

CatholicCare FOCCUS Marriage Preparation

6 December (5.00pm – 9.00pm) Last chance this year for engaged couples to complete their required marriage preparation. Complete a relationship inventory, enjoy a meal, receive input on Catholic marriage and book in for a face to face couple interview with a CatholicCare Counsellor. Register www.marriagefamily.org.au Inquire 0429 192 869

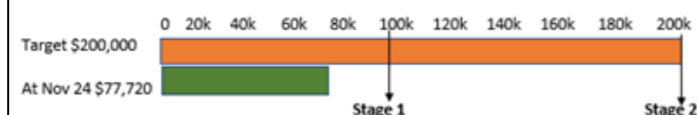
Special Morning Tea and Presbytery Renovation Appeal 28 November at 10.am

Please join the PPC for morning tea after the 9.00am Mass this Sunday 28 November.

Over a cup of tea or coffee along with sandwiches, cakes and biscuits we look forward to:

- celebrating that we can now meet, share and enjoy one another's company,
- outlining the reasons behind the Presbytery's pressing need for renovation.

Currently, donations for the Presbytery Appeal have reached 21,720 due to the generosity of parishioners. We'd love to have you join us this Sunday and if you are able to make a donation, however small, envelopes and a Tap and Go machine will be available.



If you are unable to make the Morning Tea, Donation Envelopes are available at the Church or online contributions may be made via the Parish account:

Account Name	BSB	Acc No
St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

When making a donation please advise under the reference bar that the donation is for Presbytery.

Yours in Christ

Moira Najdecki

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

Life in the Spirit Seminar: continues on 5 December. Contact 0409 777 743 for more information. Child minding available.



St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges 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.

Advent Wreath Blessing (said by all)

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Saviour of every nation; He is the Light of the world. As the Bishops of the world prepare for the 2023 Synod in Rome, and as our Archdiocese contributes its input, we "walk together" this Advent season into closer communion, with a more Christ-centred mission while opening genuinely inclusive participation possibilities for our Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Masses for Perpetual Vows and Vows & Promises



On Friday, 3rd December, some of our MGL Brothers will be making their Perpetual Vows during 7:00 pm Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral; also, on Sunday 5th December, several members of the MGLs will be taking Vows and Promises. Help is needed for the respective receptions after both these Masses. The parish will be praying for our brothers as they take this important step in their faith journey.

Archdiocesan Advent resource: Join a 30 minute Zoom briefing this Sunday 21st at 4pm For use in small group or alone, in person or via Zoom. All information at <https://cgatholic.org.au/walking-together/> or contact larakirk@cg.org.au 0429192869.

Positions Available:

Canberra Central Parish Secretary:

Part time permanent position (10-12 hours per week). Salary will be subject to equivalent Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please contact Fr Emil: emil.milat@cg.org.au or 0414523036 for more information, closing date 7 December.

Cathedral Parish Secretary:

Position requires applicants to be available from Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm. Starting date, 1 December. Please inquire at the Cathedral parish office via cathedral@cg.org.au or phone 6239 9846.

Other Archdiocesan job opportunities

are advertised at <https://cgatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/>

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)
Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)
Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8.00am—12midday)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

First Sunday Of Advent Year C 27 & 28 November 2021

Out of lockdown

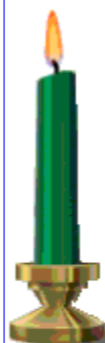
Dear brothers and sisters, great news! Masses have recommenced at the usual times. **170 people** are able to attend each Mass in person. Please follow social distancing and sanitise before entry. Face mask are no longer mandatory, but encouraged for those 12 years and above. Parishioners are not required to produce evidence of vaccination. **Upon entry please sign in using the CBR app, if you are unable to do so please use the sign in sheets that are available.** If you are unwell due to immunity issues it is better to stay home.

CBR check in card

A Check In CBR card is now available, designed for those people who do not own a smartphone or who are unable to download or use the Check In CBR app. To apply for this card you can either call access Canberra on **13 22 81** or apply online using the following link: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/check-in-cbr-app/check-in-cbr-app-form>

Reflection

Another liturgical year has ended, and we stand at a new beginning. Advent has a two pronged message. Firstly we remember and celebrate, and secondly we look forward to Christ's coming in glory. What wonderful readings we have to lead us into this season! Jeremiah reminds us of the Lord's long-ago promise that 'a virtuous branch' from David's line would come to 'practise honesty and integrity'. This immediately encourages us to ponder the wonder of Christ's birth which we celebrate at Christmas. The Gospel reminds us that Christ will come



Lighting of the First Candle

again and calls on us to trust in God at all times and in all circumstances. Between these two readings the psalm confidently asks for God's help, trusting in the Lord's goodness and uprightness, faithfulness and love. In the second reading Paul prays for the Thessalonians asking the Lord to increase their love and to help them live as God desires. Perhaps 'the keys' to the joy of Advent are to live with anticipation, with love, and to fulfil another of God's promises: 'you shall be holy, for I am holy' (Leviticus 11:45; 1 Peter 1:16)

St Benedict's Social Group

Invites all parishioners to join them for morning tea in the Parish Centre on Sunday 5 December after the 9.00 am Mass.

Also parishioners and friends are welcome to come along for a Christmas gathering, coffee and a chat, on Thursday 9 December at 10.30 am at Gryphons Cafe at the Griffith shops.

Adoration roster:

You can join as an ongoing commitment or an occasional substitute. Hours that are totally vacant and in **urgent need of filling are: Monday 11am-12pm & Tuesday 8am-9am, 3pm-4pm.** Please contact **Anne Sutherland 0413203901.**

Zoom Advent Discussion Groups

28 & 30 November (4.00pm & 10.00am) Join an Archdiocesan ZOOM Advent discussion 4pm on Sunday 28 November or 10am on Tuesday 30 November. Log on as an individual or as a group using: Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/96186839540> Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540. Or use the resource at a time that suits you. More info www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT Enquiries lara.kirk@cg.org.au phone 0429 192 869.

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First reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.

In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence.

And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm 24 4-5,8-9,10,14

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord’s friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Ps84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy

and give us your saving help.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’



Recently Deceased: Marvel Nobleza; Dorothy Lamb, Ignacio Serrano, Patsy Webb, Moya Yozer, Agostino Luongo, Joseph Del Guidice.

Anniversaries: Leo Byrne; Leila Connelly; Joseh Grmek; Agatha Moxon; Kenneth Mullins.; Mary-Ann Brown; Anthony Diedo; Mary-Ann Grantham;

Other Celebrations:

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Fr Laurie Blake, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Caroline Evans, Rita Smith.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: **WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)	Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am	Wednesday 12.30pm
(Streamed via Facebook)	Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)	Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
Sunday 6pm Youth 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

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

Adoration daily hours:

Monday 6am-10pm Tuesday 6am-10pm

Wednesday 1pm-10pm Thursday 1pm-10pm

Friday 6am to Saturday 8am

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.

The Tradition of the Jesse Tree

Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas Tradition and first started in medieval times. They are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Christmas Story. The name comes from Jesse who was the Father of the great Jewish King David. One prophecy in the Bible, in the book of Isaiah, says:

- 1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
- 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him-- the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD--
- 3 and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;
- 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. Isaiah 11:1-4 (NIV)

A branch is a sign of new life and new beginnings. Jesus was a descendent of King David and Christians believe that Jesus is this new branch.

The first Jesse trees were large carvings, tapestries or even stained glass windows put in Churches that helped illustrate people (people who can't read or write) to learn about the Bible

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

27 & 28 November 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	—	Mel Stratford
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy Shiro Kinyanjui
Presentation of the Gifts	Ian Smith	N.A.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Niemanis	Peter Stauffer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Don and Jennifer Nguyen	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4 & 5 December 2021

1ST READING Baruch 5:1-9	2ND READING Phil 1:4-6, 8-11	GOSPEL Lk 3:1-6
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moria Najdecki & H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario & volunteer
Presentation of the Gifts	Benneth Family	N.A.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Mel Stratford
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Margie Arvellino, Claudine Smith & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	

from creation to the Christmas Story. But now Jesse Trees are used as a kind of Advent Calendar. You can use a normal Christmas tree or a banner in the shape of a tree. Each day through advent (or sometimes just on the four Sundays of advent) a special decoration or ornament (similar to a Chrismon), that tells a story from the Bible, is hung on the tree. There are very many different stories and symbols you can use. Below are some suggestions for possible Bible stories, where you can find bible references and symbols:

Creation (Genesis 1, The earth); Adam and Eve/Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:4 - 3:24, A tree with fruit or an apple); Noah & the Flood (Genesis 6:9 - 9:17, A rainbow); God's promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-7 & 15:1-6, A tent); Isaac (Genesis 22:1-18, A ram); Jacob's Ladder (Genesis 28:10-19, A ladder); Joseph's Coat (Genesis 37 & 50, A multicolored coat or robe); Moses (Exodus 2:1 - 4:20, A burning bush); Israelites and the Passover (Exodus 12:1-42; A lamb); The 10 Commandments (Exodus 19:1 - 20:20, Two stone tablets); Joshua and the fall of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-20, A ram's horn trumpet); Ruth (Ruth (Whole Book), A sheaf of corn); King David (1 Samuel 16:1-3, A six pointed 'Star of David'); Solomon's Temple (1 Kings 6, The temple); Elijah and Baal's Priests (1 Kings 18:16-39, A bonfire); Isaiah's 'Jesse' Prophecy (Isaiah 11:1-11, A tree stump with a single branch growing from it); Jonah and the Whale (Jonah (Whole Book), A whale); John the Baptist (Matthew 3:13-17, A scallop shell); Mary (Luke 1:26-38, A white lily); Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56, A mother and child); Zechariah (Luke 1:57-80, A pencil and tablet); Joseph (Matthew 1:19-25, A carpenter's hammer); The Shepherds (Luke 2:8-20, A fluffy sheep!); The Wisemen (Matthew 2:1-12, A gold star or the three gifts or three crowns); Jesus (Luke 2:1-8, A baby in a manger)

