

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 2-30 March, 9am-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

Engaged Encounter Retreat:

A two day (19-20 February) marriage preparation program in Sydney which provides engaged couples with deeper insights into each other and into married life. \$290 not including accommodation. Information & registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

Volunteer with Vinnies Youth Programs:

Our Youth programs offer respite to vulnerable youth and young carers across Canberra in the form of holiday camps and weekend activities. If you are interested in being an inspiring role model, meeting a wide range of people, having fun, and most importantly, making a difference in the lives of young people please email Youth.CG@vinnies.org.au. The first training session will be Sunday 20th February 9am-3pm.

One Day Lenten Retreat by Fr Roni George VC and Fr Joby

George VC: 12 March, 9.30am-4.30pm, St Benedict's Catholic Church. Admission is FREE, BYO lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 9th March to p1.rebello@gmail.com. For enquiries please contact Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 0406381446

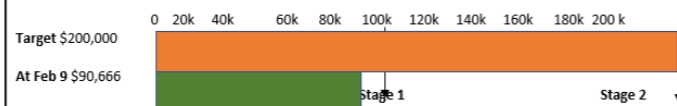
Synod of Bishops: Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have two weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Position vacant: Parish Office Coordinator, Sacred Heart Church. Part-time, 2 days per week during school terms, 9am to 3pm. Applications close Friday 25 February with a start date in March. Contact wodensouth@cg.org.au for a duty statement: attention Melanie Kerr Office Manager.

Presbytery Renovation Appeal

It is great to see that donations continue to be made by generous parishioners to the Presbytery Renovation Appeal. Our contributions now amount to a terrific \$34666.00.

Our Presbytery Appeal now stands at \$ 90,666.00: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs and \$34,666 from parishioners.



We have a further \$ 15,344 to go to reach our Parish target of a contribution of \$50,000 towards the total renovation of Stages 1 and 2.

In Stage 1, the damaged bedroom and bathroom have been completely restored at a cost of \$20,000 and the kitchen renovation is about to commence. Once done the remaining bedrooms and bathroom will be tackled.

As noted in last week's Bulletin the PPC is planning fundraising events- Raffle/s (starting with an Easter Hamper) and a multicultural food fair. To do this we need parishioners to register their readiness to donate items such as wine, Easter goodies, chocolates, sporting goods, vouchers, etc etc towards the raffle; or their interest in making food to sell at the multicultural fair.

If you are able to provide a raffle item or are interested in contributing to a multicultural food extravaganza or if you would just like to discuss or learn more about the proposals please contact, ASAP:

Theo : 0434863555 or niyonsengat@gmail.com
Gabriel:0422285491 or gbfjos@optusnet.com.au
Moira: 0409959011 or mtcn52@gmail.com

If you would like to donate money to the cause, there are envelopes at the back of the Church or you can donate online, nominating the Presbytery Fund

Thankyou everyone for your generosity thus far

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St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

Moira Najdecki
 Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges 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.

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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 Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)
 Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8.00am—12midday)
 Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)*

**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 12 & 13 February 2022**

Fr Rembert appointed as Parish Priest

Congratulations to Fr Rembert on his appointment by the Archbishop as Parish Priest at St Benedict's, following his role as Parish Administrator.

Passing of Fr Laurie Blake

We pray for the repose of the Soul of our dear Father Laurie. Father Laurie's funeral will be held at 11am, 17 February at Our Lady of Fatima, North Goulburn. A vigil will also be held at St Michael's Bungonia, 6pm, 16 February. May he rest in peace.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the candidates from our parish and school making their Confirmation this weekend. Let us keep them in our prayers as they make this next step in their faith journey.

Out of lockdown

Currently, 170 people are able to attend each Mass in person. Please follow social distancing and sanitise before entry. Face mask are mandatory indoors for those 12 years and above. Parishioners are not required to produce evidence of vaccination. The CBR app is no longer required upon entry. If you are unwell it is better to stay home, for those with immunity issues.

Adoration roster

Plant just one hour's seed of Adoration in your week and watch the blessings grow.

Adoration Hours: Monday 6am – 10pm; Tuesday 6am-10pm; Wednesday After 12.30pm mass – 10pm; Thursday 1pm -10pm; Friday 6am- Saturday 8am. Extra hours during Lent - Saturday 2pm-5pm.

Hours that urgently need filling are: **Monday 11am-12pm, Tuesday 7am-8am, 3pm-4pm, Friday 1pm-2pm.** Contact Anne Sutherland 0413 203 901

Request for volunteers to clean the Church

Recently a few of our wonderful volunteers who clean the Church have had to step back. If any parishioners have the time to volunteer to clean the Church for two hours on a Saturday morning (approximately once every 4 weeks), please contact the Parish office to be placed on the roster.

The Liturgical rosters

There are currently some vacancies in the parish rosters, particularly for welcomers and Eucharistic ministers. If you would like to volunteer or make changes to your current availability please contact the Parish office. Narrabundah@cg.org.au

God's Word reflection

Luke's account of Jesus' great sermon containing his teaching on the Beatitudes is a shorter version than in Matthew's Gospel, but is very similar in its content and message. It seems counter-intuitive. How can we be happy if we are poor, hungry, weeping, if people hate us, drive us out, abuse us, denounce our name as criminal on account of the Son of Man? But Luke's Gospel is all about highlighting how Jesus up-ended the expected conventions. In this most famous of sermons, Jesus is showing us the way to be truly, deeply happy in this broken world, and that is to align ourselves to the kingdom of God, We do this by avoiding an over attachment to pleasure and fleeting happiness, such as the pleasures found in money, possessions, food and good times. It is when we come, little and poor, to Jesus, hungering for his merciful love, that we are blessed, both now and in the next life.

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training

Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the

13 February 2022
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First reading Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm 1:1-4

Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind:
for the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
Your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm (Vigil) Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am Wednesday 12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass) Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Youth Mass) Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
– (Fourth Sun of the Month) Saturday 8.00am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6.15pm-7pm
Saturday 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm
Every Saturday 7.30am

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

Adoration daily hours:

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

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.

Recently Deceased: Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father); George Wyer, Sr M Andre Guthrie, RSJ (Goulburn); Heinrich Frank; Marvel Nobleza; Dorothy Lamb, Ignacio Serrano.



Anniversaries: Ray Anderson, Christa Banks, Eva Barron, Roger Belcher, Elizabeth Czekalski, Rosario Marquez, Kevin McCusker, Cecil McIntyre, Thelma Mitchell, William O'Brien, May Alberta Power, Mary Ryan, Rita Sullivan, Francesco Zuccatto.

Other Celebrations:

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Caroline Evans.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

12 & 13 February 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Volunteers needed	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth Marlene Keir	Philippe Moncuquet Coline Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	BA Daly	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Loretta Thomas & Margie Arvellino	
Church Cleaners	Amir	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

19 & 20 February 2022

1ST READING Jer 17:5-8	2ND READING 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20	GOSPEL Lk 6:17, 20-26
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy Shiro Kinyanjui
Presentation of the Gifts	Ian & Rita Smith	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Niemanis	Volunteers needed
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Don and Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

St Benedict's Parish Census forms.

Dear parishioners, we would be grateful if members of the community who are yet to return a Census form, could fill out and return the forms to the office as soon as possible. Collection of these forms are to help consolidate all of our parishioners' information in our parish database. Please find the census forms in the foyer.

Legion of Mary

Meetings are held every Saturday at 9:30am, at St Benedict's Outreach Centre. New Members are welcome! Please Contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531