

Synod of Bishops: Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three 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>

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training: Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the 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

CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation

Program: 9 March, 5pm-9pm. For engaged couples. 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

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

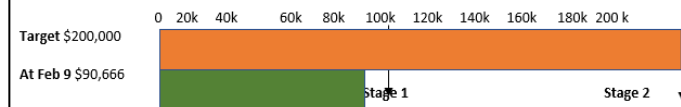
Position vacant: Parish Office Coordinator, Sacred Heart Church. Part-time, 2 days per week during school terms, 9am to 3pm. Applications close Friday 25 February with a start date in March. Contact wodensouth@cg.org.au for a duty statement: attention Melanie Kerr Office Manager.

World Day of Prayer Service 2022: 4 March, 11am, Presbyterian Church of St Andrew, Forrest.

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
Maira: 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

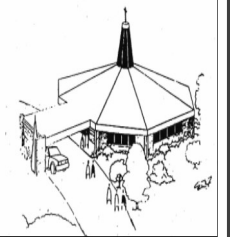
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Maira Najdecki

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

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 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 8.00am—12midday)
 Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)*

**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 19 & 20 February 2022**

Fr Rembert installed as Parish Priest

We welcome Archbishop Christopher Prowse this weekend to install Fr Rembert as Parish Priest at St Benedict's, following his role as Parish Administrator.

Passing of Fr Henry Byrne

We pray for the repose of the Soul of our dear Father Henry. The funeral Mass will be at 11 am on Thursday 24 February at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Aranda, 7 Bindel St, Aranda. The Mass will be live-streamed at <https://livestream.com/iv/FrHenryByrne>. May he rest in peace.

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

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.' This is so hard to do and yet it is fundamental to Christian life. Imagine how happy our world would be if this was lived out on a global scale. And yet, this kind of attitude learn has to take root not at the personal level before it can grow to global proportions. I have to learn to love not only my enemies, but even those who simply annoy me, those who seem to have a grudge against me, act unfairly towards me, or speak ill of me. One of our great models in learning how to do this is St Therese of Lisieux. In her "Little Way" she showed us that doing something as simple as taking on the washing up duty for someone in our household who is annoying us can be an act of love. It may not change the person in question, but it changes us. Because when we choose to love, even through small acts of service, it opens our hearts to God's healing grace and mercy, and this can't help but overflow.

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

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First reading 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

R: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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 (<i>Charismatic Mass</i>)	Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm (<i>Youth Mass</i>)	Friday 5.30pm (<i>Healing Mass</i>)
– (<i>Fourth Sun of the Month</i>)	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 Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father)

Anniversaries: Maxwell Liley, Whilem Michalak, Catherine Purnell, William Smith, Winifred Smith, Michael Strickland, Gordon Upton.

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.



ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

19 & 20 February 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Moira Najdecki	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		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

26 & 27 February 2022

<u>1ST READING</u> Sr 27:4-7	<u>2ND READING</u> 1 Cor 15:54-58	<u>GOSPEL</u> Lk 6:39-45
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel and Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario Volunteer needed
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett family	
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Volunteers needed
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Sutherland & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	
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.

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.