

PARISH NEWS

New Life in God's Spirit seminar

Are you hungry for a deeper encounter with Jesus? Come to the New Life in God's Spirit seminar for an opportunity to activate the gifts of the Holy Spirit you received at your Baptism! The seminar runs each Wednesday evening, 7pm-9pm, from Weds 28 July to Weds 15 September 2021. The evenings include praise and worship, talks, testimonies, sharing groups, prayer ministry and fellowship. The seminar is free, and the talks will be presented by priests from our Archdiocese and members of the Good Shepherd prayer group. Held at St Peter Chaneles Catholic Church, Weston Street, Yarralumla ACT. All welcome!

Recently Deceased: Fr Brian Maher; Elizabeth from L'Arche Community; Noeleen Carrick, Otis Evans; Elaine French; Jan Leyden; John Brown.

Anniversaries: Leila Bafour, Nellie Burmeister, Aloysius Camilleri, Marie Chatillon, Christina Feeken, Frances McGinness, Frank Mestrov, Ethel Mulach, Mary Murray, Doras Rogers, Nandor Schwalm, Aranka Schwalm.

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



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am
(Streamed via Facebook)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm
Wednesday 12.30pm
Thursday 5.30pm
Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
Saturday 8.00am

Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 6pm Youth Mass
(Fourth Sun of the Month)

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

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 6am – 9pm **Tuesday** 6am – 9pm
Wednesday 6am – 9pm **Thursday** 6am – 10pm
Friday 6am – 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 rosary, adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

7 & 8 August 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	BA Daly & Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth & Marlene Keir	Philippe Moncuquet & Coline Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	BA Daly	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Margie Avellino, Anne Hobday & Loretta Thomas	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith & Amir	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

14 & 15 August 2021

	1 ST READING 1Kg 17:18-16;	2 ND READING Col 3:12-17;	GOSPEL Mt 6:25-34
	Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Leita & Brian Barron		Mel Stratford
Readers	BA Daly & Louise Gaudry		Barry Murphy & Loreena D'silva
Presentation of the Gifts	Ian & Rita Smith		Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Niemanis		Peter Stauffer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Sutherland & Sue Neimanis		
Church Cleaners	Don and Jennifer Nguyen		
Mt View	Maralyn & Fr Rembert		
Jindalee	Anne Sutherland		

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



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8.00am—12midday)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 7 & 8 August 2021

Eucharistic Adoration

Vacant hours that urgently need an adorer this week:

- Tuesday 8am-9am Wednesday 7-8am, 11-12pm
- Thursday 7am-10am Friday 11am-12pm

If you would like to join the Adoration roster please contact: Anne Sutherland 0413 203 901, or Kathy Miller 0407 203 803.

WwVP Cards

The ACT government automatic extension due to the COVID crisis for WwVP cards has come to an end. If your card expired last year you were issued with an automatic one year renewal but any card expiring after the end of May needs to be renewed. The parish office needs to have a copy of your updated cards as you get them. It is an **fineable offense** to partake in visitation ministry without a valid WwVP card.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Book Fair

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary is holding a Book Fair at Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce. A great selection of paperbacks, cookbooks, children's books, biographies and more. Nothing over \$3! Proceeds will go towards the purchase of equipment for the care of public hospital patients and staff.

Multicultural Mass

At St. Benedict's Church, Narrabundah On 22 August, at 9 AM. Followed by the Morning Tea Please bring a plate!

Sacraments

Our school children are preparing to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation, a major step in their faith lives as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. So let us keep them and their families in our prayers.

St Benedict's Social Group

invites all parishioners to join together on Thursday 12th August at 10.30 am for coffee at Gryphon's at the Griffith shops.

Message from Pope Francis

This week Pope Francis has released the prayer intention for the month of August, inviting everyone to work for a transformation of the Church – a work that begins with “a reform of ourselves” through an experience of prayer, charity and service, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Australian Bishops call for action to care for the earth and poor

The ACBC highlights its ambitious commitment to a more sustainable church based on pope Francis' encyclical Laudato si (Cry of the Earth & Cry of the Poor). In recent times Australia has faced a number of natural disasters including, the millennium drought, the 2019-2020 bushfire season, the 2021 flood, also the Covid-19 pandemic. Bishop Vincent Long, chair of the bishops commission for social justice, affirms the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been caring for the country from time immemorial. The rest of us passionate individuals, religious institutes, schools and organisations need to listen, and learn how we can walk together to look after the whole of creation and one another.

Resuming RCIA program (1st week of October)

St. Benedict's Parish is hoping to resume our RCIA program in the first week of October, for those who are interested in becoming Catholics at Easter. If you know anyone who is interested in that please ask them to contact the Parish office.

Catholic campaign urges people to vaccinate

Catholic not-profit hospitals in Sydney are embarking on a city-wide, month-long advertising campaign to promote the benefits of taking up the COVID vaccine. The Get Back to the Life You Love campaign will remind Sydneysiders of the valuable human interactions they are missing out on because of the restrictions they face during lockdown.

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Sunday 8 August 2021

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

First reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

The widow gives food to Elijah, and is fed

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring me a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-8

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

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.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

On my bed I remember you.

On you I muse through the night

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

Colossians 3:12-17

Be clothed in love

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 27:55

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

Do not worry about tomorrow: your holy Father knows your needs

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'