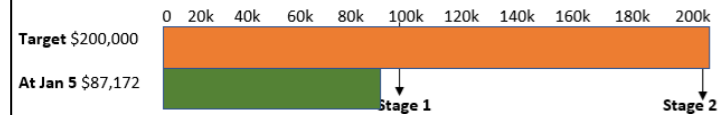


# PARISH NEWS

## St Benedict's Presbytery Renovation Appeal

Our Presbytery Appeal stands at \$ 87,172.00: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs and **\$31,172** from parishioners.



We have a **further \$ 18,928 to go to reach our Parish target** of a contribution of \$50,000 towards the total renovation of Stages 1 and 2. Please continue to consider assisting with this appeal via a donation envelope from the back of the Church or online to:

Account Name	BSB	Acc No
St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

When making a donation please advise under the reference bar that the donation is for **Presbytery**.

At the end of this month we will advertise a number of fundraising events to reach our goal.

Moira Najdecki  
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

## St Benedict's Parish Census forms

Dear parishioners, we are trying to complete our parish database that we want to use for all communications. However, we do not have full details for all parishioners and sometimes we just have a name. If you haven't yet completed and returned a Census form, Father would be very grateful for your help in sending the form to the office as soon as possible. Census forms are in the foyer.

A more complete database helps the parish to function effectively because we can contact you at the right place, provide assistance more efficiently (eg home visits), protect your parish work (eg keeping Working With Vulnerable People cards current) and keeping you in better touch with what's happening in the parish.

## Request for volunteers to clean the Church

Recently a few of our wonderful volunteers who clean the Church have had to step back. If any parishioners have the time to volunteer to clean the Church for two hours on a Saturday morning (approximately once every 4 weeks), please contact the Parish office to be placed on the roster.

## Evenings for the Engaged

A marriage preparation course run over two consecutive Saturdays (9am-3.30pm) in Murrumbateman, starting 29 January. Presented by married couples on various topics. The cost is \$150 which includes catering and resources. For more information, contact Pru and Peter at [prugordon@gmail.com](mailto:prugordon@gmail.com)

## Let us pray for those in our parish

**Recently Deceased:** Sr M Andre Guthrie, RSJ (Goulburn); Heinrich Frank; Marvel Nobleza; Dorothy Lamb, Ignacio Serrano.

**Anniversaries:** Dominico Italiano, Andrea Italiano, Anna Maria Italiano, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Siegfried Schulze, Iris Struber, Lorraine Whichelo, Connie Woodford, Jocelyn Zutt.

## Other Celebrations:

**Our Sick:** Jindalee & Mt View residents, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Fr Laurie Blake, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Caroline Evans.



## READINGS & ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 8 & 9 January (Baptism of the Lord)

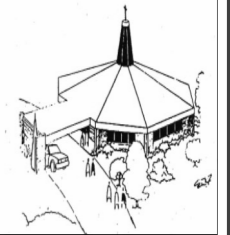
	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	Paula Keating Julie Douglas
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	BA Daly	Tom & Priscilla
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Noreen Dick	Peter Stauffer
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Anne Hobday, Louise Gaudry & Sue Neimanis	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Ian Smith & Amir	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

## ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 15 & 16 January (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

	1ST READING Is 62:1-5	2ND READING 1 Cor 12:4-11	GOSPEL Jn 2:1-11
	Sat 6pm		Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Sally Cotsoll	Alma Burg	
<b>Readers</b>	Marlene Keir Robert Booth	Philippe Moncuquet Coline Moncuquet	
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Jeffery family		
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maria Lunn	TBC	
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday & Margie Arvellino		
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	TBC		
<b>Mt View</b>			
<b>Jindalee</b>			

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.

# St Benedict's Catholic Church



## In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Parish Team:

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Jeremiah Wilkes (Youth Minister)

# The Baptism of the Lord 8 & 9 January 2022

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES: WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)	Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am	Wednesday 12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)	Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Youth Mass) – (Fourth Sun of the Month)	Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass) Saturday 8.00am

## RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from 6.15pm-7pm  
Saturday 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Padre Pio 5pm  
Every Saturday 7.30am

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month

## Adoration daily hours:

(Closed 18 Dec – 30 Jan)

Monday 6am-10pm Tuesday 6am-10pm  
Wednesday 1pm-10pm Thursday 1pm-10pm  
Friday 6am to Saturday 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.

**ST BENEDICT'S WORSHIP GROUP** gathers after Thursday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

## God's Word reflection: Baptism of the Lord

Although Jesus, as the sinless Son of God, had no need for re-birth through baptism, he chose, in his humility, to accept the washing by John in the waves of the Jordan. In doing so, he imparted sacramental power to the waters of baptism, whereby our own being is restored to its original blessedness and purity. When Christ emerged from the water, the Spirit descends upon him as a dove, while the voice of the Father proclaims, 'You are my Son, my Beloved; my favour rests upon you.' This descent of the Spirit and proclamation of love and favour from the Father is a reality for each baptised person. It is a reality which is renewed constantly, or rather has a potency which is indelible and eternal. If we still our minds from distractions, worries, aspirations and fears, and look upwards to the heavens, we shall see the Holy Spirit hovering above us, as the white dove of hope and faith. And if we listen intently, we shall not fail to hear our God proclaim with infinite love and joy to each of us personally, 'You are my beloved child, and my favour rests upon you.'

## Adoration roster

**Adoration for this year will finish on Saturday 18 December and recommence on Monday 31 January.** Thankyou all for your prayerful support and look forward to seeing you again at the end of January. Anne Sutherland 0413203901.

## Out of lockdown

Dear brothers and sisters, great news! Masses have recommenced at the usual times. **170 people** are able to attend each Mass in person. Please follow social distancing and sanitise before entry. Face mask are mandatory indoors for those 12 years and above. Parishioners are not required to produce evidence of vaccination. **Upon entry please sign in using the CBR app, if you are unable to do so please use the sign in sheets that are available.** There is also a Check In CBR card available for those without the app: call **13 22 81**. If you are unwell due to immunity issues it is better to stay home.

# Baptism of the Lord Year C

## 9 January 2022

### First reading Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God.

‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.’

A voice cries, ‘Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low.

Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’

Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God.’

Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

### Responsorial Psalm 103:1-4,24-25,27-30

*Bless the Lord, my soul!*

Lord God, how great you are,  
clothed in majesty and glory,  
wrapped in light as in a robe!

You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R/-**

All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.

You give it, they gather it up:  
you open your hand, they have their fill. **R/-**

Above the rains you build your dwelling.

You make the clouds your chariot,  
you walk on the wings of the wind,

you make the winds your messengers  
and flashing fire your servant. **R/-**

You hide your face, they are dismayed;

you take back your spirit, they die.

You send forth your spirit, they are created;  
and you renew the face of the earth. **R/-**

How many are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all.

The earth is full of your riches.

There is the sea, vast and wide,  
with its moving swarms past counting,

living things great and small. **R/-**

### Second reading Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

But when the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk3:16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*John said: He who is to come is mightier than I:*

*He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.