlclassoc@gmail.com

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: Alfie McKenna, 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, 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 currently not working in the church. We apologise for the inconvenience.