

parish in Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent, 5pm at the Church.

Word of God evening: Please join us each Thursday evening in Lent as we journey together towards Easter for reflection on the Sunday readings and prayer, followed by a cuppa. 17 March, 6.30pm, Fr Greg Collins Wing.

Synod of Bishops. Submission Deadline: The local consultation period for the international Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday, March 13**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Caritas Ukraine Appeal: Caritas Ukraine is on the ground during the unfolding humanitarian crisis. Caritas' appeal for the Ukraine will help provide assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion Launch, 2022: Caritas CEO Kirsty Robertson & Archbishop Prowse have launched Project Compassion virtually this year at this link: tinyurl.com/caritascg22. If you need resources or wish to hear more about the work of Caritas, contact your new Diocesan Director Beth Doherty on 0432 608 310 or Elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com. Visit the website at: www.caritas.org.au.

Membership of the Archdiocesan Finance Council

The Archbishop extends an invitation to persons of good standing in the community who have the requisite qualifications and experience to nominate for membership of the Archdiocesan Finance Council. For further information and the lodgement of expressions of interest **by 25 March** please contact Ms Helen Delahunty helen.delahunty@cg.org.au

CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation

Program: for engaged couples, 25 March, 5pm. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor.

Information and registration at www.marriagefamily.org.au

Safeguarding Committee Member Vacancy: St Benedict's parish has been committed to implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (10 in all) since 2019. The committee meets monthly to discuss these standards and how we can better uphold them in all areas of our parish life, and organise training and regular meetings with other parish representatives. We are seeking another member. If you are interested in talking more about this role please contact Julie Long on 0434-583-946.

Eucharistic Ministers needed at Calvary: Calvary John James in Deakin is looking for volunteers to bring communion to Catholic patients in hospital either on weekends or weekdays. You need to be available once a month for an hour, do some initial training and then update yearly as well as some mandatory orientation checks. If you can help, please contact Samantha Thirkettle, 6281 8112 or samantha.thirkettle@calvarycare.org.au.

LTTN Easter Youth Pilgrimage: Light to the Nations is for young people and families, over Easter in Varroville. More information: <https://ltn.dojcommunity.com/>

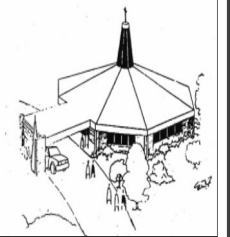
Presbytery Renovation Appeal: The PPC is planning an Easter Raffle - thankyou to those who have donated some lovely Easter goodies. There is a box at the front of the Church for raffle donations. Gift cards, Easter eggs, bottles of wine, Easter treats would all be terrific items for a luxurious hamper. If you would like someone to collect an item, please call or email:

Theo : 0434863555 or niyonsengat@gmail.com
Gabriel: 0422285491 or Gabriel Joseph gbfjos@optusnet.com.au
Moira: 0409959011 or mtcn52@gmail.com
 If, instead, 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**.

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St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

*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

Parish Team:

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Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Parish Priest)

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Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

**2nd Sunday of Lent
12 & 13 March 2022**

God's Word reflection

The observation of the English Mystic poet, William Blake, that 'great things happen when men and mountains meet' is true of such pivotal incidents in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures as Moses' reception of the Ten Commandments on Mt Sinai (Exodus '1 9:1 6-25; 20:1 -21) and the transfiguration of Jesus 'on the mountain' (often associated with Mount Tabor). Scripture scholars point to several parallels that may be drawn between these two events. In the latter instance, as recorded in all three Synoptic Gospels and now included in the luminous mysteries of the rosary by St John Paul II, Jesus is revealed as the long-awaited Messiah. Accompanied by representatives of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah), he is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John—the three apostles who later are witnesses to his agony in the garden (Matthew 26:36-46). Jesus' human bodiliness becomes the vehicle through which his inner reality as God-Man shines forth. Surely, this was a source of hope to his disciples after Jesus' prediction of his death by crucifixion had become a reality, Alluding to this event Peter wrote: 'We had seen his majesty for ourselves ... when we were with him on the holy mountain' (2 Peter 1 : 1 6-1 8).

Changes to COVID restrictions

In line with the ACT Government easing COVID-19 restrictions, there are no longer density limits in the church, the CBR app is no longer required upon entry, and face mask are no longer mandatory indoors. If you are unwell it is still better to stay home, for those with immunity issues. Holy Water Fonts and receiving Communion on the tongue are now re-instated.

WWVP cards

A reminder that parishioners are only able to participate in (most) parish ministries with a valid WWVP card. The parish office is currently checking that all WWVP cards for volunteers are up to date. If you have renewed your WWVP card, please provide a copy (front and back) to the parish office, or if you have applied for a card renewal, email the application receipt to narrabundah@cg.org.au.

Request for volunteers

Parishioners are requested to consider providing assistance with the preparation of the church for weekly celebrations. More volunteers are need to help with flower arranging and light cleaning, this does not include the vacuuming of the church. Not only would you be providing a service to the Church but you'll meet other parishioners. For more information or if you are able to offer your assistance please contact the Parish Office or message Sue (0407 269 193). A roster will be prepared from the beginning of April through till the end of June.

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

Extra Adoration Hours During Lent

Saturday 2pm-5pm. Confession following at 5pm. This Lent instead of giving up a bad habit why not take up a good habit—an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please note, not on this Saturday. Resumes next week on the 19th.

Stations of the Cross: All are invited to join our

**13 March 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent Year C**

First reading Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside, the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can.' 'Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

Responsorial Psalm 26:1, 7-9, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

-/R

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.'

-/R

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help.

-/R

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord!

-/R

Second reading Philippians 3:17- 4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. *Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured before them

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 10am - 1pm

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
3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm

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 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 7pm-8pm, Tuesday 8am-9am

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: Margaret Boorman; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father).

Anniversaries: Aurelia Bason, Frank Boddy, Maurya Brine, Margaret Dojcoska, Gwyneth Ellen Gleeson, Mary James, Piotr Lebedzki, Ellen McGrath, Lynda Maree McNally, Zbigniew Menkaraski, Cyril Smith, Patricia Weber, Sadie Wheatley, Josef Wozny.

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, Anne Rosewarne.



ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

12 & 13 March 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Volunteer needed	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth Marlene Keir	Philippe Moncuquet Coline Moncuquet
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & Leita Barron	
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Lunn	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry, Margie Arvellino & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	N/A	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

19 & 20 March 2022

<u>1ST READING</u> Ex:1-8, 13-15	<u>2ND READING</u> Cor 10:1-6, 10-12	<u>GOSPEL</u> Lk 13: 1-9
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
Readers	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy Asterie ToNiyonsenge
Presentation of the Gifts	Nick & Maria Marzano	
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Booth	Maralyn Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thoma, Margie Arvellino, & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith Amir	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

Legion of Mary:

Meetings are held every Friday at 6.30pm, at St Benedict's Outreach Centre. New Members are welcome! Please Contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531

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.

Donations:

Each Friday and Saturday evening, a parishioner, Caroline Evans, volunteers to collect bread for distribution at St Benedict's. This involves driving to the bakery and the Church. If any parishioners would like to donate towards the cost of petrol for this collection, please contact Caroline on 0406 438 309.