

PARISH NEWS

As we slowly return to being able to see less restrictive attendance at Masses we pray for blessings on you all.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There will be a **Women's Reflection Afternoon**, livestreamed to all corners of the Archdiocese 2-4:30pm Saturday 29th August. Gather with friends at home or in the parish, wherever you have internet access. Hosted by the Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce. Register at www.bit.ly/WomensReflectionAfternoon. Enquiries email catholic.women@cg.org.au or ring/text Lara on 0429 192 869

THE WAY FORWARD 19 September 2020 A free online pro-life panel from 2:00pm-4:30pm. What practical steps, however small, can we take towards creating a more life-affirming culture? Pro-Life Professionals (Canberra) are hosting a panel of speakers involved in medicine, law and policy, and the social media sphere, who are finding innovative ways to reach out in support of pregnant women and their unborn children. Join us for an afternoon of online presentations and Q&A, and learn how you too can help to build a culture of life. Register at bit.ly/way-forward-canberra.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL

Next weekend, 5 & 6 September, the Archdiocesan Father's Day Appeal will be taken up. There will be envelopes available in the Church.

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**

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: 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

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 29 & 30 August 2020

| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
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| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Anne Hobday, Noreen Dick & Margie Avellino | |
| Church Cleaners | Don & Jennifer Nguyen | |

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 5 & 6 September 2020

| 1ST READING | 2ND READING | GOSPEL |
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| Ezek 33:7-9 | Rom 13:8-10 | Mt 18:15-20 |
| Sat 6 pm | | Sun 9am |
| Welcomers | Louise Gaudry | Priscilla Kinyanjui |
| Readers | Moira Najdecki ; Helen Bramanathan | Christopher Ruzario; Priscilla Kinyanjui |
| Presentation of the Gifts | Jeffery Family | Social Group |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Rita Parker; Brian Barron | Barry Murphy; Peter Stauffer |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Mary Brown, Loretta Thomas & Letia Barron | |
| Church Cleaners | Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth | |
| Mt View | n/a | |
| Jindalee | n/a | |

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

St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Felice Kasita and Cathy Schneider (acting Parish Secretaries)

Karina Widjaja (Finance Officer)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time 29 & 30 August 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
 (every last 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

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.

WEDDING, ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS

This weekend we celebrate at St Benedict's the marriage of **Hipo (Fr Matt's nephew) and Sorang**. We wish them all God's blessing for their future. We keep them in our prayers especially since they are a long way from home and family in Indonesia.

Congratulations to **Brian and Leita Baron** as they celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary

Dear brothers and sisters,

SECRETARY NEWS

A big thank you to Felice who has been working hard this last month. Unfortunately due to family commitments Felice is not able to continue as Secretary. Felice you are and will always be part of our St Benedict's family and we look forward to future opportunities.

Hence we are now looking for a new Secretary for Tuesday and Wednesday 9-12. In the meantime we are hoping for some volunteers particularly for Tuesday morning even if it was just 9-10. Please contact Fr Dan for more information: Daniel.Benedetti@cg.org.au

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MIDYEAR REPORT

Parishes were asked earlier this year, by the Archdiocese, to review the Annual Budget in light of the effects of the Corona Virus. Some adjustments were made and a new COVID19 Budget was approved and sent to the Archdiocese.

The latest financial statements show the parish finances are healthy. It was anticipated that income would fall away dramatically due to Masses and other activities not being held. However Parish income has held up remarkably well and there have been some generous donations.

On behalf of Fr Dan, the Finance committee would like to express its gratitude and thanks to our loyal parishioners for this continued support. It means that we are able to continue to faithfully serve the Parish and its needs during these difficult times.

It was also agreed that the Finance Committee would investigate other ways of Giving with the move away from cash which is helpful practically as well as providing us with stable income on which to budget. About 8% of givers have changed to Direct Debiting, if others would like to make the change the Parish Office can help.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
29 & 30 August 2020

First reading

Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Second reading

Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

cf Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'