St Benedict's Parish Arcadia



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

November 7 & 8 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray.
Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike,
we may pursue in freedom of heart
the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:
Saturday 7:00pm Vigil
Sunday 9:00am
Sunday 10:30am

Weekdays:
Mondays to Thursdays 9:30am Mass

Fridays 6:30pm Adoration
7:00pm Mass & Confession

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am
Adoration & Confession

Next First Saturday Devotion - 5 December
Honouring the Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:00am Mass
9:30am Adoration, Confession & Cenacle

MONASTERY CHAPEL MASS TIMES
DAILY: 7:00AM

Please contact Father Shansana or Parish Office for the following:

Baptisms
Reconciliation
For the Sick
Marriages
Funerals



Parish Priest:
Fr Shansana 0437 884 233
Parish Office 9653 2312

SELF REFLECTION:
ALWAYS BE PREPARED

This Sunday's Gospel - Matthew 25:1-13 - Jesus reminds us through the parable of the ten bridesmaids to always be ready and keep our faith alive. Like the wise bridesmaids who brought extra oil, we must nurture our relationship with God through prayer, love and good works. We cannot wait until tomorrow to live our faith. Each day is an opportunity to let Christ's light shine through us.

I Reflect...

1. *Am I making time for God each day?*
2. *Is my faith reflected in my actions?*
3. *Do I put off prayer and spending time with God?*
4. *How can I bring Christ's light to others?*
5. *Am I ready to welcome Jesus into my life?*

Prayer
Lord Jesus, keep the light of faith burning in my heart. Help me to live each day with love, kindness and a heart always ready to welcome You. Amen.

First Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16 (JB)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.



The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8 (JB)

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (JB)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13 (JB)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Source: Liturgia Brisbane 2026

St Benedict's Rule – Chapter 4: The Tools for Good Works
"Place your hope in God alone."



READINGS & GOSPEL REFLECTION

Wisdom 6:12-16 / 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 / Matthew 25:1-13



Seek Wisdom, Be Ready

The readings remind us of the importance of seeking God's wisdom and keeping our hearts ready for Him.

In the first reading, **Wisdom** is described as something beautiful and precious, always available to those who seek her with an open heart. In the second reading, St **Paul** offers comfort and hope, reminding us that through Jesus, death is not the end, and we are promised eternal life with Him.

In the **Gospel**, Jesus tells the parable of the ten bridesmaids. The wise bridesmaids bring extra oil for their lamps, while the foolish ones are unprepared. Through this story, Jesus teaches us to remain spiritually ready, keeping our faith alive through prayer, love and good works. We cannot wait until the last moment to prepare our hearts for God.

Key Thought:
Keep the lamp of faith burning through wisdom, prayer and love. Be ready to welcome the Lord whenever He comes.

Take-Home Challenge:
This week, make time for prayer, practice kindness and strengthen your relationship with God. Let your faith shine brightly each day, so you are always ready to welcome Jesus.

Prayer:
Heavenly Father, fill us with Your wisdom and help us keep the light of faith burning in our hearts. Teach us to be watchful, prepared and faithful as we await the coming of Your Son. May our lives shine with Your love each day. Amen.

LITURGICAL FEASTS AND EVENTS OF THE WEEK

NOVEMBER 2026

Monday 9 Readings: Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12. Jn 2:13-22.
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica.

Tuesday 10 Readings: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14. Lk 17:7-10.
R: The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.
St Leo the Great, pope, doctor.

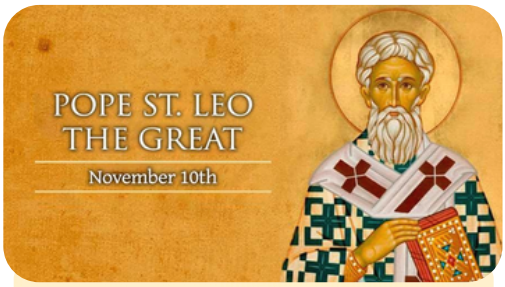
Wednesday 11 Readings: Titus 3:1-7. LK 17:11-19.
R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
St Martin of Tours, bishop.

Thursday 12 Readings: Philemon 7-20. Lk 17:20-25.
R: Blest are they whose help is the God of Jacob.
St Josaphat, bishop, martyr.

Friday 13 Readings: 2 Jn 4-9. Lk 17:26-37.
R: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Saturday 14 Readings: 3 Jn 5-8. Lk 18:1-8.
R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Source: Ordo 2026



ST LEO THE GREAT, POPE.

FEAST DAY 10 NOVEMBER

St Leo the Great,
faithful shepherd and
teacher of the Church,
pray for us.
Help us to grow in faith,
stand firm in God's truth and follow
Christ with courage,
humility and love.
Guide our Church and all its leaders.
Amen.



POPE LEO PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER 2026

FOR THE PROPER USE OF WEALTH

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.



PARISH NOTICES

MONKS ON RETREAT:

Please note that there will be **NO WEEKDAY MORNING MASSES THIS WEEK**
at either the Monastery or the Parish from: **Monday 9 November to Friday 13 November**
The monks will be on their annual retreat during this week.
A **Midday Mass 12 noon** will be celebrated at the Monastery and will be available for parishioners during that week.
Thank you for your understanding.

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS NEW TIME OF 6PM

New time: 6:00 pm. Commencing **Saturday, 28 November 2026**
Our Saturday Vigil Mass will commence at the new time of 6:00 pm on Saturday, 28 November 2026.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

FINAL CALL!

Pilgrimage AGES 15 TO 35:
26 July – 12 August 2027

Japan, Seoul, Incheon and South Korea

We have four of our youth interested in attending from our parish.

If you know anyone who is interested please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

We will be organising fundraisers soon to help them afford their trip.

https://bbwyd27.org.au/

PARISH MORNING TEA ROOM & KITCHEN REFRESH

We are hoping to give our morning tea room and kitchen a fresh new look!

We are inviting any parishioners who may be interested in providing a quote for painting and replacing the flooring.

If you are able to assist or would like more information, please contact Fr Shansana.

Thank you for supporting our parish and helping us keep our facilities welcoming for everyone.



VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK



This week's Volunteer of the Week goes to

SOPHIE REBULA

Sophie has been busy scrubbing the sanctuary floor to remove wax and mopping it all by herself. She also kindly took all the artificial flowers home, washed away the dust, dried them and brought them back looking lovely and fresh, ready to be used again.

On top of all this, Sophie also takes care of cleaning all the altar cloths every week, ensuring everything is fresh and beautifully presented for our church. Thank you, Sophie, for your generosity, hard work and dedication to our parish. Your kindness and willingness to go above and beyond are truly appreciated!
God bless you, Sophie, and thank you for all that you do.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION

You are invited to our Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at the monastery on **Sunday, 15th November.**
Arrival and Registration at **10am for a 10:30am start**.

Presentations, Introduction to Meditation, Periods of Meditation, Prayer with the monks, BYO Picnic Lunch, Mass in the Chapel at 2pm, Conclusion at around 3pm

Enquiries: Fr Michael
mkelly@silvestrini.org / 0455 329 607

In Our Parish

Please let us know if there is someone you would like us to pray for.

We welcome into God's family all who were recently baptised.



We pray for the sick of our Parish, *especially:*

Joe Gallo, Miriam Brown, Pauline Honor, Kath Moran, Brother Mario, and Father Alberic.

We remember in our prayers all our dearly beloved who have died:

Bill Youl, Teresa DeLuca and Patrick DeLuca, Sr Fay Hancock,Tereza Muscat, Bill Pierce, Francesco Merlino, Peter Chedid, Antonio Romeo, NannaTrani, Anne Pearce, Robert Wallace, Maria Pappallardo and Shannon Murray.

~ May they rest in Eternal Peace. †

CATECHIST NEWS

Term 4 Classes end on Wednesday 25th and Friday 27th November with Final combined scripture lessons on Wednesday 2nd and Friday 4th December.

New Catechists are needed for 2027, please contact myself or the Parish office if you are interested in becoming a Year 1 or Year 5 teach at Glenorie Public School. Classes are 40mins and run on Wednesdays from 10.50am - 11.30am. Training and manual books are provided.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

Does your child finish Year 6 this year? We invite all Year 6 students who would like to receive a Bible and Certificate to contact the Parish Office.

A special Mass and presentation will be held on Sunday, 6 December, at 10:30am Mass.

We look forward to celebrating this important milestone with our young parishioners.

God bless,
Martina Jutrisa arcadia.parish@bbcatholic.org.au
Parish Catechist Co-Ordinator 0413 403 767
Parish Office: 9653 2312

THE MAKER'S TABLE

Our ladies at the Makers Table have been busy creating the cutest embroidered Christmas decorations at this week's workshop. A lovely time of creativity, friendship and festive fun.
Thank you to everyone who joined us. We look forward to seeing you at our next workshop!
NEXT WORKSHOP: December 2nd 7.30pm
Contact: Nerida 0425 834 017 Martine 0458 533 250





🎉 ST BENEDICT'S KIDS YOUTH GROUP 🎉

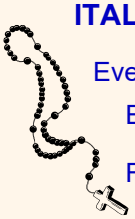
Calling all kids aged 8–12 years! Come along for fun, friendship and faith as we grow together as a parish family.
Fridays during school term
4:00pm – 5:30pm
For more information,
contact Jules on 0415 448 797. Everyone is welcome!



HEALING MASS

Healing Mass is held on the first Thursday of each Month at 9.30am
NEXT HEALING MASS:
THURSDAY DECEMBER 3

ITALIAN ROSARY GROUP



Every **Monday 2.00pm**.
Every one welcome.

For more details call
Angela Egiziano on 9652 1358.

CCC PRAYER GROUP



Prayer meeting held every **Wednesday morning**: after 9.30am Mass. *Come and meet new people and have a cuppa!*
For more details call
Mary Camilleri on 0403 116 987.



CRAFTGROUP

The quilting and craft group will meet every **4th Tuesday** of the month at 10.30am in the parish meeting room.

Bring your craft and come and join us!



SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINT MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP



FEAST DAY: NOVEMBER 11
c. 316 or 336-397

Patron Saint of beggars, cavalry, equestrians, geese, horses, innkeepers, Pontifical Swiss Guards, quartermasters, reformed alcoholics, soldiers, tailors, and winemakers.
Invoked against alcoholism and poverty
Pre-Congregation canonization

Martin was born within the Roman Empire, in modern-day Hungary. His birth in the early fourth century coincided with the empire's legalization of Christianity, but Marin's parents clung to their pagan faith. At age ten, Martin went to the local Catholic church and asked to become a Christian. Enrolled as a catechumen, he began the decade-long process of preparing for Baptism. At age fifteen, as a military tribune's son, Martin became a soldier. In the rough environment, Martin remained faithful and lived virtuously. He treated others kindly, gave his money and belongings to the poor, served those who were supposed to serve him, and continued his preparation for Baptism.

One midwinter day, while riding his horse through a town, Martin came upon a poorly dressed and shivering man whom everyone had ignored. Martin had already given his money and clothing away to the needy. Possessing only his own military cloak, he dismounted his horse, took out his sword, cut the cloak in two, and gave half to the poor man. That night, Jesus appeared to Martin in a dream wearing the half-cloak. He said to a multitude of angels who surrounded them, "Martin, still only a catechumen, has clothed me." Awakening, Martin sought Baptism and received it at age twenty.

Two years later, as bonuses were given out on the eve of a battle, Martin told his commander, "I have been your soldier until now. Let me serve God henceforth. Give your bonus to someone who'll fight for you. I am Christ's soldier, and it's not right for me to engage in battle." Accused of cowardice, Martin was imprisoned but released from the military when the foe sought peace.

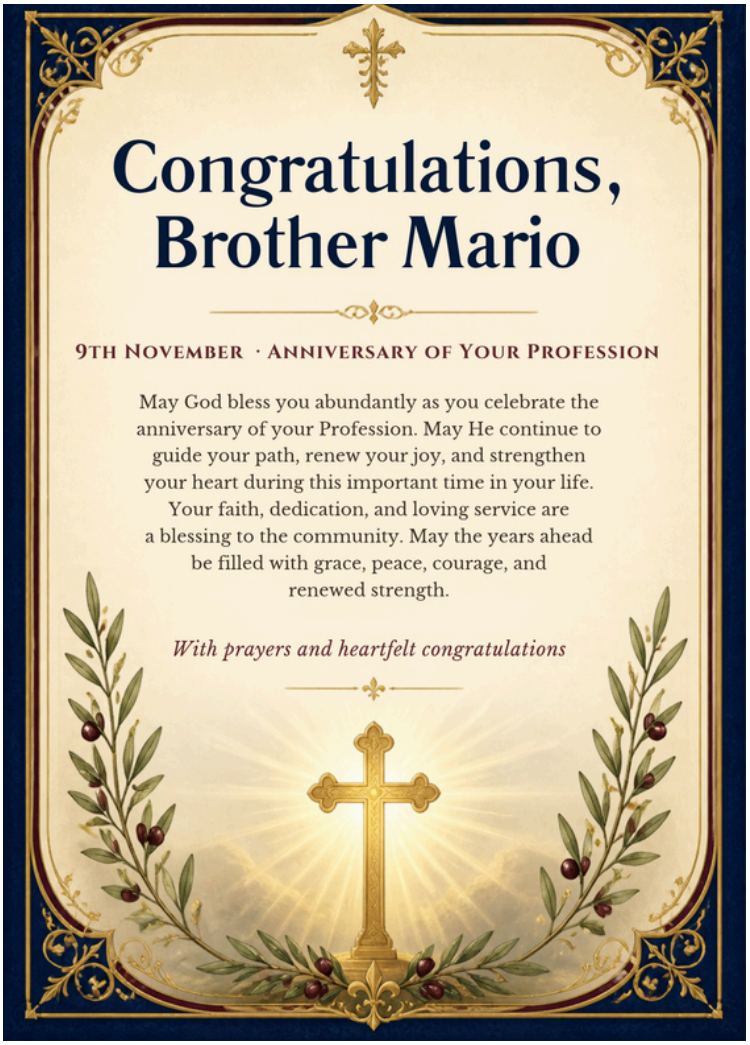
Martin traveled to Poitiers in present-day France to stay with the bishop and future Saint Hilary of Poitiers to learn the orthodox faith. The bishop ordained Martin a deacon and made him an exorcist. After Bishop Hilary was forced into exile for combating Arianism in the imperial court, Deacon Martin returned to his hometown to convert his parents. When he arrived home, he converted his mother and others in his hometown to Christianity but could not move his father.

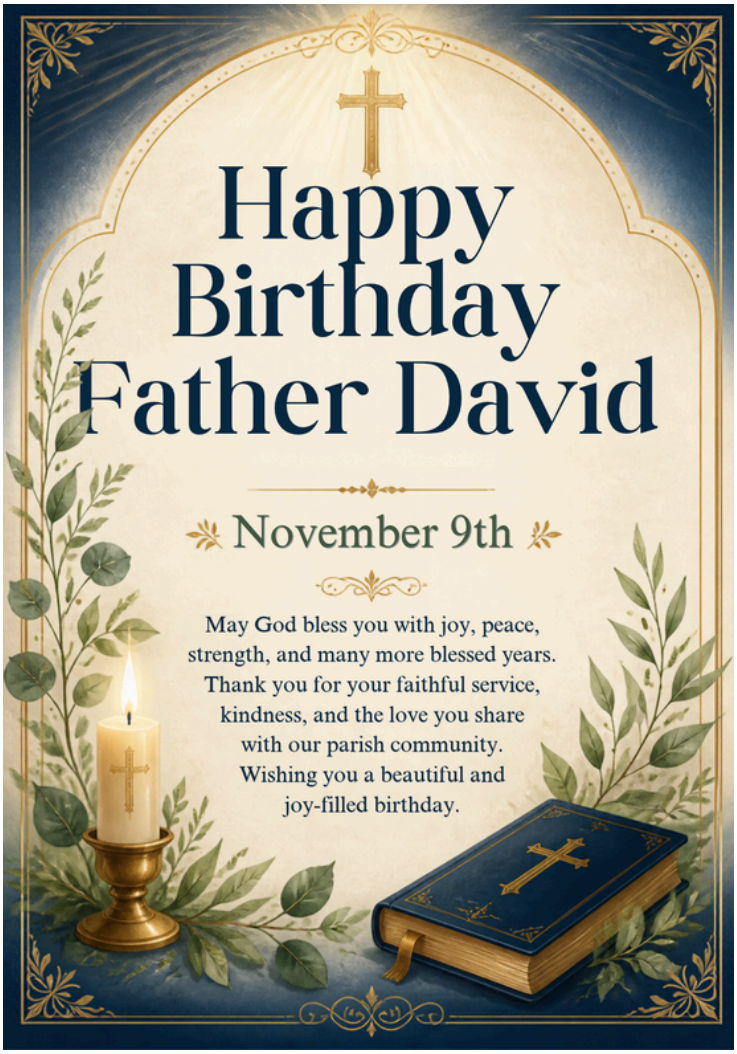
Under the Arians' wrath, Deacon Martin and a priest lived as hermits on the Island of Gallinara. When Bishop Hilary's exile ended, Deacon Martin moved near the bishop and established a monastery. In 371, Martin was chosen by consent of the people as the Bishop of Tours. Once ordained, Bishop Martin moved outside the city and established hermitages with other clerics. For twenty-six years, he lived an eremitical life while engaging in an active ministry. He traveled throughout Gaul (France), preaching, converting, performing miracles, and casting out demons. His opponents feared him, and his supporters praised God as they witnessed his ministry in action.

Saint Martin of Tours' life is well-known because someone wrote it all down. Sulpicius Severus, a wealthy convert who became a priest, interviewed Bishop Martin. His book about Martin's incredible life became a standard text for religious and laity for many centuries. Many churches and monasteries bear Martin's name.

Saint Martin of Tours, while born into a pagan family, you listened and responded when God spoke to you. Your kindness, deep prayer, and generosity led to your ongoing conversion, making you an inspiration to all. Please pray that I will listen to God's voice and respond with all my heart. Saint Martin of Tours, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

Source: mycatholic.life





PIETY SHOP NEWS

New Products Now Available!

We are delighted to introduce For Little Hearts by Creative Kits 4 Kids, a beautiful faith-inspired collection designed to help children grow closer to Jesus and Mary through prayer, creativity and learning.

Discover our range of Catholic colouring and activity packs, including The Rosary for Little Hearts, The Divine Mercy Chaplet for Little Hearts and The Story of Christmas for Little Hearts, along with our faith-inspired gifts and puzzles.

Perfect for birthdays, Sacraments or simply encouraging little hearts to grow in faith.

Visit our Piety Store to explore the collection and place orders. Creative kids vouchers can also be used to purchase any items from the creative kit 4 kids range. Please see Lila for details.



Eileen O'Connor Anniversary Pilgrimage

Join us on Sunday, 10 January 2027, as we commemorate the anniversary of Eileen O'Connor. A parish bus will provide transport for the day.

ITINERARY

- **8:00 am** – Depart from the parish St Benedict's
- **9:30 am** – Holy Mass, followed by refreshments
- **After Mass** – Visit the house where Eileen O'Connor lived, her gravesite, and the museum
- **Later** – Visit the site of the apparition of Our Lady at Coogee Beach
- **3:00 pm** – Return to the parish for drop-off



$30 per person, including refreshments.
Contact: Angela Scotti 0432 856 941
Guido Scotti 0418 219 827

PARISH ROSTER

NEXT WEEKEND
14/11/2026 to 15/11/2026
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - YEAR A

Please join us for ☕ Morning Tea after the 9:00am Mass.

	SAT 7PM	SUN 9AM	SUN 10:30AM
Acolyte		Paul C	George A
Reader 1	Daniel V	Mary C	John family
Reader 2	Edyn V	Ann L	Sandra M
Prayers	Natasha S	Sharon O	Leeann A
TV		Trey O	Max F
EMHC		Angela S	Catarina V
EMHC		Jessie G	Anthony A
Music		Melanie H	Melanie H
Music		Theresa N	Keith W
Music		Mary A	Sandra M
Music			
Morning Tea		Mary A	
Flowers	Mona M		

MONASTERY CHAPEL
Liturgy of the Hours

"Seven times a day I will praise you"
Psalm 119:164

The liturgy of the hours is a set of prayers (psalms, hymns, readings and other prayers). It is recited in the Monastery Chapel daily at the following times:

5.45am Office of Readings
6.30am Morning prayer - Lauds
12.45pm Midday prayer
6.00pm Evening prayer - Vespers
8.00pm Night prayer - Compline

DID YOU KNOW...

In biblical times, wedding celebrations could last several days, and the bridegroom's arrival was often uncertain. This is why Jesus used the story of the ten bridesmaids to teach us to remain watchful and always be ready for God's coming.

PALMS TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER

10-23 May 2027!

Discover Timor-Leste with Palms Australia! Join a small group (maximum 8 people) on a 14-day Encounter Tour to experience Timor-Leste's history, culture and community development firsthand. Meet Palms' local partners and volunteers while supporting ethical international development.

Book your place at palms.org.au/encounters.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We give thanks to God our Father, who blesses this land, its people, and all creation. May we live in harmony, justice, and peace, guided by His love.
We also acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land and their enduring connection to Country, waters, and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past and present, and to emerging leaders.

SAFEGUARDING MISSION STATEMENT
St Benedict's Parish is committed to the safety of all, especially children and vulnerable people.

Concerns? Contact Fr Shansana 0437 884 233, or the Office for Safeguarding 8379 1605.

*For all parish **OH&S and Safeguarding Children** matters Contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882 or the parish office on 9653 2312.*

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Tuesdays & Fridays: 9.00am to 2.00pm

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