

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.

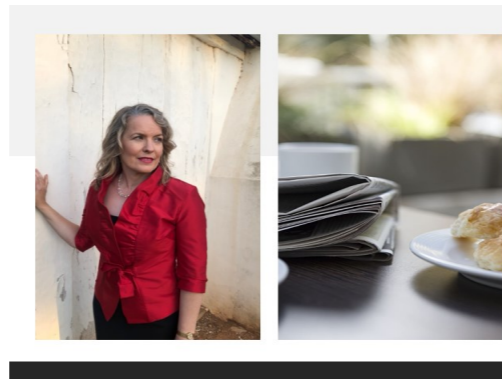
If you would like to make an online donation to support our Clergy, the parish office can supply the account details for either the clergy (Account Name: Narrabundah Presbytery Account (1st Collection) BSB: 062-786 Account No.: 000020619) or

the Parish (Account Name: Narrabundah Parish BSB: 062 786 Account No.: 000014992).

Songs, Scones and Silent Auction

St Benedict's School Hall

Sunday - June 19, 2-4:30 pm



Join renowned singer and musician Rachael Duncan in an afternoon of songs from opera, operetta and musical theatre.

Rachael is a highly acclaimed soprano who has appeared in concerts and performances around the globe. After returning to Canberra in 2006, having spent five years performing in Germany, she has been a regular performer with Stopera and the National Capital Orchestra.

The afternoon will include Devonshire Tea and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction to raise funds for the St Benedict's Presbytery renovations.

A list of auction items is available as a separate sheet with the bulletin this week.

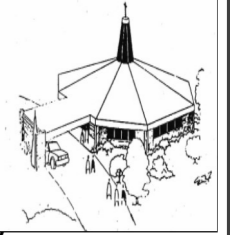
Tickets are \$15 single and \$25 family and are available from:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BZUUF>

or from the Parish Office.

*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

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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)

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Ascension of the Lord 28 May & 29 May 2022

God's Word reflection

I wonder what it was like for the apostles to witness Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Gospel gives a hint: 'And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and they were continually in the Temple praising God'. Perhaps, too, it was the promise given by Jesus prior to his ascension, which provided deeper conviction and assurance for the disciples: 'You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you.' Luke tells us that Jesus was blessing them as he ascended. May the blessing of the ascended Christ, with the power of the Holy Spirit, lead us on. We are called to be disciples, to carry on the mission of Christ in proclaiming the kingdom of God on earth. As Christ blesses us, may we be a blessing upon all we encounter.

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.

The Church and the Second Plenary Council Assembly

Concerned Catholics Canberra Goulburn will host a public Forum in the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton on 9th June (7:30pm). Speakers will include: Sr Clare Condon sgs; Francis Sullivan; Andrea Dean and Paul Collins.

St Benedict's Social Group

All parishioners are invited to join them for Morning tea in the Parish Centre on Sunday 5th June after the 9.00 am Mass and coffee and a chat on Thursday 9th June at 10.30 am at Gryphon's in Griffith.

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.

29 May 2022
Ascension of the Lord

First reading Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm 46:2-3,6-9

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

Second reading Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples:

'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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:
Tuesday 8am-9am; Wednesday 3-4pm; 4-5pm;5-6pm;
Friday 7-8pm

Hearing Loop is located in the right center 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.



Recently Deceased: Claire Da Silva (Singapore)

Anniversaries: George Durr; Charles Gerrey; Athol Knight; George Harris; Mary Lyons; Edith Oxborrow; Carmel Lanzon; Norma Morrissey; Neville Murray; Dorothy Ross;

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

28 & 29 May 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki	Christopher Ruzario Shiro Kinyanjui
Offertory	Jane Camilleri;	Grace De Zilva
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy.
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Louise Gaudry, Margie Avellino & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

4 & 5 June 2022

1ST READING Acts 2:1-11	2ND READING 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13	GOSPEL Jn 20:19-23
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery, Helen Bennett	Paula Keating; Julie Douglas
Offertory	BA Daly	Social Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday & Margie Arvellino & Loretta Thomas	
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 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 on Wednesday 1st June! Book at: bit.ly/RTLdinner More info Bev 0418 718 713