

### Coffee Morning:

Please join fellow parishioners for a coffee catch up next **Thursday, 10th October at 10:30am** at **Gryphons** in Griffith.



### 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**

### Help Wanted on Saturday 2nd November

The parish would like to ask any and all parishioners willing to help with the cleaning up of the Collins Wing and Parish Centre to attend our clean up on **Saturday 2nd November at 9am**.

A skip bin has been hired and a BBQ lunch will be provided to all those who assist. The parish would like to thank in advance any who assist with this task, your help in the parish is invaluable.

### 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)

### 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

5th & 6th October 2024

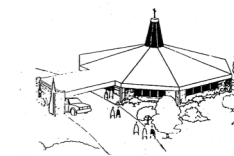
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	Marlene Keir, Louise Gaudry	Grace De Zilva, Linda Henry
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Louise Gaudry & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

12th & 13th October 2024

	1ST READING WISDOM 7: 7-11	2ND READING HEBREWS 4: 12-13	GOSPEL MARK 10: 17-30
	Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir		Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth, Moira Najdecki		Brendah Bergin, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	Volunteers		Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis		Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis		
Church Cleaners	John Murray		
Visitation	MGL Garran (Mt View & 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)

Fr Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)

Fr Samson, MGL (Priest)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

## Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time 5th & 6th October 2024

### Reflection on Gospel

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark’s reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark’s Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today’s Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark’s Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God’s original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God’s original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus’ disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus’ teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today’s Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus’ emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today’s Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus’ disciples show that they just don’t get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these “little ones” in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today’s Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

### Notifications for Parishioners:

Fr Chris is currently on a three week break from **30 September to 17 October**.

**Saturday mass** will be returning to **6pm** from **12th October**.

The parish office is no longer open on Fridays.

### 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](mailto: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

### Genesis 2: 18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,  
And flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,  
For this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

## Psalm 127 (128) R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

## Second reading

### Hebrews 2: 9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

## Gospel Acclamation

### 1 John 4: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!  
If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

## 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](mailto:catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Visiting Speaker—Monday 14 October 7pm in Sacred Heart Church Pearce:

Milona von Habsburg, the Archduchess of the former Austria-Hungarian Empire and now an international Catholic translator and evangelist. Since her conversion in Medjugorje, where she still lives part time, she is a global ambassador for Medjugorje. She was also the former personal secretary to Fr. Slavko Barbaric, a translator for the Medjugorje visionaries and continues to serve on staff for the Ambassador of Lichtenstein to the Holy See. She travels to Australia rarely. All welcome to hear her share after recent Vatican approval of Medugorje.

## 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 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.