

PARISH NEWS

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training

Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the community? Then why not combine both by enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. It runs on 5 Wednesdays from 17 February to 17 March, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan and costs \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Please contact Susanne Schmidt for enrolment on 0431 243 486 or at susannecpe@gmail.com

Are you looking for further spiritual growth in 2021?

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia invites you to apply for our Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola 2021 program. It runs from February onwards, spanning 30-35 weeks. Anyone is welcome to apply—no prior experience necessary. Expressions of interest close 28 February 2021. Contact Sandra on 1300 392 636 or info@jisa.org.au for details.

Baptism of the Lord

Baptism in Judaism in Jesus' time was done through immersion. One enters 'into the waters' which recalls the death symbolism of the annihilating power of the ocean flood. One therefore 'dies' to sin which one confesses while being immersed in the water. But the flowing waters of the river also symbolise life. As one emerges from the water, one is purified of the sinful past that burdens and distorts life. One becomes new again and starts a new life. How does this apply to Jesus? He has no sins to confess, as pointed out by John himself: 'It is I who need baptism from you, and yet you come to me!' (Matthew 3: 14). Rather, Jesus' fining up with sinners to receive baptism expresses his solidarity with sinful humanity; he takes the burden of humankind's guilt upon his shoulders and removes it by his resurrection. · Jesus' baptism is his 'anointing' by God, empowering him to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in bodily form like a dove. And the heavenly Father declares Jesus as his beloved Son, with whom he is well pleased. Receiving his credentials', Jesus begins his journey which will end in his death and resurrection. Our own baptism opens for us 'the door' to a journey from a state of sin into a new life, as we are 'immersed' in water and rise from it. St Paul tells us the effect of this sacrament: 'We went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from death by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life' (Romans 6: 4).

Our Sick: Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Simon Keay, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries:

Ian Smith & family, Sam & Nina Agius, Domenic Antonio Cirillo, Thomas French, Concetta Denaro, Gloria Loewe, David Young, Mary Grech, Charles Morella, Francesco Barbero, Kevin Power, Caroline Brunner, John and Antoinette Martin, Pam Pini, Donal Dwyer, Albert Alfred Bonansea, Kathleen Kensey, Ian Patterson, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, Margaret Burnell, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Betty O'Brien, Gerry Agnew, Zeta Evans, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Lawrence Power, Edna Keir, Stella Ienco, Barrie Marshall, Fred and Antoinette Martin, Heather Daly

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

10 & 11 January 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaugry	Shiro Kinyanjui
Readers	Don Jeffery & Helen Bennett	Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett Family	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Jesús Salazar	B Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Leita Barron, Mary Brown, Mattia Wellspring	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

16 & 17 January 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
1ST READING 1 Sam 3:3-10,19	2ND READING 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20	GOSPEL Jn 1:35-42
Welcomers	Anna Pace	Alma Burg
Readers	Marlene Keir	Phillip & Coline Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	Vacant
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Lunn	Peter Stauffer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry, Claudine Smith and Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell	

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



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Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9am
(Streamed via Facebook)

Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

Saturday 8.00am

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: suspended until 1 February

~~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.

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

Dates for Father Dan's Farewells

Dear friends,

As we have been made aware, sadly Father Dan will be leaving St Benedict's and heading back to Darwin in January. Should anyone wish to have a cuppa with him before he leaves, please feel free to join Father Dan in the Collins Wing after the following Masses:

-Sunday 10 January after the 6pm Charismatic Mass

-Saturday 16 January after the 6pm Mass

-Sunday 17 January after the 9am Mass
Please contact Fr Dan if you can help to prepare the Collins Wing.

Check in Cbr app

Good news! The Parish has signed up to **Check in CBR** (Canberra) so if you are able, please download the app. If you can't download the app, please continue to use the sign in sheets.

Adoration in the Church

The Adoration roster has finished for 2020 and will recommence on **Monday 1 February**. Many thanks to all who participate and let us pray for many more to join us next year. Blessings and gratitude from your St Ben Adoration co-ordinators Kathy Miller, Monica Salazar, and Anne Sutherland.

Baptism of the Lord Year B

9 & 10 January 2021

First reading

Isaiah 55:1-11

Come to me and your soul will live, and I will make an everlasting covenant with you

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David. See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations. See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you, for the sake of the Lord your God, of the Holy One of Israel who will glorify you. Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Truly, God is my salvation,
I trust, I shall not fear.

For the Lord is my strength, my song,
he became my saviour.

With joy you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.

Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
Declare the greatness of his name.

Sing a psalm to the Lord
for he has done glorious deeds;
make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second reading

1 John 5:1-9

Jesus Christ came by water and blood

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation

cf John 1:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said:

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 1:7-11

'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you'

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'