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**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](mailto: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](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

**Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Plant Stall:** 31 March 8am-4pm. A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more will be available. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For further information: Jan 0437790980

**Holy Trinity Show N Shine:** 3 April, 10am-3pm. In the carpark of Holy Trinity Church, Transfiguration Parish, Strangways Street, Curtin. Organised by the 'Canberra Street Machine Association', the static display of iconic cars will evoke fond memories. Admission is free with donations to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's ongoing relief efforts following the South Coast bushfires.

**Chrism Mass:** 11 April, 5pm. Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

**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.

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

**Fr Baiju's Birthday:** Best wishes to Fr Baiju on his birthday this Sunday 20 March.

**Presbytery Renovation Appeal:** As promised, our Easter Raffle commences this weekend. The Hamper is stuffed full of Easter eggs, Easter goodies and wine.

Tickets will be available after each of the weekend Masses for the next 3 weeks. The Hamper will be drawn after the 9am Mass Easter Sunday.

Tickets are \$2 or 3 for \$5 - please remember to bring your coins or notes to purchase tickets for yourself and friends and relatives.

The contents of the hamper have been donated by generous parishioners and all raffle proceeds will go to renovating the presbytery.

**To date the Parish has raised \$36,866 of the \$50,000 towards our contribution to the renovations.**

Please support the Raffle, but If you would also 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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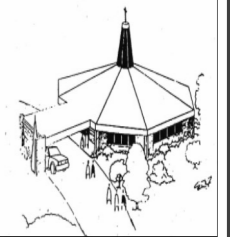
Thank you everyone for your generosity thus far.

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*

**Parish Team:**

**Parish Office hours: 10am—1pm**

**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](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au)**

**Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Parish Priest)**

**Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)**

**Fr Chris Eaton MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)**

**Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)**

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

**Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)**

**3rd Sunday of Lent  
19 & 20 March 2022**

**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.

**First Reconciliation**

We pray for those in our school and parish making their First Reconciliation this Wednesday 23rd, 5.30pm to 7pm.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au)

**Holy Week volunteers**

If you are able to assist with the liturgy or preparation for Holy Week, please contact Fr Baiju on 0490 400 557 before Friday 25 March.

**Adoration 40 Hour Prayer Vigil**

6am Friday 25 March - 10pm Saturday 26 March. Urgent Intention: Peace in Ukraine.

**Stations of the Cross**

All are invited to join our 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. 24 March, 7pm, Fr Greg Collins Wing.

**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](http://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](http://tinyurl.com/caritascg22). If you

**20 March 2022**  
**3rd Sunday of Lent Year C**

**First reading Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am,' Moses answered. 'Come no nearer,' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your fathers,' he said, 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow, the home of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites and the Jebusites.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "I Am has sent me to you."' And God also said to Moses, 'You are to say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**Responsorial Psalm 102:1-4, 6-8, 11**

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.

-/R

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 does deeds of justice,  
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses  
and his deeds to Israel's sons.

-/R

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

-/R

**Second reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

I want to remind you, brothers, how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning, and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:17** *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!* Repent, says the Lord for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. *Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!*

**Gospel Luke 13:1-9**

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."' "

**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:** Maralyn Molyneux, Margaret Boorman; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father).  
**Anniversaries:** Henry Bourke, Irene Cosier, Clare Drinkwater, Miguel Gomez, Michael Krauss, James McIntyre, Betty White.



**Other Celebrations:** Fr Baiju's birthday 20 March.

**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**

19 & 20 March 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Readers</b>	BA Daly Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy Asterie ToNiyonsenge
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Nick & Maria Marzano	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Robert Booth	
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Loretta Thoma, Margie Arvellino, & Anne Hobday	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Ian Smith Amir	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

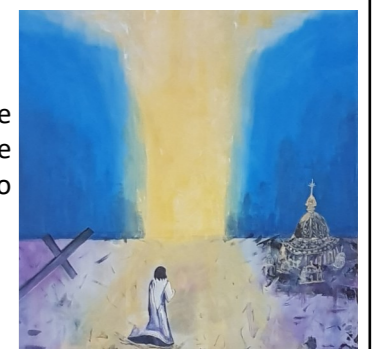
26 & 27 March 2022

<b>1ST READING</b> Js 5:9-12	<b>2ND READING</b> 2 Cor 5:17-21	<b>GOSPEL</b> Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmel and Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
<b>Readers</b>	Moira Najdecki	Christopher Ruzario Shiro Kinyanjui
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Sue Neimanis & Anne Sutherland	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Shruti Ruzario and Nhung Booth	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**Third Sunday of Lent**

*"Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."*

This week in the painting I see Jesus interceding to the Father on behalf of all humanity that has not heeded the call to repentance. The blue and yellow remind me of the parting of the Red Sea - God setting his people free. Yet some, even after this great miracle, did not please God. It is a reminder to think of the goodness of God even in these hard times. He wants to save.



Jesus is saying let them have another chance, let me nurture and tend to them so that they will bear fruit.

-Mattia Wellspring.