

PARISH NEWS

Adoration Roster

We welcome people join the St Benedict's Adoration Roster. A copy of the roster is available in the foyer (along with blue cards to fill out your contact details) to take home and choose an hour convenient to you. Urgent hours that are empty are Tuesday 8-9am, Tuesday 11-12pm, Tuesday 3-4pm. All other hours need an extra person.

Institute of Professional Standard Training.

All who are in ministry in our parish are encouraged to attend a training evening on 17 March 7.00pm in the Collins Wing. The Archdiocese recommends that training is attended each year to keep up to date with the changes in legislation and protocols. Please use the link for trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAZ> or contact the parish office to confirm your attendance.

Men Alive Men's Weekend

When was the last time you felt really alive? The Men Alive conference will be held on 27 -28 March in the Collin's Wing at St Benedict's. The cost is \$50, which includes workshops, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and BBQ dinner on Saturday. Please **RSVP by 12 March** for catering purposes, to Benjamin Spurr 0400 772 858 or bwspurr@gmail.com

Food for Soul and Body

9 March University, TAFE, and College students are invited to meet the local Right to Life Council Members from 6.00pm to 9.30pm for a light meal and information evening on 'Life Issues'. See Development of Life Models on display at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. email 345bevc@gmail.com or phone 0418 718 713

Expenditure in the Parish

This year we have some larger than anticipated expenses coming up: the presbytery roof has to be replaced, a new sound system for the church, security cameras in the church, fire emergency lit signs. Please keep these in mind as you give to the parish.

St Benedict's Social Group

invites all parishioners to their monthly Morning Tea in the Parish Centre after 9.00 Mass next Sunday (7 March).

Tap and Go

The parish has a Tap and Go machine for the Covid safe collection of monies. For every dollar, 30 cents goes to the presbytery account and 70 cents goes to our parish.

Aid to the Church in Need

Did you know that each year the Catholic charity, Aid to the Church in Need, supports the training of 12,000 seminarians & provides ongoing formation for 8,000 priests. Could you help support a priest or seminarian? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/formation



Recently Deceased: Ray Anderson; Barbara Reinstadler; Ursula Gibson; Joso Milin

Anniversaries: Bernadette Cruise; Estyll Jewell, Monica Mullins; Nola

Payton

Other Occasions: William Smith

Our Sick: Janice Kelly; Leita Barron, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Simon Keay, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

27 & 28 February 2021

| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
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| Welcomers | Carmel & Peter Pistor | Barry Murphy |
| Readers | Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan | Philippe & Coline Moncuquet |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Bennett family | Not required |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Nhung Booth | Peter Stauffer |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Anne Hobday, Noreen Dick and Margie Avellino | |
| Church Cleaners | Don & Jennifer Nguyen | |
| Mt View | Carmel Henry | |
| Jindalee | Anne Sutherland | |

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6 & 7 March 2021

| 1ST READING Ex 20:1-17 | 2ND READING 1 Cor 1:22-25 | GOSPEL John 2:13-25 |
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| Sat 6 pm | | Sun 9am |
| Welcomers | Louise Gaudry | Shiro Kinyanjui |
| Readers | Robert Booth; Marlene Keir | Barry Murphy; A ToNiyonsenge |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Jeffery Family | Not required |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Jesús Salazar | Mel Stratford |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Louise Gaudry, Claudine Smith; Margie Avellino | |
| Church Cleaners | Shruti Rusario, Nhung Booth | |
| Mt View | Julie Douglas | |
| Jindalee | Maria Micas | |

St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Parish Team:

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre)

Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Second Sunday in Lent Year B 27 & 28 February 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9am

(Streamed via Facebook)

Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 6pm Youth Mass
(Fourth Sun of the Month)

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. 6:15-7pm

Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm

Every Saturday 7.30am

ROSARY:

After the weekday Masses & Saturdays after 8.00am Mass

Thursdays – 7.00pm (during May & October)

BAPTISMS: during Weekend Masses or by appointment

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 9am – 8pm

Tuesday 10am – 9pm

Wednesday 11am – 10pm

Thursday 11am – 10pm

Friday 9am – midnight

Saturday 12am – 8am

****hours may vary should the use of the Church be required**

Hearing Loop is located in the right Centre rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

ST BENEDICT'S WORSHIP GROUP gathers after Thursday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS during Lent will be held at 5.00pm before Mass.

Lenten Renewal Experience—'Walk in the Spirit'

Archbishop Prowse invites us to participate in a new and exciting Lenten experience involving live-streamed teaching, prayer, community hubs and discussion. The live streams will be held from 7:30pm to 9:00pm every Thursday during Lent, 18 February to 25 March in the Collins Wing. This is repeated in the Collins Wing on Sunday evening after the Charismatic Mass. To register or more info, visit <https://cgatholic.org.au/walk-in-the-spirit/>

We Welcome into our Christian Community

Laura and Jack Kingham, children of Amy (Rhind) and Richard, who will be Baptised this weekend. Please remember them in your prayers.

Project Compassion

The boxes for Project Compassion are now available in the church. Please consider taking one home and "be more" for others who have less.



Margret is a teacher at a vocational school for deaf students in the Solomon Islands that suffered long-term water shortages and damage from Tropical Cyclone Harold.

With Caritas Australia's support, Margret's school installed water tanks, repaired cyclone damage and implemented COVID-19 prevention measures, and is now planning to boost food security.

Sr Bernadette MGL

Will be making her final vows on 6 March in the Cathedral. We wish her all the best and pray for her as she starts on the next phase of her life journey.

Sr Angela MGL making her 1st year promise on Sunday and **Sr Sarah Jane MGL** is making her initial vows also on Sunday. We keep them in our prayers.

St Benedict's Parish Youth Sacramental Coordinator

we are looking for someone to take on this ministry within the parish. For more information please contact the parish office.

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

Second Sunday in Lent Year B 27 & 28 February 2021

First reading

Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

'The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith'

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalms 115(116):10,15-19

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:

'I am sorely afflicted,'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Second reading

Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:

This is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 9:2-10

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.