

## St. Benedict's End of Year Community Night

Join us for our celebration of **Music through Time** on **23rd November 2024 7pm-9.30pm** at the St. Benedict's School Hall. \$15 Tickets (Entry Only) & Family ticket passes also available.

There shall be food, drinks for purchase and raffle tickets for the silent auction.

Come dressed in our theme colours of **Blue, Red & White** and bring along your family and friends too.

All proceeds are towards St. Benedict's Church for general upkeep and maintenance.

Tickets are available for purchase online on **Trybooking.com**

## 9-10 November | ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. For further information visit: [www.engagedencounter.org.au](http://www.engagedencounter.org.au). Choose any of the Weekends: Nov 09-10, Feb 22-

### All Saints Day Party:

Join us for the annual All Saints Day Party at St Christopher's Cathedral on **Sunday November 3, 2024!**

Dress as your favourite Saint and enjoy fun activities, a costume parade, and a family-friendly atmosphere after the **11 AM Mass at Haydon Hall, 55 Franklin Street, Forrest.**

Phone: Anita Piper 02 6239 9846

### 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

2nd & 3rd November 2024

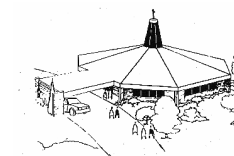
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	Marlene Keir, Moira Najdecki	Maria Mendoza, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	Volunteers	Ruzario family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Silva & Sherice Kazzi	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9th & 10th November 2024

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
KINGS 17: 10-16	HEBREWS 9: 24-28	MARK 12: 38-44
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Volunteer	Alma Burg
Readers	Helen Bennett, Robert Booth	Julie Douglas, McKinley Molina
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Louise Gaudry & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
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:

Parish Office Hours: Tues-Thursday, 9am—12pm

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Fr Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)

Fr Samson, MGL (Priest)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

## Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time 2nd & 3rd November 2024

### Reflection on Gospel

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders. The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbor. Both of these commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

### Notifications for Parishioners:

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

The parish office is no longer open on Fridays. Opening hours are Tues-Thurs from 9am-12pm.

### 40 Hour Adoration

St. Benedict's is having a 40hr adoration vigil in honour of the feast of Christ the King. The vigil will begin **6am Friday 22 Nov** and will finish **10 pm Saturday 23 Nov 2024**.

Everyone is welcome to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament during that time.

There will be a roster covering the 40 hours. Contact Kathy Miller on **0407 203 803** if you

### Kingdom Kids

We are thrilled to announce the re-establishment of **Kingdom Kids** at St Benedict's! This children's ministry program is designed for kids aged **3-12yrs**, allowing them to grow in faith through prayer, stories, songs, and activities **every Sunday - except long weekends and school holidays**.

Children will be invited to join at the beginning of mass and will return to their families before Holy Communion. **Under school age kids** will need a carer to attend with them. We will be looking for parents who can join the leadership team and teen leaders wishing to volunteer for community service. There will be announcements regarding ways you can get involved to support this important ministry.

Reach out to Sherice Kazzi **0408 259 502** our program lead to learn more.

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

### Deuteronomy 6: 2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.'

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

### Psalm 17: 2-4, 47, 51 R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

## Second reading

### Hebrews 7: 23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

## Gospel Acclamation

### John 14: 23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
And my Father will love them, and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

### Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'

The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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### Needed Urgently:

Church family of 3 adults in need of a 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, garage home in Woden/ Inner South. Please contact Margaret on:

**0417 486 574.**

### 5 November | Ministry to the Newly Married Information Session

About to be married? Recently married? Then this may be for you.

Ministry to the Newly Married (MNM) is a mentoring program for couples who have married in the last 2 years or about to be married in the next 6 months. The program aims to foster the development of relationship skills and supports living the sacrament of marriage. Join the information session about the Program on Tuesday 5th November 2024 7-8 pm.

Register for the information session at <https://cgcatholic.org.au/ministry-to-the-newly-married-information-night/>. For more information contact Ralph and Angela on 0401 994 081

### 10 November | ST THOMAS AQUINAS 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

You are welcome to join St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church Charnwood 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November 2024. 10 am mass will be held at the church followed by celebratory BBQ.

To register for catering purposes:  
[www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com](http://www.stthomassquinascharnwood.com)

### Visio Divina Group, next meeting is November 21st.

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:** Pat Atkins, Trevor Wright, Jonathan Crowley, Keith Crowley, Pollie Crowley, 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,

**Our Sick:** Jindalee & Mt View residents, Jackie Carpenter, Sagar Julie O'Brien, Tony Evans, Rose Mason, Clem Dick, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, 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: 6pm (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: 5pm-5:30pm 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, 9am-10am

Tuesday: 9am-10am, 11am-midday, 6pm-7pm, 7pm-8pm.

Thursday: 3pm-4pm, 4pm-5pm

Friday: 2-3pm, 8pm-9pm

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

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