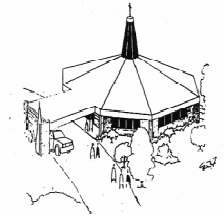


St Benedict's Catholic Church



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St Benedict's Catholic Parish aims to be a caring and prayerful community, committed to outreach & service, where each person is valued, and their gifts encouraged.

4TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 27 & 28 JANUARY 2018

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues—Thurs from 9am to 3pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

Sunday 7pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 7pm Youth Mass

(every last Sun of the Month)

Saturday 8.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following 6.15 –7.00pm after
(Healing Mass)

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 – 7.30pm (during May & October)

BAPTISMS: 11am, 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

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:

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 8am – 9pm

Tuesday 8am – 10pm

Wednesday 9am – 10pm

Thursday 9am – 10pm

Friday 6am – midnight

Saturday 12am – 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.



Readings for this weekend:

1st Reading: **DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20**

2nd Reading: **1 CORINTHIANS 7:32-35**

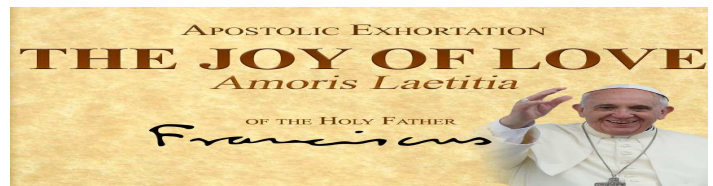
Gospel: **MARK 1:21-28**

Responsorial Psalm:

If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!



The Work of your hands

This having been said, we can appreciate the suffering created by unemployment and the lack of steady work, as reflected in the Book of Ruth, Jesus' own parable of the labourers forced to stand idly in the town square (*Mt* 20:1-16), and his personal experience of meeting people suffering from poverty and hunger. Sadly, these realities are present in many countries today, where the lack of employment opportunities takes its toll on the serenity of family life.

Nor can we overlook the social degeneration brought about by sin, as, for example, when human beings tyrannize nature, selfishly and even brutally ravaging it. This leads to the desertification of the earth (cf. *Gen* 3:17-19) and those social and economic imbalances denounced by the prophets, beginning with Elijah (cf. *1 Kg* 21) and culminating in Jesus' own words against injustice (cf. *Lk* 12:13; 16:1-31).

(Cont.. paragraph 25-26 Amoris Laetitia)

PARISH NEWS

St Benedict's Social Group Events:

Coffee mornings - Save the date: All parishioners are invited for a "coffee and chat" at 10.30am on the second Thursday of February, April, June, August, October and December 2018 at 'Gryphons At Griffith'.

Monthly morning Tea: The first Morning Tea for 2018 will be held next weekend on Sunday 4 February in the Parish Centre after the 9am Mass.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your card is due to expire in Jan & Feb 2018 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office with another form of identification, such as your driver's license that includes your date of birth on the information listed. The Parish will take a copy of the both the front and back of the card.

Please note: It is an offence to engage in regulated activity for vulnerable people without a current WWVP registration.

Adoration Vacancies: As you know Adoration will recommence this Monday. We really are desperate for new adorers and have lots of vacant spots!! They are as follows:

Monday: 4-5pm

Wednesday: 8-9 am, 10-11am, 1-2pm, 4-5pm

Thursday: 8-10 am, 1-3pm

Friday: 2-3pm and 6-7pm



DOORKNOCK APPEAL 2018: Volunteers are requested to assist with the St Vincent de Paul Doorknock. The Doorknock is the major fundraising appeal for SVDP for the year, funds raised from the Doorknock are used to assist the needy in the community. Volunteer's will be assigned a certain section in Narrabundah which can be completed usually in under 2 hours. Doorknocking can be carried out on any day in February in daylight hours at the Volunteers convenience. Should you be able to assist or require any further information please contact Don Jeffery. Email: sarlouali2@bigpond.com. Phone: 0418944731.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3 & 4 Feb 2018

| | Sat 6pm | Sun 9am |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Welcomers | Anna Pace & Sally Cotsell | Alma Burg |
| Readers | Claire & Grace Bennet | B Murphy & Jessica Pearson |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Sally Cotsell & BA Daly | Social Group |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rita Parker & B Barron | J Douglas & M Molyneux |
| Flowers & Altar Cleaning | Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry | |
| Sacristan | Margie | |
| Church Cleaners | Brad Hognio | |
| Mt View | Maralyn Molyneux | |
| Jindalee | Rita Parker | |

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Stan Marris, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Betty O'Brien, Flora Arias, Phillip Cooney, Barrie Marshall, Brad Chalmers, Helen French, Ellen Brennan, Pauline Wilkie, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, John Newlyn, George Durr, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Bruce Bramley, Margaret Burnell, Coby Fulop, Brian Kelly, Shirley Parsons, Lorna Evans, Gerard Agnew, Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Ian Smith, Jane Evans, Bro Paul Nixon, Joseph O'Connor, Sam & Nina Aguis, Heather Daly, Correy Browning, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Marea Brennan, Louis Camilleri.

*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.*