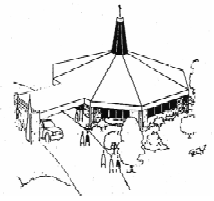


St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Luz Carlile (Parish Secretary)

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.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 & 8 Oct 2017

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 a.m.
(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 a.m. 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

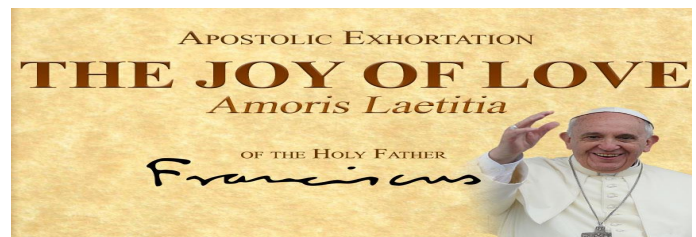
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Responsorial Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything I have
learnt from my Father. Alleluia!



Your children are as the shoots of an olive tree

Let us once more take up the song of the Psalmist. In the home where husband and wife are seated at table, children appear at their side “like olive shoots” (Ps 128:3), that is, full of energy and vitality. If the parents are in some sense the foundations of the home, the children are like the “living stones” of the family (cf. 1 Pet 2:5). Significantly, the word which appears most frequently in the Old Testament after the name of God (YHWH, “the Lord”), is “child” (*ben*, “son”), which is itself related to the verb “to build” (*banah*). Hence, Psalm 128, in speaking of the gift of children, uses imagery drawn from the building of a house and the social life of cities: “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain... Lo, sons are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb, a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate” (Ps 127:1, 3-5). These images reflect the culture of an ancient society, yet the presence of children is a sign of the continuity of the family throughout salvation history, from generation to generation.

PARISH NEWS

Claim the date — Have your say



In the 2016 National Church Life Survey, 30% of our Parishioners stated that they wanted to be MORE INVOLVED in our Parish. In the survey, parishioners described St Benedict's Parish as being an "energetic, thriving and inviting" community. A meeting to develop future directions for our Parish will be held on **Sunday 15 October immediately following the 9am Mass in the Collins Wing**. A second meeting will be held on Sunday November 19th. Your opinion is valuable in this process – please come along and have your say.

OCTOBER: "Month of Prayer and Fasting for Marriage and Family"

This week we pray for the strengthening of marriages and families in distress. Please make this your intention during Mass, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Parish Rosaries and Prayer Groups and family prayer times. Please join this intention to your acts of fasting and sacrifice during the week. Visit www.acmfc.org.au for more information.

ST BENEDICT'S MISSION CENTRE
IS PRESENTING A TALK SERIES ON THE OLD TESTAMENT called "*The God of the Old Testament*" with cake and cuppa from 7.30pm-8.30pm on the following Thursdays in the Collins Wing CW & Parish Centre PC. **Session Dates: 26 Oct and 2 CW Nov All are welcome.** For more info please ring Fr Baiju on 0490 400 557 or email: baijuthomasis@gmail.com

Adoration Vacancies: We DESPERATELY need ADORERS Thurs 1pm-2pm. If you can help please contact Sally on 0422 066 080.

Columban Calendar 2018 \$10 each: When you purchase this calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor. Please put your money in the envelope provided and place it in the poor box. Thank you

The Marian Devotions Group will be praying the rosary in the church throughout October each Thursday night from 7.30pm. Everyone welcome. For further info contact Pat Hannan on 61563882. Many thanks.

Healing Mass: St Benedict's Mission Centre Narrabundah invites all to a Healing Mass on Fri 13 Oct 5.30pm Mass at St Benedicts Church with the special focus on the mother relationship. Come along and pray for mothers, to give thanks for their mothering, to pray for God's blessing for the role mother's play and to pray for all those whose relationships with their mothers need God's healing touch.

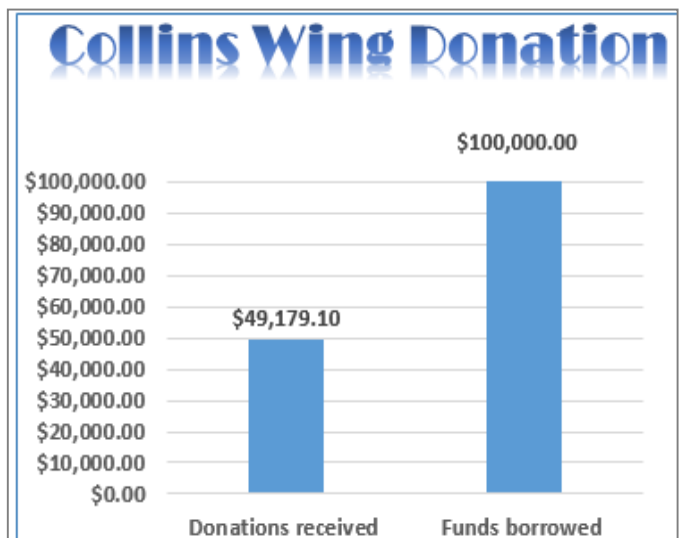
Raffle Tickets

Super Christmas Raffle to be drawn 4 December - great prizes including an overnight stay and breakfast at the Ibis; voucher for \$200 from ACT Optical; Cruise and meal on the Southern Cross Cruiser; Bike helmet; Timex Health Tracker and many more prizes. **Tickets \$2 or three for \$5.** Books available after Masses and also at the Parish Office. Please support this important work by buying or selling raffle tickets or picking up a pledge envelope in the foyer. Place the envelope in the collection bags, Parish Office or hand it to a priest or a PPC member. Or for Direct Debit donations:

St Benedict's Parish:

BSB: 062 786 Account No: 0000 14992

Ref: CWDonation: Surname.





Ozanam Sunday Appeal 2017:

There will be a **Refring Collection** after the Masses this weekend. Archbishop Prowse has approved the St Vincent de Paul Society conducting its annual Ozanam Sunday Appeal for our Twinned Conferences in each parish in the Archdiocese. Twinning is the program by which the Society supports fellow Vincenzans in developing countries. Please give generously. Thank you

Kick off Anti-Poverty Week with a family fun day at The Marymead Fete, Sat 14 Oct 17 – 9AM to 1:30PM at the Rheinberger Centre – Cnr Loch & Weston St, Yarralumla

Fařma 100th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Pauline Fathers Monastery "Penrose Park" near Berrima Friday 13th October for Fařma Day.

Coach departs from

Woden Interchange, Plazaorm 18	7.00am
Holy Trinity Church, Curřn	7.10am
St Joseph's Church, O'Connor	7.30am

For Bookings: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn on 6254 6202

Archbishop's Day of Teaching: Sat 11 Nov from 9am to 4pm. Archbishop Christopher invites you to gather with the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for a day of teaching, worship and prayer. In the Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre, 55 Franklin St, Manuka. Free, with a collection for the work of the CCR. BYO lunch, morning/afternoon tea provided. Mass at 12:15pm. For more info, call/SMS: Neda: 0415 266 019, Sandra 0405 692 999, Susanna 0419 902 293.

Connect with us on Facebook!



Like 'St Benedict's Church and Mission Centre, Canberra' to keep updated on events run by both the parish and its mission centre.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mass is held every last Sunday of the month at 7pm Charismatic mass. Come and experience the liturgy run by the youth, for the youth.

Fusion Youth Group is held every 2nd Friday during the school term, from 7pm-9pm at the Collins Wing. This is for high school students to connect in fellowship and grow more in their faith. Like 'Fusion Youth Group' on Facebook to stay updated on our next gatherings.

CHILDREN NEWS

KINGDOM KIDS MINISTRY:

This Sunday 8 Oct (second Sunday of each month) Families are warmly invited to the 9am Mass and children are welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities of Kingdom Kids. For info email Anita on kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com.

Remember the prayer wall for those intentions you want the children to pray for.

PRAYER WALL: The children from the 9am Mass continue to pray for the intentions of our parish community.

Sisterhood Connect Morning: Do you desire deeper friendship with other women, hungry for spiritual food and nourishment, need to be inspired and encounter the grace of God? Then come along to the Sisterhood connect mornings on the first Tuesday of the month (except during school holidays) for women of all ages and seasons of life, beginning on Tuesday 10th October at 10 am in the Greg Collins Wing. St Benedict's Parish Narrabundah.

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges 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.*

New to St Benedict's Community? **W e l c o m e**

Please see all the ways you can be part of this community by checking out the contact list in the foyer and see the back page of the bulletin. Please fill out a new parishioner form in the foyer or download it from the website.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Graham Pollard	Julie Douglas	Fr Mat Wuwu
Helen Bennet	Ma ^{re} a Wellspring	Fr Steve Fletcher
Meaghan Younger	Claudia Krebs	
Pat Doyle	Anita Zinkle	
Next PPC mee ^{ing} :	19 Oct at 7pm in Collins Wing	

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Parish Pastoral Council	Fr Stephen Fletcher 6295 7879
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Sacramental Coordinator	Melanie Stratford
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School of Iconography	Wendy Fisher-Hudson 6295 8791
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Pastoral Groups	
Young Men of God	Fr Ken Barker 6281 0132
MenAlive	Torrien Lau 0432 679 630
Evenings for the Engaged	Mark & Kathy Haseler 6166 7634
Ministry to the Newly Married	Catharina & Graham Williams, Debbie & Brian Kensey 6231 3389
Healing/Prayer	Mark and Maria Ransom 6286 5679
Listening to Jesus/ Called & Gifted	Adrian Wellspring 62958532/0421451412
Visitation Group	Parish Office 6295 78789
Social Group	Sue Neimanis 6295 0687
Family Planning	Veronica & Pablo Jimenez 0406277365
Adoration	Frs Mat/ David 0424869539 /0435484608
Adoration Roster	Sally FitzGerald 0422066080
Neighborhood Care	
Gowrie Court Meals	Parish Office 6295 7879
MGL Sisters	Judy/Therese/Katherine 6166 6941
Bible Study & Prayer Groups	
Marian Devotions	Pat Hannan 6156 3882
Padre Pio Prayer Group	Maria Ransom 6286 5679
Bible Study	Parish Office
Mothers Prayers	Anne Hartwell 6282 0874
Cell Prayer Group	Maria Michas 0427092149
Living Water Prayer Group	Gary & Zenka Taffe 0423-707-838
Youth & Children Ministries	
Fusion DOJ Chaplain	Fr Chris Eaton 62953415
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Kingdom Kids Ministry	Anita Zinkel kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com
St Benedict's Primary School	6295 8027
School First Friday Mass is at 10am in the Church	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14 & 15 October 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace & Sally Cotsell	Mary Smith
Readers	A Thomas & Don Jeffery	Nathan Kensey & Adrian Wellspring
Presenta^{on} of the Gi^{ss}	Brian & Leita Barron	Doyle family
Eucharis^c Ministers	B Barron & Rita Parker	M & B Boland & J Shaw
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Mary Brown & Leita Barron	
Sacristan	Mary Brown	
Church Cleaners	Muneko Ono & Zbiggy Zmurko	
Mt View	MGL Priest	
Jindalee	Louise Gaudry	

FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

9	Oct	Bl Joh Newman, Sts Joh Leonardi & Denis
10	Oct	St Patrician
11	Oct	St St John XX111, Pope
12	Oct	Our Lady of the Pillar
13	Oct	St Bruno

Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10
 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
 Gospel: Ma^{re}hew 22:1-14

Collec^{ons} from the last weekend:

First Collec^{on}: \$ 768.70
 Planned Giving Collec^{on}: \$ 575.00
 Loose Collec^{on}: \$ 270. 85

The Catholic Weekly and *The Catholic Leader* are available at
the Church foyer for \$2.
Please place money in the Poor Box.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Be^{ry} O'Brien, Flora Arias, Phillip Cooney, Barrie Marshall, Brad Chalmers, Helen French, Jessica Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Wendy Gaudiosi-Logan, Rick Oxford, Ellen Brennan, Pauline Wilkie, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, John Newlyn, George Durr, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Gerard Agnew, Alfred Zammit, Marie Bauer, Frank & Kate Agius, Merv O'Brien, Mark Gobbin, James Kirkman, John Hamilton, Antonio Nardi Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Ian Smith, Jane Evans, Bro Paul Nixon, Joseph O'Connor, Sam & Nina Aguis, Heather Daly, Ian Smith, Correy Browning, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Marea Brennan, Louis Camilleri.