

PARISH NEWS

generous as possible. Envelopes are available this weekend if you wish to use a credit card or you can use the Qkr! App on your phone. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday & please keep them in your prayers. Thank you.

Project Compassion

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion, supporting vulnerable communities before, during and after natural disasters, conflicts and crises – making it one of the nation's longest running charity campaigns. Please donate to Project Compassion 2021 to help continue empowering vulnerable communities around the world lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Sacraments

We pray for the children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. May they grow in understanding and draw closer to the love of the Lord.

St Benedict's Social Group

invites all parishioners to join them for a coffee and chat on Thursday 8 April at 10.30 at Gryphon's in the Griffith shops.

St Benedict's Key Audit

The Parish Office is in the process of updating our key register. We are requesting that anyone who holds a key to either the Parish Centre or the Collins Wing contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to advise us of which key you hold, and the key number if applicable. Thank you for your cooperation.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love! Come and join us on 16-18 April, 2021 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid-safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW Book contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or online www.wwme.org.au nswwbookings@wwme.org.au

Request for volunteers to clean the Church

Recently a few of our wonderful volunteers who clean the Church have had to step back. If any parishioners have the time to volunteer to clean the Church for two hours on a Saturday morning (approximately once every six weeks), please contact the Parish office to be placed on the cleaning roster.



Recently Deceased: Frances Standing, Gwyneth Ellen Gleeson,
Anniversaries: Marinus Quaedackers; Ian Smith; John Pyne; Biserka Sulenta
Other occasions: Rita Smith, Birthday

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

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 27 & 28 March 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9 am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	Chris Ruzario Shiro Kinyanjui
Presentation of the Gifts	Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Tessa Oh & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View	Carmel Henry	
Jindalee	Anne Sutherland	

ADINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3 & 4 April 2021

	1ST READING Acts 10:34,37-43	2ND READING Col 3:1-4	GOSPEL Mk 16:1-7
	Sat 6 pm		Sun 9 am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Shiro Kinyanjui	
Readers	Robert Booth Marlene Keir	Philippe & Coline Moncuquet	
Presentation of the Gifts	Sally Cotsell BA Daly	Not required	
Eucharistic Ministers	Noreen Dick	B Murphy	
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	TBC		
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith		
Mt View	Julie Douglas		
Jindalee	Maria Michas		

St Benedict's Catholic Church

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Parish Team:

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Thursday 12.30-4.30pm)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)



Palm Sunday Year B 27 & 28 March 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:		WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:	
Saturday	6pm (Vigil)	Tuesday	5.30pm
Sunday	9am (Streamed via Facebook)	Wednesday	12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)		Thursday	5.30pm
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass (Fourth Sun of the Month)		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

EUCHARISTIC 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.

Happy Birthday

We pray for good health and blessings for Rita Smith as she celebrates her birthday.

Chrism Mass

Join the Archbishop and the clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 29 March 2021 at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral for this most important Holy Week ceremony. During this Mass the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Bookings are essential using the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BPFAJ>

Easter Timetable in our Parish

Holy Thursday: 5.30pm Supper of the Lord followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose
Good Friday: 10.00am Stations of the Cross followed by confessions
3.00pm Solemn Liturgy
Saturday Vigil: 7.00pm Blessing of the Fire, Procession and Exultet, Baptismal Liturgy
Easter Sunday: 9.00am
6.00pm Charismatic Mass

The annual Good Friday Appeal for the Holy Land

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas of health, education, employment and housing. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, due to the global pandemic, it was an extremely difficult time for the Church and people of the Holy Land. Despite this, Australian Catholics did manage to donate \$406,000 (compared to the \$1.3 million in 2019). This year, the Holy Land will continue to face an extreme shortfall in income due to the ongoing effects of the pandemic and so we are urging Catholics around the world to be as

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

Palm Sunday Year B

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First reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet
I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Second reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8-9

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.

Therefore God raised Him on high and gave Him a name above all other names.

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

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Gospel

Mark 15:1-39

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Key: N. Narrator. ✕ Jesus. O. Other single speaker. C. Crowd, or more than one speaker.

N. First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes – in short, the whole Sanhedrin – had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate questioned him:

O. Are you the king of the Jews?

N. He answered,

✕ It is you who say it.

N. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again:

O. Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!

N. But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply. At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them

O. Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?

N. For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again:

O. But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?

N. They shouted back,

C. Crucify him!

N. Pilate asked them,

O. Why? What harm has he done?

N. But they shouted all the louder,

C. Crucify him!

N. So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified. The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him,

C. Hail, king of the Jews!

N. They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull. They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left. The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,

C. Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!

N. The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. They said,

C. He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe.

N. Even those who were crucified with him taunted him. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,

✕ Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?

N. which means, 'My God, my God, why have you deserted me?' When some of those who stood by heard this, they said

C. Listen, he is calling on Elijah.

N. Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar and, putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink, saying:

O. Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down.

N. But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

All kneel and pause for a moment.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he had died, and he said,

O. In truth this man was a son of God.