

### Events in the Archdiocese

#### Tuesday 23 May | Marriage & Family Life Cocktail Dinner | 6:45 pm

Enjoy a fun night out with parishioners from across the Archdiocese while Catholic author, comedian and theologian - Christopher Padgett - helps us laugh our way to a more hopeful vision of the Church's proclamation of marriage and family life. All welcome – single, married, young and old. Tickets are \$45 and include wine, soft drinks, hot finger food and dessert. Free tickets are also available, on request, for those who may not be able to afford them. Venue: Veritas Building, ACU Watson. Enquiries: Lara Kirk [lara.kirk@cg.org.au](mailto:lara.kirk@cg.org.au) 0429 192 869

Registration: <http://bit.ly/PadgettCocktail>

#### Tuesday 23 May | Catholic Men's Breakfast | 7:00 – 8:45 am

Have breakfast at Haydon Hall with like minded men and a Catholic Author, Speaker, and Entertainer, Chris Padgett. From the Diocese of Syracuse (New York), Chris Padgett uses humour and personal stories to inspire and encourage men young and old to take hold of the awesome vision the Church proclaims for developing our lives and relationships to the full.

Cost: \$38. (Tables of 8 for schools only at \$220) Enquiries Frank Stanford [fstanford200@gmail.com](mailto:fstanford200@gmail.com) 0417 664 110

Registration: <https://bit.ly/ChrisPadgett>



Aid to the  
Church in Need

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The Catholic Charity **Aid to the Church in Need** has launched their "Nigeria: Young. Faithful. Crucified" global campaign. Did you know that in 2022 a total of 5,014 Christians were killed for their faith in Nigeria? These were not Nigerians who happened to be Christian, but rather, their allegiance to the Lord saw them face a brutal death. This is a Church being crucified with Christ. To watch testimonies and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/nigeriaglobal).

Further to our notice last week about Yahoo addresses being unable to receive emails from the Parish Office, the problem has now been fixed, and emails seem to be working as normal.

*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.*

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

13 & 14 May 2023

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Maria Mendoza, Christopher Ruzario
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Ann Hill & Anne Sutherland	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Mt View & Jindalee)	

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

20 & 21 May 2023

1ST READING Acts 1:1-11	2ND READING Eph 1:17-23	GOSPEL Mt 28:16-20
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Moiraj Najdecki, Helen Bennett	Josephus Bumaat, Loreena D'Silva
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Sue Neimnais & Grace De Silva	
Church Cleaners	John Murray	
Visitation	Maria Michas & Shruti Ruzario (Jindalee)	

### Archbishop Christopher Prowse's letter on Euthanasia

A vote on the issue of Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) is likely to be held at the end of 2023 or the start of 2024. It is essential to understand why the Catholic Church opposes Euthanasia and why we need to care for the most vulnerable and to protect life. Copies of Archbishop's letter on Euthanasia can be found in the foyer: please take one.

### Prayer and Peace

"In order to resist fear and discouragement, it is necessary that through prayer - through a personal experience of God re-encountered, recognized and loved in prayer - we taste and see how good the Lord is (Psalm 34)." —Fr Jacques Philippe, *Searching for and Maintaining Peace*

## St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)

Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55) Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)

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Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

Belle Joseph (Secretary, Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

## 6th Sunday of Easter 13 & 14 May 2023

### Letter from Archbishop Christopher Prowse

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

By now you would have heard the shocking news that the ACT Government intends to compulsorily acquire our wonderful Calvary Public Hospital, Bruce.

This is despite the fact that we have been offering high quality patient care under our Catholic ethos for the past 44 years on this site. 76 years remain on the contract negotiated and signed in 2010 with the then Chief Minister, Katy Gallagher.

No convincing reasons to date have been offered for this draconian action by the ACT Government. No systemic issues of concern regarding Calvary's health outcomes has been identified; to the contrary the Health Minister made a point of emphasising Calvary's excellent care for patients.

I am deeply troubled about this situation and its implications.

My prayers and thoughts are immediately directed to the 1,800 workers of the hospital and their families. They must be worried about the ramifications of this decision for their future employment.

I am also concerned that this action, based on obsessive government control, would deprive future generations in Canberra of the choice of hospital care based on the ethos of our cherished Catholic faith.

There is a rising fear, also, that this extraordinary and completely unnecessary government intervention could set the scene for future "acquisitions" of any faith-based health facility or, indeed, any faith-based enterprise including education or social welfare.

To respond practically to this critical situation, I have established today the "Calvary Hospital Taskforce – Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn." Fr Tony Percy, has kindly accepted my invitation to lead this Taskforce. This group will be contacting you to offer you practical ways of

responding including participating in an online petition at [www.savecalvary.com.au](http://www.savecalvary.com.au) before May 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 when it is intended the legislation for acquisition becomes effective.

Let us all pray for common sense to prevail and that the sick and Hospital staff are saved from anxiety and can live in health and peace.

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse**  
**Catholic Archbishop of Canberra and Goulburn**

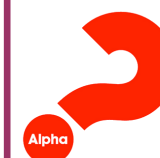
### Morning tea in the Parish Centre

Please join us for morning tea this Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9am Mass.

### Women's Eucharistic Retreat Day Canberra: Saturday 24 June

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. This day will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20) register here at (<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>)

### Join us for Alpha



The **Alpha** course continues on Thursday evenings in the Collins Wing, 7pm-8:45pm, starting with dinner, followed by a video and group discussion. This week is week 3, exploring the question, "**Why did Jesus die?**" It's not too late to join. Alpha is a friendly, relaxed environment to explore questions about God, faith and life's meaning. Enquiries: contact Br Michael, [michaellast.mgl@gmail.com](mailto:michaellast.mgl@gmail.com)

First reading Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Resp. Psalm 65:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: ‘How tremendous your deeds!

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might.

‘Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!’  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men.

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my  
prayer  
nor withhold his love from me.

Second reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

Gospel John 17:1-11

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
‘Father, the hour has come:  
glorify your Son  
so that your Son may glorify you;  
and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him,  
let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him.  
And eternal life is this:  
to know you,  
the only true God,  
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.  
I have glorified you on earth  
and finished the work that you gave me to do.  
Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me  
with that glory I had with you  
before ever the world was.

I have made your name known  
to the men you took from the world to give me.  
They were yours and you gave them to me,  
and they have kept your word.  
Now at last they know  
that all you have given me comes indeed from you;  
for I have given them the teaching you gave to me,  
and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you,  
and have believed that it was you who sent me.  
I pray for them;  
I am not praying for the world  
but for those you have given me,  
because they belong to you:  
all I have is yours  
and all you have is mine,  
and in them I am glorified.  
I am not in the world any longer,  
but they are in the world,  
and I am coming to you.’

Baptism

We welcome into our Christian community  
**Magnus Joseph Fulop** who will be baptised  
on Saturday 13 May.

PARISH GROUPS

**Empower Night** is held 7pm till 9pm  
Tuesday nights. It's a Charismatic night of Lay  
preaching and healing in front of the Blessed  
Sacrament. The night is a chance for those attending  
training to use their skills and gifts. Everyone is very  
welcome to come worship and soak in the presence  
of the Holy Spirit.

**Legion of Mary** meetings are held every  
Monday 6:30pm at St Benedict’s Parish Centre.  
New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa  
Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.

**Mothers Prayers:** Come and pray for your  
children. Each Monday in the Parish Centre in  
school term from 9:30am followed by morning tea.  
Contact Rachael Nano 0412 472 243.

Donating to the parish

To deposit directly into the Parish account, please  
use the following details:  
BSB: 062 786  
Account number: 000014992  
Please include your Planned Giving (envelope)  
number in the reference if you have one, otherwise  
your surname and donation. Other ways of giving  
are via the Qkr! app, direct debit and credit card  
donations; please contact the parish office to  
organise.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of  
the parish

**Recently deceased:** Alanna McBride, Kath Thorne,  
Marie Flaherty.

**Anniversaries:** Mary Gowing, Olive Holdom, Evelyn  
McGrath, Clarence Mills, Barney Murphy, Giancarlo  
Pauletto, Myra Purcell, Stephen Rochford, Lena Seal,  
Mary Stephenson, Orlando Stitt, Fr Austin O’Connor,  
Fr P. Thomas Carroll, Fr Patrick O’Shea, Fr Timothy D.  
Cleary, Fr. Patrick J. Brennan, Fr Vivian T. Morrison,  
Fr Johannes A. Van Doren, Fr Peter Treacy, Fr Michael  
Tracy.

**Our Sick:** Jindalee & Mt View residents, Clem Dick,  
Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Pat Atkins,  
Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini,  
Anthony, Helen French, Flora Arias, Mark Ransom,  
Ben Melbourne, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne;  
Carol Rees, Monica Boyton, Mary Smith, Colin Paley,  
Janice Paley, Caroline Evans, Gert Fletcher,  
Anna Pace, Barbara Parsons, Edwina Gundelach,  
Daniel Collins.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday, 9am-1pm; Friday, 9am - 5:30pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6pm (*Vigil*)  
Sunday: 9am; 6pm (*Charismatic Mass*);  
Fourth Sunday of the Month: 6pm (*Youth Mass*)

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. 6.15pm-7pm  
Saturday: 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday: 7.30am 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Padre Pio: 5pm  
**BAPTISMS:** During weekend Masses or by  
appointment. See parish website for booking  
information.

**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 OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT:

Monday & Tuesday: 6am-10pm  
Wednesday & Thursday: 1pm-10pm  
Friday 6am to Saturday 8am

Urgent hours that need to be filled:  
Monday 7-8pm, Tuesday 3-4pm,  
Wednesday 3-4pm, Friday 12-1pm, 2-3pm

**Hearing Loop** is located in the right center rows of  
the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to  
make the best use of this facility.