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### SmartLoving Breakthrough

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- Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.
- Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

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### Archdiocesan Code of Conduct

It has been 3 years since the Code of Conduct was introduced in the Archdiocese. And so they are now due for re-signing. We are required to have a current signed Code of Conduct acknowledgement form for all volunteers for the parish, regardless of whether they require a WWVP card or Working with Children Check. You can find the Code of Conduct and acknowledgement on the Archdiocesan website <https://cgatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>. Or there are copies of the acknowledgement forms in the Church. If you need help accessing a copy of the Code to read please contact the parish office.

### LAUDATO SI' WEEK (16-24 May)

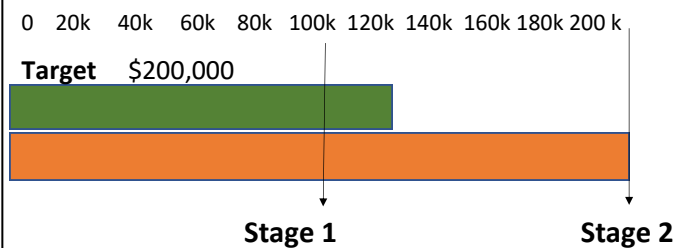
is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) The Archdiocese is to mark Laudato Si' week in mid to late May, including at Mass in St Christopher's Cathedral on Sunday 22 May (all welcome to help celebrate God's creation). The Archdiocese is starting to develop and to encourage plans of action on Care for Our Common Home

### 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 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)

## 5th Sunday of Easter 14 May & 15 May 2022

### God's Word reflection

Filled with the love of God, Paul and Barnabas 'opened the door of faith' to many whom they encountered in the cities they visited. By their love, joy and zest for God, the eyes, ears and hearts of many were opened. They are clearly following Jesus' new commandment to love one another as I have loved you'. As Jesus did, they too spread the Good News of God among the people. They too witnessed to the love and presence of God in their hearts by their very actions. It bears reflecting, how deeply have I been impacted by the love of God? Do others know that I'm a disciple of Jesus by the love I share with others? Do people recognise Jesus in me? Do I recognise Jesus in others? I pray that I may be a living sign of God's love in the world today, that I may be one who opens the door of faith and love to those I encounter.

### Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal 8 May 2022

Thank you for your generous donations. If you took an envelope please return it asap so the money can be forwarded to the Archdiocese. You can still make a gift today:

By giving at: [www.cgatholic.org.au/goodshep](http://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 use the form in the foyer of the church to nominate for the rosters along with your contact details. Or phone the office and leave your details there.

### 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.*

### 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 today. This Mass is live-streamed. 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.

### 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

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.

15 May 2022  
5th Sunday of Easter Year C

**First reading Acts 14:21-27**

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

**Responsorial Psalm 144:8-13a**

*I will praise your name for ever, my King and my God .*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age.

**Second reading Apocalypse 21:1-5**

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34**

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

**Gospel John 13:31-33, 34-35**

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.  
If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

'My little children, I shall not be with you much longer.  
I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another.  
By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

**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  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Desmond Jordan (75years)  
**Recently Deceased:** Claire Da Silva (Singapore)  
**Anniversaries:** Michael Buckley; Linda Climer;  
Nellie England; Mary Gowing; Olive Holdom;  
Evelyn McGrath; Clarence Mills; Giancarlo  
Pauletto; Myra Purcell; Stephen Rochford; Lena Seal; Mary  
Stephenson; Orlando Stitt.

**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.

**Donate to Caritas at Tax Time**

This tax time you can support vulnerable communities all over the world through Caritas Australia. Consider making a life-changing donation today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/make-an-impact-this-tax-time/>

**ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND**

14 & 15 May 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmel & Peter Pistor	volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	B A Daly;	Barry Murphy;
<b>Offertory</b>	Nick & Maria Marzano	Not required
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Robert Booth	Janice Kelly
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Maria and John Michas	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Ian Smith & Amir	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

21 & 22 May 2022

<b>1ST READING</b> Acts 15:1-2, 22-29	<b>2ND READING</b> Apoc 21:10-14, 22-	<b>GOSPEL</b> Jn 14:23-29
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	B A Daly; Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy Asterie ToNiyansenge
<b>Offertory</b>	Nick & Maria Marzano	Pat & Shelly Nash
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Robert Booth	Janice Kelly
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Anne Sutherland, Ann Hill & Sue Neimanis	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**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 articulating 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](http://www.trybooking.com/BXYSM)

**Accommodation Booking:** Ibis Styles [www.ibisstylescanberra.com.au](http://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](mailto:manager@csymi.com) Training will be provided for Hub leaders.

**Right to Life Dinner**

All welcome to the Southern Cross Club Woden. Archbishop Prowse will illustrate the importance of Life Issues for all Christians; Senator Eric Abetz will speak of the Senate position and MLA(Ret)Vicki Dunne will relate the ACT LA position on these important value. Book NOW: [bit.ly/RTLdinner](http://bit.ly/RTLdinner). Info Bev 0418 718 713

