

# St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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## Parish Team:

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## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord 1 February and 2 February 2020

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

#### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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.

Dear St Benedict's brothers and sisters, this weekend we welcome back Fr Baiju Thomas MGL. After helping in our Melbourne mission we asked to have him back to help Fr Rem and I here at Narrabundah.

The bushfire conditions continue to challenge us; this weekend is predicted as being serious.

Let's continue to pray and be alert to the situation and to reach out to those who may need our help and support, particularly those we know in southern suburbs. People are also welcome to call us on the emergency number listed in the bulletin. May the Lord be with us and intercede for protection and well being of people, animals and land. St Benedict, pray for us. Yours sincerely in Christ,

Fr Dan and Fr Rem

### Condolences

We send our love and prayers to the Slee family at the passing of Michael Slee. Michael was a faithful Saturday night Mass-goer and reader. Michael's funeral will be held at St Benedict's Church this Friday, 7 February at 1:30pm. May he rest in peace.

### Adoration begins!

Adoration will recommence in the Church from Monday 3 February 2020. If you wish to sign up to the roster please contact the Parish Office.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**  
**1 February and 2 February 2020**

**FIRST READING**

***Malachi 3:1-4***

***The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.***

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

***Psalm 23(24):7-10***

**Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

O gates, lift up your heads;  
Grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
The Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;  
Grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
He is the king of glory.

## **SECOND READING**

***Hebrews 2:14-18***

***He had to be made like us in all things.***

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, he too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Luke 2:32***

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people, Israel.

**Alleluia!**

## **GOSPEL**

***Luke 2:22-40***

***My eyes have seen your saving power***

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: *Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord* – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

## PARISH NEWS

**St Benedict's Social Group** invites all parishioners to join them for their first monthly morning tea in 2020. The gathering will be in the Parish Centre today after the 9:00am Mass.

**Father Rem's pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** Father Rem will be going on a two week pilgrimage to the Holy Land, departing 13 March. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.

**MGL Spiritual Association Gathering:** Everyone is invited to the next gathering of the Missionaries of God's Love Spiritual Association, to be held in the Collins Wing immediately following the 6pm Charismatic Mass on **Sunday 9 February**. Please bring a plate to share for a light meal and a chat followed by words of encouragement from Fr Ken Barker MGL. All are welcome – come along and bring a friend.

**St Benedict's Abba Father Worship Group** meets after Thursday 5.30pm Mass from 6:15pm to 7pm for intercession and worship. All are welcome to join.

**Twilight Retreat:** All are welcome to attend 5.30pm Mass on **Thursday 13 February 2020**, to be followed by a light supper in the Parish Centre. Fr Dave Tremble will give a talk that leads into a time of reflection and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Gold coin donation.

**Parish Pilgrimage: In the Footsteps of Sts Benedict, Francis & Anthony**—Consider Joining **Father Dan** on a magnificent pilgrimage with **St Benedict, St Francis and St Anthony**: Rome, Subiaco/Montecassino/Pompeii/Norcia, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, Venice and more! With daily mass at sacred sites and the Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis. **Departing September 2020**. For more information call or email the Parish Office or Fr Dan.

**Pastoral Care Course:** Are you interested in learning the basics of Pastoral Care? Clinical Pastoral Education is an internationally recognised course and a 5 week Introductory Course will be running at Queanbeyan Hospital on Wednesdays, 9-5, from **19 February to 18 March**. Cost is from \$350-\$400. Contact Susanne Schmidt on 0431 243 486 or at [susannecpe@gmail.com](mailto:susannecpe@gmail.com) for more details.

**Alpha Program Queanbeyan:** Frank & Selina Stanford are hosting the Alpha Parish renewal program again this year. It's a great opportunity to build friendships, deepen your faith, share your faith, and it's free! It starts on **Wednesday, 26 February** at 7:30pm, or 6:30pm dinner. Contact Fr Dan or Selina for more information.

**Vinnies Night Patrol:** Some parishioners have mentioned that they would be interested in volunteering for Vinnies Night Patrol. If this is something that you might like to do please contact the Parish Office. For more information about St Vincent de Paul Night Patrol please see: [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/ACT/Food/Night\\_Patrol/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/ACT/Food/Night_Patrol/)

### As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

**Our Sick:** Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam Pini, Anthony, 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:** Michael Slee, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Ian Patterson, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, 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

1 & 2 February 2020

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	Louise O'Rance Julie Douglas
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Bennett Family	Social group
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jesus Salazar Maria Lunn	B Murphy P Stauffer
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry and Margie Avellino	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Shruti Ruzario and Nhung Booth	
<b>Mt View</b>	Julie Douglas	
<b>Jindalee</b>	N/A	

### READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

8 & 9 February 2020

<u>1ST READING</u> Is 58:7-10	<u>2ND READING</u> 1 Cor 2:1-5	<u>GOSPEL</u> Mt 5:13-16
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Priscilla Kinyanjui
<b>Readers</b>	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	P & C Moncuquet
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Jeffery Family	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maria Michas Caroline Evans	M Stratford Janice Kelly
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Sue Neimanis, Cathy Taylor and Tessa Oh	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Muneko Ono and Zbiggy Zmurko	
<b>Mt View</b>	MGL Garran	
<b>Jindalee</b>	MGL Garran	

*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*