

First Eucharist

Preparation for this Sacrament is about to begin. The Information evening will be held on Wednesday 4 May at 5.30pm in the Collins Wing. Please see our Parish website for more details.



Women's Cursillo Weekend

12-15 May, St Clements Retreat Centre, Galong. Cursillo is Spanish for a "little course" and provides an experience of Christian living over 3 days. Many have found a Cursillo weekend provides a new direction for being a Christian in today's world. Please note, subsidies are available for those experiencing financial difficulty. For further information contact Dianne Franks on 0418 619 740 or dmfranks@bigpond.com

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

For 75 years, the support of Christian refugees has been a major pillar of the work of Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). Today ACN is supporting displaced Catholic families by attending to basic needs such as food and medicine, but these families also hunger for the healing power of the sacraments and the pastoral support of the Church. As such, the help we provide is not only material. Our support of priests, sisters, and catechists all work to build up the faith and to offer help and consolation to those in desperate need. Can you give hope to Christian refugees today? www.aidtochurch.org

Burial Allotments for Sale

2 x Burial Allotments in Woden Lawn Cemetery Catholic Section M - Plots 421 and 423 will sell separate or together, last ones available in this section. Asking \$3,500 each plus cemetery costs. For further information phone Carol on 0439474514.

Message from Parishioner: Accommodation

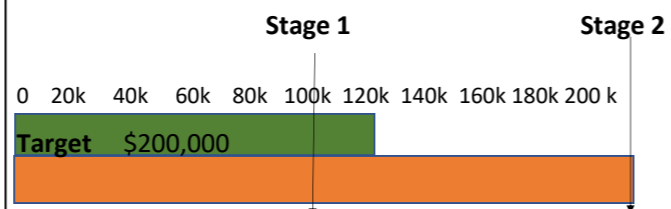
Looking for a 3 bedroom ensuite plus bathroom home with very few stairs not far from St Benedict's or St Christopher's under \$750 per week. House or unit ok. Please call me if you can help Bronwyn 0400 779 065.

Parish Renovation Appeal

Following the success of the Easter Raffle and further donations from generous parishioners, **we have now raised \$44,625.58** as the Parish contribution towards the Presbytery renovations

Our Presbytery Appeal now stands at \$125,625.58: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs; a further \$25,000 from the MGLs and \$44,625.58 from parishioners.

Stage One of the presbytery renovation is now fully funded and the initial renovations involving the damaged bedroom and bathroom are completed and the kitchen/dining room renovations are underway.



At April 29 \$125,625,000

The Parish commitment is to raise \$50,000 of the \$200,000 required so we only have **\$5,400** to go. The Parish Pastoral Council is now planning another event on the weekend of June 18/19 where we hope to raise a sum towards this final 10% of our commitment.

We are looking for items such as quality goods, vouchers for such things as restaurant meals, holiday breaks, trade services etc to be donated for auction at this event. Please contact any of the following people if you have items to donate or would like to discuss possibilities.

Theo : 0434863555 or niyonsengat@gmail.com

Gabriel:0422 285 491 or Gabriel Joseph gbfjos@optusnet.com.au

Moira: 0409959011 or mtcn52@gmail.com

If you would like to simply make a cash donation, there are envelopes at the back of the Church or you can donate online to the following account nominating the Presbytery Fund

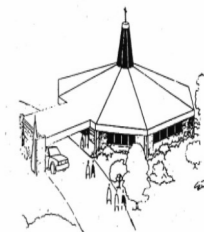
Account Name	BSB	Acc #
St Benedict's Parish	062786	000014992

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: 9.00am—12noon

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

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

Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772

Website: [cg.org.au/narrabundah /home.aspx](http://cg.org.au/narrabundah/home.aspx)

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Parish Priest)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Fr Chris Eaton MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

Lisa Thomas (Parish Secretary starting mid May)

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

3rd Sunday of Easter 30 April & 1 May 2022

God's Word reflection

In the Gospel reading, we are invited to reflect on the third occasion that Jesus 'shows' himself to the disciples following his resurrection, Jesus appears by the Sea of Tiberias and upon seeing the disciples struggling to catch any fish, suggests that they cast the net on the other side of the boat. When they listen to Jesus and do as he says, they catch an abundance of fish. This provokes the question—when and how does Jesus show himself in our lives? Is it through the kind word of encouragement expressed by a work colleague, or is it someone speaking truth in a difficult situation, or perhaps is it in the invitation to share a meal? Jesus shares bread fish with the disciples, and doing, not only shows up, but shares something of himself – his presence and friendship. How can we show up in a similar way to others, as Jesus did for the disciples? How can we offer words of life and abundance, and give something of ourselves in the name of Jesus, today?

Urgently Needed

We need parishioners to join in our ministries of Church Cleaning, Welcoming, Reading and Special Ministers of Communion. Father is very grateful for our current volunteers but, without new members, we will soon run out of people to provide these services.

Father asks you to consider urgently whether you can volunteer to join one or more of these ministries that keep the parish going. Please contact the parish office and leave your name, contact details and which ministry or ministries you are willing to join.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father to all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal 8 May 2022

Collection for formation and education of our seminarians:

We have three seminarians studying for the priesthood. There are three other young men too, considering the priestly calling. Let us invest in the future of our Church by financially supporting them. This is not a tax deductible donation. Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today:

By envelopes

By giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep

By calling: (02) 6239 9801

May Jesus, our High Priest, raise up a whole generation of new priests in our Archdiocese!

Caritas Australia

Caritas would like to thank you for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit www.caritas.org.au to make your donation online. Through your generosity you will be empowering the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and share their strengths with their communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

1 May 2022
3rd Sunday of Easter Year C

First reading Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm 29:2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

Second reading Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12 noon

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. See parish website for booking information..

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.

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Friday at 6.30pm in St Benedict's Outreach Centre. New member are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees 0402 271 531



Birthdays: Best wishes to William Dennis (99yrs); George Burnell (87yrs), Peter Pistor (81yrs); Patricia Lee (77yrs); Kevin Assenheim (75yrs); Patricia Doyle (73yrs); Madelina Ramunathan (71 yrs).

Recently Deceased: Claire Da Silva (Singapore); Maralyn Molyneux, Margaret Borrman; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father).

Anniversaries: Joseph Butler; Keith de Mamiel; Paulien Griffin; William Guest; Mary McQuade; Gregory Norman; Arthur Parkes; Jeanette Pedlow;

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

30 April 1 May 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	volunteers	Volunteer
Readers	Don Jeffery &	Paula Keating;
Offortery	Jame Camilleri	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Jesús Salazar	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Claudine Smith; Louise Gaudry & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

7 & 8 May 2022

1ST READING Acts 13:14, 43-52	2ND READING Apoc 7:9, 14-17	GOSPEL Jn 10:27-30
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth; Marlene Keir	Philippe Moncuquet Coline Moncuquet
Offortery	Brian & Leita	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Lunn	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Margie Avellino; Loretta Thomas; Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	John Murray & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

The Oceania Evangelisation Leaders Program (ELP)

begins at Pentecost 5 June (Pentecost Sunday) & 6 June and offers face-to-face for Australian participants in Canberra and online via local hubs in participating countries (Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands)The ELP will be held at the St Benedict's Mission Centre, Narrabundah, Canberra. Accommodation contact, the Ibis Styles, Narrabundah (Canberra) on 6295 2944. Cost for Australian participants: \$40 for Youth Ministers & other Church leaders \$100 for Educators (CSYMA/CLFN Members) \$175 for other Educators. Come Join Us!



Australian participants to gather face-to-face in Canberra.
register for the OCEANIA ELP
www.trybooking.com/BXYSM

Accommodation Booking: Ibis Styles
www.ibisstylescanberra.com.au
Promo Code: CSYMA

Oceania Hub Leader

The ELP will be conducted online with Hubs across Oceania. To apply to be a Hub leader, send an email to Greg Wilson at