

Report from the Parish Finance Committee

I am reporting on behalf of the PFC about the Parish Finances.

Firstly, we want to thank everyone and acknowledge all the contributions, not just financial, that people make to this Parish. This is a generous community and people give in all sorts of ways, even simply belonging to this Parish is a contribution. Thank you for your support as without all of it we wouldn't exist as a Parish.

The update on the budget is that it is balanced and has been submitted to the Archdiocese. We do need to talk about income though because giving is down. The last two years have been difficult for everyone and for the income of the Parish and church attendance hasn't bounced back from lockdowns. We are asking that parishioners reconsider or renew their giving pledges.

We know this is hard as everyone has bills to pay. However, we can also now say that the Presbytery donation drive has almost hit its target amount. Many people have given generously to this cause. We are asking that if you have switched your donations, please switch them back to the standard giving to the Parish. This is income for keeping the lights on in the church and presbytery, wages, insurance, cars, all amenities and maintenance. These are basic running costs of the physical presence of the Parish. Without an income we can't pay for these expenses.

Your financial offerings enable our parish continue to serve the people of Narrabundah and support the priests and Fr Rembert Fernando.

The easiest way for planned giving is a direct debit or automatic credit card withdrawal as this allows you to maintain a consistent donation and can be easier for the church to manage the budget. For this payment option (Direct Debit or Credit Card), please contact the parish office or pick up a census form in the church and fill in the details for your giving. Once you have completed the form please email them to the Parish Office or put them on the plate at Mass and we will be in touch.

Other electronic options are:

- Qkr! online or via the App on smartphones
- "Tap and Go" machine (no record is kept for you)

If you are an envelope planned giver, please contact Cathy in the office to tell her you wish to continue to give in this way as even the envelopes cost us money to print and provide. Please remember to put your envelope/giving number in the reference and your first and last name.

We thank everyone for their ongoing contribution and

look forward to the Presbytery repairs but also to the continuing functioning of the Parish.

Other details:

All details are on the website however if you have any questions please contact the office at narrabundah@cg.org.au or Narrabundah.finance@cg.org.au or call the office 6295 7879 and leave a message if the phone is unattended.

If you would like to make an online donation to support our Clergy, the parish office can supply the account details for either the clergy (Account Name: Narrabundah Presbytery Account (1st Collection) BSB: 062-786 Account No.: 000020619) or the Parish (Account Name: Narrabundah Parish BSB: 062 786 Account No.: 000014992).

SAVE THE DATE

SONGS and SCONES AFTERNOON



19 June 2 - 4.30

St Benedict's School Hall

The final event towards the Presbytery Renovation Appeal will be held on Sunday afternoon June 19.

It will be an afternoon featuring renowned singer and musician

RACHAEL DUNCAN

Rachael is a Canberra soprano who has sung in opera houses in the UK and Germany. She has now settled back in Canberra with her family and is a member of St Benedict's Parish. She remains involved in the music scene.

Please join Rachael to enjoy much loved songs from Opera, Operetta and Musical Theatre. Rachael promises that you will leave the afternoon with a spring in your step and a song in your heart.

The afternoon will include a delicious Devonshire afternoon tea, and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction for the wonderful items donated by the St Benedict's community.

Further details and a list of auction items will be emailed to all parishioners on the email list, published in the Bulletin and available at Masses next week.

Tickets at \$15 single and \$25 family will also be available next week.

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: 9.00am—12noon

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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 24 May)

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

6th Sunday of Easter 21 May & 22 May 2022

God's Word reflection

I wonder how the women in Jesus' time felt. The apostles, council representatives and elders of the church were all men. Men were officially chosen as the twelve apostles and sent out as the messengers and bearers of the Good News. And yet, we know women were present in the life of Jesus. His mother, Mary; Mary Magdalene, who ran from the tomb having encountered the risen Christ; the woman at the well and the woman who was saved from being stoned to death. Women, too, knew and loved Jesus and were bearers of the Good News. They remind us that women and men are called to be living witnesses of Jesus' love in the world, to be messengers of hope, and bearers of mercy. Whether we are called to live as Religious, married, single, or in a particular profession, we are all mandated by that 'letter' of the Council of Jerusalem to announce the Good News and to live in the joy of our resurrected Christ.

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

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.

Burial Allotments for Sale

1 x Burial Allotment in Woden Lawn Cemetery Catholic Section M - Plots 421 will sell separate or together, last ones available in this section. Asking \$3,500 plus cemetery costs. For further information phone Carol on 0439 474 514.

Message from Parishioner: Accommodation

Looking for a 3 bedroom en-suite 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.

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.

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.

22 May 2022
6th Sunday of Easter Year C

First reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

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| O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. | Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. | Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. |
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Second reading Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.'
Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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: Imelda Gadd (87years); Georgette Torevell (78 years)
Recently Deceased: Claire Da Silva (Singapore)
Anniversaries: Dextry Donovan; Bill Gadd; Gladys Gudgeon; Claudia Holdom; John Hurley; Christine Kirchner; Arthur Oakes; Elaine Richardson; Olga Steele
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

21 & 22 May 2022

| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
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| Welcomers | Carmel & Peter Pistor | Alma Burg |
| Readers | B A Daly; Louise Gaudry | Barry Murphy Asterie ToNiyansenge |
| Offertory | Nick & Maria Marzano | Pat & Shelly Nash |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Robert Booth | Janice Kelly |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Anne Sutherland, Ann Hill & Sue Neimanis | |
| Church Cleaners | Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth | |
| Mt View | | |
| Jindalee | | |

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

28 & 29 May 2022

| <u>1ST READING</u> Acts 1:1-11 | <u>2ND READING</u> Eph 1:17-23 | <u>GOSPEL</u> Luke 24:46-53 |
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| Sat 6 pm | | Sun 9am |
| Welcomers | Louise Gaudry | Barry Murphy |
| Readers | Moira Najdecki | Christopher Ruzario Shiro Kinyanjui |
| Offertory | Jane Camilleri; Noreen Dick | Grace De Silva |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sue Neimanis | Barry Murphy. |
| Flowers, Altar Cleaning | Louise Gaudry, Margie Avellino & Claudine Smith | |
| Church Cleaners | Don & Jennifer Nguyen | |
| 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 Training will be provided for Hub leaders.

Right to Life Dinner

Celebrate 50 Yrs of the RTL in the ACT. Dinner with Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Senator Eric Abetz and MLA(Ret) Vicki Dunne who will give short talks between various courses of great food! Book at: bit.ly/RTLdinner More info Bev 0418 718 713