

PARISH NEWS

Alpha Program

All are welcome to join us for the Alpha Program to be held on Thursdays from 6pm-9pm in the Collins Wing, with the first session beginning on **Thursday 6 May**. Please contact the Parish Office with any queries.

St Benedict's Primary School Open Days

The enrolment period for all Catholic Schools is fast approaching. St Benedict's School's next Open day is being held Tuesday 4 May, from 9.30am – 2.30pm. Other Open Day dates are:

- Weds 5/5 (week 3) – 9.30am – 11.30am
 - Monday 10/5 (week 4) – 9.30am – 11.30am
 - Tuesday 11/5 (week 4) – 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- We encourage any interested parents to attend; we would love to show you our wonderful school and all we have to offer.

Get Vaccinated for the Common Good

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

Invest in Your Marriage!

Parish couples of every age and stage are warmly invited to join a 7 week course designed to strengthen your most important relationship. *The Marriage Course*, run via zoom by the Archdiocese from 7:15-9:30pm Tuesdays, starts 11 May. Watch presentations with other couples but discuss content privately with your spouse. The cost is \$70 including two workbooks. Register for a free 30min info session 7.30pm, Tuesday 27 April at bit.ly/TMCinfonight Register and pay for course at <https://bit.ly/TMCRegister> General info at <https://themarriagecourse.org/> Enquiries steph.ransom@cg.org.au

One Day Retreat in Canberra

With Fr Roni George and Fr Joby George, VC on Saturday 22 May (9.30am—4.30pm) at St Benedict's Catholic Church. Admission is free BYO lunch. A boxed lunch is available at nominal cost, RSVP by 19

May to pl.rebello@gmail.com For inquires please contact: Parveen 0439 642 571; Winnie 0451 015 527; Prakash 0406 381 446; Shan 0412 310 364; Tom 0434 689 957



Recently Deceased: Corrine Gillard; Norma Boyd; Leah, Lynda McNally; Gwyneth Ellen Gleeson

Anniversaries: Joseph Butler; Grace Ellis; Paulien Griffin; William Guest; Krysta Lindstrom; Mary

McQuade; Gregory Norman; Arthur Parkes; Jeanette Pedlow; Mary Reinhard

Other occasions:

Our Sick: Germaphi, Janice Kelly, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Noeleen Carrick, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Simon Keay, Mathew, Jindalee & Mt View residents, Fr Laurie Blake,

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 1 & 2 May 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Shiro Kinyanjui
Readers	Robert Booth Marlene Keir	Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian Barron	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Jesús Salazar	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Sue Neimanis & Tessa Oh	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	
Mt View	Julie Douglas	
Jindalee	Maria Michas	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 8 & 9 May 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
1ST READING Acts 9:26-31	2ND READING 1 John 3:18-24	GOSPEL John 15:1-8
Welcomers	Vacant	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	P Moncuquet Coline Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Nick & Maria Marzano	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Lunn	M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry, Claudine Smith & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Loreena	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55)
Narrabundah ACT 2604

Tel: +61 (02) 6295 7879/ Parish Office

Emergency Number : (02) 6239 6772

Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

Website: <http://cg.org.au/narrabundah/Home.aspx>

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8.00am—12midday)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B 1 & 2 May 2021

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am
(Streamed via Facebook)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm
Wednesday 12.30pm
Thursday 5.30pm
Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
Saturday 8.00am
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass (Fourth Sun of the Month)

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:

After the weekday Masses & Saturdays after 8.00am Mass
Pope Francis requests the rosary be said for the Pandemic to cease, particularly during May

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 6am – 9pm **Tuesday** 6am – 9pm
Wednesday 6am – 9pm **Thursday** 6am – 10pm
Friday 6am – 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.

Social Group

St Benedict's Social Group invites all parishioners to their monthly Morning Tea in the Parish Centre after 9.00 Mass this Sunday, 2 May.

National Count of Attendance

This happens every 4 years and is scheduled to take place over the first four weekends in May starting this weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration

Vacant hours that urgently need an adorer this week:

Monday 5-6pm
Tuesday 11am-12pm
Thursday 7am-9am, 10am-11am
Friday 8am-9am

If you would like to join the Adoration roster please contact: Anne Sutherland 0413 203 901, or Kathy Miller 0407 203 803.

Parish Secretary Vacancy

St Benedict's is advertising for a new permanent part time Secretary to work the current office hours of Tuesday to Friday, 9am-12 noon. If anyone is interested, please contact Father Rembert or the Parish Office for more information. Start date is from mid May.

St Benedict's Youth Sacramental Coordinator

St Benedict's are looking for someone to take on this youth ministry within the Parish. For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Pastoral and Finance Committees

Have you ever wondered what goes on in these parish committees? Talk to Fr Rembert, he will be happy to fill you in.

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

5th Sunday of Easter Year B 1 & 2 May 2021

First reading

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 21(22):26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,

all families of the nations worship before him;

They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.

They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

‘These things the Lord has done.’

Second reading

1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

John 15:4-5

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;

my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.’