

The presentation of this Report completes the local consultation phase and is a synthesis of all the local submissions received. This Report is now added to all the Reports from every Australian diocese and from that compilation the bishops will arrive at an Australian synthesis to present at the 2023 Synod on Synodality in Rome. The local Synthesis Report will be available to all from 16 May 2022.

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

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.

Right to Life Dinner

Archbishop Prowse will address a Celebration Dinner of the ACT Right to Life Assn. at Sthn Cross Club Woden, Wednesday 1 June. All welcome. Please book online at Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/dinner-to-celebrate-50-years-of-the-act-rtl-association-inc-tickets-329248088897> or Ring Bev 0418 718 713.

SmartLoving Breakthrough

An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages. If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

Identify your conflict triggers. Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument. Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

smartloving.org/breakthrough

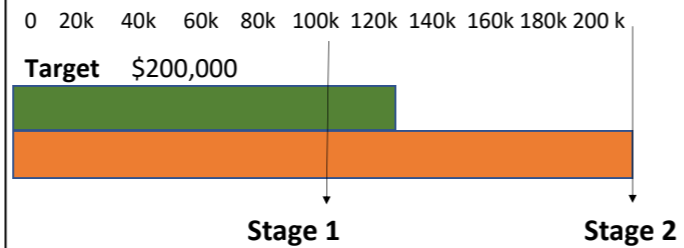
Divine Mercy Sale 50% Off (ends May 31)
Use coupon code: DivineMercy

Parish Renovation Appeal

Following the success of the Easter Raffle and further donations from generous parishioners, **we have now raised \$46377.58** as the Parish contribution towards the Presbytery renovations

Our Presbytery Appeal now stands at \$127,377.58: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs; a further \$25,000 from the MGLs and \$46,377.58 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 6 May \$127377

The Parish commitment is to raise \$50,000 of the \$200,000 required so we only have \$3,622 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 5% 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

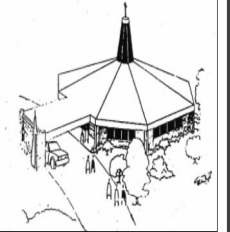
Account Name	BSB	Acc #
St Benedict's Parish	062786	000014992

Thank you everyone for your generosity thus far.

Moira Najdecki
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

St Benedict's Catholic Parish 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:

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

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)

**4th Sunday of Easter
7 May & 8 May 2022**

God's Word reflection

Imagine Paul and Barnabas standing tall, shaking the dust from their feet and moving out of the region filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. What a feat, considering they'd not been farewelled with good wishes and gifts. Rather, they were driven out by a group of jealous people, persecuting and protesting against the words they had been sharing. Paul and Barnabas demonstrated that they know the voice of God in their hearts. And knowing this voice, and accepting the invitation to live in God's grace, they have a clear goal to 'bring salvation to the ends the earth'. This was their mandate, and it is ours. We too are invited to home in to the voice of God in our hearts, to listen and act, to live in the grace of God and to be a light to all we encounter. Armed with this knowledge, in any hardship, we too can shake the dust from our feet, and move on with joy and praise, filled with the Holy Spirit. God is with us, always.

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 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!

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.

A HAPPY AND BLESSED MOTHER'S DAY TO OUR PARISH MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS, GREAT GRANDMOTHERS AND MOTHER FIGURES.

We offer our prayers and call God's choicest blessing for you all.

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.

We Welcome into our Christian Community

Keana Jerushi De Silva daughter of Ann Shalendra (Fernando) and Shehan who will be Baptised this Sunday. Please remember them in your prayers s they start on Keana's faith life journey..

2023 Synod of Bishops Archdiocesan Synthesis Report

Fr Richard Thompson will be presenting this Report to the Archbishop during the 1100 Sunday Mass at the Cathedral 15 May. This Mass is live-streamed.

8 May 2022
4th Sunday of Easter Year C

First reading Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them.

The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said:

I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside.

But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm 99:1-3, 5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Come before him, singing for joy.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,

eternal his merciful love.

He is faithful from age to age.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,

we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one.'

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 Maria Antoinette Kennedy (90yrs);

Recently Deceased: Claire Da Silva (Singapore); Maralyn Molyneux, Margaret Borrman; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex

Fulop (John's father).

Anniversaries: Elva Bogie; Michael Caruana; Margaret Coan; Grace Ellis; Peter Kulczycki; Krysta Lindstrom; Mary Reinhard; Margaret Rooke; George Taylor.

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

7 & 8 May 2022F

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth;	Philippe Moncuquet
Offertory	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		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

14 & 15 May 2022

1ST READING Acts 14:21-27	2ND READING Apoc 21:1-5	GOSPEL Jn 13:31-33, 34-35
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	volunteer
Readers	B A Daly; Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy; Asterie ToNiyonsenge
Offertory	Nick & Maria	Not required
Eucharistic Ministers	Robert Booth	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria and John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith & Amir	
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 manager@csymi.com