

INTRODUCTORY CPE COURSE

Two Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) courses are being offered online using Zoom by the Southern Tablelands CPE Centre, a registered Centre with the NSW College of Clinical Pastoral Education Inc. These short 40-hour courses will comprise of six sessions each. The first to commence October 30 and run each Wednesday until December 4. The second to commence on January 29, 30, February 5,6 & 12, 13, 2025.

For more information please contact Barbara Hall: barbarahall1909@gmail.com or phone: **0418 413 731**

Marist Association and Rodney's Plant Plus Birthday Extravaganza:

The Marist association warmly invites you to join them on **21 November** from **6pm–9pm** at Rodney's Plant Plus in Pialligo to celebrate 50 years in the Canberra community. A percentage of proceeds will be donated towards Marist College AMS projects. All inquiries should be sent to Brendan Bergin: brendanbergin@mcc.act.edu.au

December 2024 | Last Call for Marriage Preparation before mid-February 2025

Engaged couples marrying before mid-February 2025 should register now for one of the following courses: *FOCCUS* - Tues 10th December 2024, 5-9pm, plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare; *SmartLoving Engaged Online*, 9 lessons, flexible timing. More information and registrations: www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

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

16th & 17th November 2024

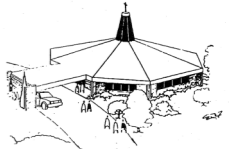
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Loreena D'Silva
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth, John Murray	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Anne Hartwell & Caitlin Petering	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

23th & 24th November 2024

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
DANIEL 7: 13-14	APOCALYPSE 1: 5-8	JOHN 18: 33-37
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Marlene Keir, Robert Booth	Shruti Ruzario, Linda Henry
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Brendan Bergin
Flowers,	Anne Hobday & Loretta Thomas	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View) Prakash & Santhosh (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Monica & John Murray	

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 Tony Schick, MGL (Priest)

Fr Samson, MGL (Priest)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 16th & 17th November 2024

Reflection on Gospel

This Sunday is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

Healing Mass for Those Suffering from Infant Loss

On **Friday 6 December** at **5:30pm**, a healing mass will be held for those who have lost babies due to miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth and those who died in infancy. There will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the mass.

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

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 starting 24th November - 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

Daniel 12: 1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

Psalm 15 (16): 5, 8-11 R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

Second reading

Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21: 36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and pray constantly,
That you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13: 24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.’

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

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**

24 November | Christ the King Taralga Church Celebrates 90 Years

Christ the King Parish of Taralga Celebrates 90 years of Worship in the Church built by Bishop Barry.

Please come and celebrate with them at 9.30 am Mass followed by morning tea, on the Feast of Christ the King, November 24

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: Joan Evans, Rose Mason, 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, David J Keay, Daniel Boone, retired Bishop Pat Power, Carmel Henry, 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 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, 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.