

PARISH NEWS

St Vincent de Paul Gift Hampers

Each year the St Benedict's Vinnies Conference provides food and Gift Hampers for the needy in the parish. Once again this year we are seeking donations of gifts and non-perishable food items. The Parish Giving Tree has been erected in the church. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

St Benedict's Social Group - coffee morning After many months of isolation the Social Group invites all parishioners to join them for a coffee and chat on Thursday 10 December at 10.30 at Gryphon's Griffith.

Altar cleaning and flower arranging

Parishioners are invited to assist with the weekly preparation of the church by helping with the arrangement of flowers and **light cleaning. This does not include vacuuming the church. Volunteers are rostered** every 5-6 weeks, usually for about an hour on Saturday morning. The next roster period will run from late December until approximately May to June 2021. For further information or to offer to join the roster please call Sue on 0407 269 193 before 11 December.

MGL Manila Christmas Hamper Appeal

During this most difficult time our MGL Manila Parish (also St Benedict's!) is raising money for Christmas Hampers to bring some joy into the lives of families struggling just to survive. A family hamper costs between AU\$12-15. Our Canberra "MGL Mission Account" will transfer directly into our Manila Account. The bank details are: BSB 062-786. A/C number 027325, with reference "MANREL".

Engaged Encounter Retreat 20-21 February 2021

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

Gifts of Faith

A Gift of Faith is a Christmas present given in place of a material gift. One can arrange multiple Gifts of Faith for children, grandchildren, godchildren, siblings, cousins, co-workers, friends and parishioners. Find out more: www.thatcatholicshop.com/giftsoffait

Wanted: Loving Married Couple: Become a Sponsor couple SmartLoving is a Catholic marriage ministry and is calling for enthusiastic married couples to journey with an engaged couple as they prepare to be married in the Catholic Church. Find out more at this free information session: Wed, 9 December - 8pm AEDT www.smartloving.org/webinar

Our Sick: 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.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:

Concetta Denaro, Gloria Loewe, David Young, Mary Grech, Charles Morella, Francesco Barbero, Kevin Power, Caroline Brunner, John and Antoinette Martin, Pam Pini, Albert Alfred Bonansea, Donal Dwyer, Kathleen Kensey, Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, Ian Patterson, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Betty O'Brien, Gerry Agnew, Zeta Evans, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Lawrence Power, Edna Keir, Stella Ienco, Barrie Marshall, Louis Camilleri, Sam & Nina Agius; Marlic Erland; Fred and Antoinette Martin

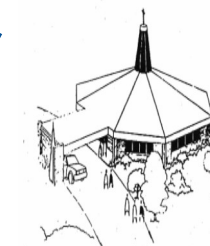
ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 28 & 29 November 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mary Brown, Leita Baron & Loretta Thomas	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5 & 6 December 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
1ST READING Is 40:1-5, 9-11	2ND READING 2 Pet 3:8-14	GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8
Welcomers	Anna Pace & Sally Cotsell	Priscilla Kinyanjui
Readers	Marlene Keir & Volunteer	Philippe & Coline Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett Family	Social Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert & Nhung Booth	Mel Stratford & Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry; Margie Avellino and Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell	

St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre)

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Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

1st Sunday of Advent Year B 28 & 29 November 2020

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:

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.

Advent begins!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend we begin the wonderful season of Advent. The world desperately needs to have the Saviour born again in all hearts. Let's open our hearts to the Lord and each other as we begin this journey. Let's pray for our world, and especially for those struggling physically, emotionally and spiritually. Let's have the Lord's heart and hands in reaching out to those in most need. We are grateful for the work of St Vincent de Paul and all those other services that seek to hear the cry of the poor. Let's make the spiritual journey together. There are many resources available online. Our MGL brothers and sisters have put together a wonderful resource called "Prepare Him a Room". The MGL resource is available on the MGL Priests and Brothers Facebook page, or via this link: <http://flr.ms/5se>

St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) said:
"Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, His parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas..."
May the Lord bless all our families and loved ones this Advent season.

God bless, Father Dan

Christmas Masses

We are still working out details of our Christmas Masses. If anyone would like to volunteer to help organise a particular Christmas Mass or be a volunteer 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 28 & 29 November 2020

First reading

Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, 'Our Redeemer' is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):2-3,15-16,18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalms 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 13:33-37

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'



Lighting of the First Candle