

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time 8 February and 9 February 2020

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass
(every last Sun of the Month)
Saturday 8am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm
Wednesday 12.30pm
Thursday 5.30pm
Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

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.

Dear brothers and sisters,
this Wednesday I'll head off to Tumut Parish and spend four or five days with Frs George and Namora and the communities affected by the fires down there, including Batlow and Adelong. I will carry with me your support and prayers.

God bless
Fr Dan

St Benedict's Social Group

The Social Group invites all parishioners to join them next **Thursday 13 February** for their first **coffee and catch up** for 2020 at 10:30am at **'Gryphons At Griffith'**.

Father Rem's pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Father Rem will be going on a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land, departing **13 March**. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times

26 February 2020

Our Ash Wednesday Mass times at St Benedict's will be 12:30pm and 6pm

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FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:7-10

Then will your light shine like the dawn

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and do not turn from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 111(112):4-9

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered forever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor,
his justice stands firm forever.
His head will be raised in glory.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

The only knowledge I claimed was of the crucified Christ

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-16

Your light must shine in the sight of men

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

PARISH NEWS

Bunnings BBQ Vinnies Bushfire appeal: Traditionally Vinnies have had a Door Knock in February to raise funds for The Good Works program. This year due to air quality issues, the Door Knock will not proceed. Vinnies are manning the BBQ at Bunnings Fyshwick on **Saturday 22 February**, with all proceeds will go to the bushfire appeal. If you can assist with helping at the BBQ for 3 hours please contact Anthony McDonald on 0410 451 342. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

MGL Spiritual Association Gathering: Everyone is invited to the next gathering of the Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association, to be held in the Collins Wing immediately following the 6pm Charismatic Mass on **Sunday 9 February**. Please bring a plate to share for a light meal and a chat followed by words of encouragement from Fr Ken Barker MGL. All are welcome – come along and bring a friend.

St Benedict's Abba Father Worship Group meets after Thursday 5.30pm Mass from 6:15pm to 7pm for intercession and worship. All are welcome to join.

Twilight Retreat: All are welcome to attend 5.30pm Mass on **Thursday 13 February 2020**, to be followed by a light supper in the Parish Centre. Fr Dave Tremble will give a talk that leads into a time of reflection and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Gold coin donation.

MenALIVE weekend: A MenALIVE weekend will be held on **Saturday 29 February & Sunday morning 1 March** at St Brigid's, Dickson. A terrific weekend of testimonies from ordinary men, discussion, time out to reflect on your life journey, and hospitality. For further details, contact Fr Emil on 0414 523 036 or Najib Raya 0439 581 204 najibemail1@gmail.com

Parish Pilgrimage: *In the Footsteps of Sts Benedict, Francis & Anthony*—Consider Joining **Father Dan** on a magnificent pilgrimage **with St Benedict, St Francis and St Anthony:** Rome, Subiaco/Montecassino/Pompeii/Norcia, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, Venice and more! With daily mass at sacred sites and the Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis. **Departing September 2020**. For more information call or email the Parish Office or Fr Dan.

Alpha Program Queanbeyan: Frank & Selina Stanford are hosting the Alpha Parish renewal program again this year. It's a great opportunity to build friendships, deepen your faith, share your faith, and it's free! It starts on **Wednesday, 26 February** at 7:30pm, or 6:30pm dinner. Contact Fr Dan or Selina for more information.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam 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: Michael Slee, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Ian Patterson, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, Andrew Italiano, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Richard (Dick) Brennan, Betty O'Brien, Zeta Evans, Frank Pantano, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Sr Anne Derwin RSJ, John Newlyn, 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, Gerry Agnew, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Stella Ienco, Louis Camilleri, Sam & Nina Agius

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 8 & 9 February 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Priscilla Kinyanjui
Readers	Don Jeffery	P & C Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Michas Caroline Evans	M Stratford Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Sue Neimanis, Cathy Taylor and Tessa Oh	
Church Cleaners	Muneko Ono and Zbiggy Zmurko	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 15 & 16 February 2020

1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
Sirach 15:15-20	1 Cor 2:6-10	Mt 5:17-37
Sat 6 pm		
Sun 9am		
Welcomers	Leita & B Barron	M Stratford
Readers	Marlene Keir Maria Michas	Barry Murphy A ToNiyonsenge
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Noreen Dick	J Douglas M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Mattia Wellspring, Mary Brown and Emy Nichols	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Brad Hogno	
Mt View	Maralyn	
Jindalee	MGL Narrabundah & Jesús	

*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*