

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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9 & 10 November 2019

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 – 10pm
Wednesday 11am – 10pm
Thursday 11am – 10pm
Friday 9am – 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.

Condolences

We send our love and prayers to George Wyer and his family at the passing of his lovely wife Patsy. Patsy's funeral will be held at St Benedict's on **Wednesday 13 November at 10am**, followed by the burial at Woden Cemetery.

November Month to Pray for Souls

Traditionally, November is the month we pray for souls. If you would like a Mass said for a departed loved one, please fill in an envelope available in the Church or contact the parish office.

RCIA St Benedict's

Everyone is welcome to come anytime and join the journey. Our next meeting will be this **Thursday 14 November at 7:30pm** and **Saturday 16 November from 9:30am—12pm**, both at the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. All are welcome to come along and support our candidates.

Vinnies Christmas appeal

The Vinnies Christmas tree will be put up on 25 November. All parishioners are invited to donate non-perishable items or gifts for children. More details to follow soon.

Christmas is coming - Volunteers needed

The Parish Pastoral Council are looking for a team of volunteers to organise, set up and lead the St Benedict's 6pm Family Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve (in the school hall). This vibrant family celebration has become a wonderful tradition in our parish. If you are able to assist or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.

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FIRST READING

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

'The King of the world will raise us up to live forever'

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 144(145):1-2, 8-11, 13b-14

I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Rev 1:5a,6b

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

PARISH NEWS

National Drought Prayer Campaign: The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference have asked us to devote November as a month to pray for those affected by the drought and to pray for the gift of rain. Resources can be found at: www.catholic.org.au/drought

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders: If your card is due to expire in November or December 2019 and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card please bring the card to the Parish Office.

Amicus gathering: Amicus, a support group (created by Monsignor John Woods and Father Mick MacAndrew in 1992) for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering at the Scented Rose Garden, Bywong on **Sunday 10 November, meeting at 12pm** for lunch. To join us please call Patricia 0412 351 548.

Fusion Youth Group—a night for Year 6's to come and see - Fusion is a group for years 7-12 which empowers young people to explore their faith through games, talks, and response, with some awesome fellowship and great food. Young people in Year 6 and above are welcome to join Fusion on **Friday 15 November from 7pm-9pm** in the St Benedict's Greg Collin's Wing.

Palms Australia Outreach: Communities in Africa, Asia and the Pacific seek medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Come and join Tony Bozicevic and Ivapene Seiuli, who will share their experience of communities in Papua New Guinea and Samoa, and explain how sharing your skills with Palms support can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. The meeting will be held on **Saturday 16 November at 11:00am**, at King O'Malley's Pub in Civic.

St Paul in the Light of Modern Scholarship – A seminar by Dr Patricia Moroney. Christian and non-Christian scholars alike agree that St. Paul was one of the greatest philosophers, saying he has the answers to the current political situation. We will reflect on fresh insight into Paul's teaching. A single session on **Wednesday 20 November at 6:45pm** at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways St., Curtin. Entry free. Kindly register name & phone by calling 6286 3388.

Pastoral formation day—The ACU Centre for Liturgy is offering a pastoral formation day for those ministering to the sick called: *Be not afraid: preparing and celebrating sacraments of healing* on **Saturday 23 November** at ACU Watson. Cost is \$60 (incl lunch). For more information and to register, please phone 9701 4751 or email CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam Pini, Anthony, Susan Spruce, 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: 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 9 & 10 November 2019

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Helen Bennett Don Jeffery	Louise O'Rance Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett family	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Rita Parker B Barron	B Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Frances Dowling & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16 & 17 November 2019

1ST READING Mal 3:19-20	2ND READING 2 Thess 3:7-12	GOSPEL Lk 21:5-19
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	M Stratford
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy Nathan Kensey
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Noreen Dick	M Stratford Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas and Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Muneko Ono and Zbiggy Zmurko	
Mt View	Maralyn	
Jindalee	Rita Parker	

*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*