

priest. Time provided for couple to discuss topics privately. Enquiries 0451670041 prugordon@gmail.com
Register at www.marriagefamily.org.au

Communication & Relationships,

Saturday 23 Jul 2022, 12.30pm-5pm AEST, attend via Zoom or in-person. A fundamental aspect of any relationship - with God or people - is Communication. This event looks at the different aspects of communication and their strengths and weaknesses in daily life. It offers a practical approach to communication and relationships. This session will be led by James Areechira svd. Cost \$60 (BYO lunch). Book and pay by 18/7/22

via www.heartoflife.melbourne Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope Street, Malvern VIC, tel (03) 9890 1101 or email office@heartoflife.melbourne

At home retreat | 1-29 August

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

In 2021 alone, 565,000 religious books were produced and distributed with the help of ACN. Often in poor countries, the child's Bible is the first book that children receive in their own language and frequently it is the only picture book that the little ones can get hold of in their entire lives. Can you help us continue this important work in distributing religious books throughout the world? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/bibles
Enquiries: michaellast.mgl@gmail.com



The Legion of Mary

at St. Benedict's will be establishing a book barrow in the parish. This is a great way to evangelise and obtain knowledge about our Faith. Book barrows offer to draw people closer to the faith. We kindly ask for donations of pre-loved Christian books to the Legion. If you are interested, please contact The Legion of Mary: +61 402 271 531 There will be a donation box at the church foyer for drop off.

Planned Giving

The new envelopes are available this weekend. Please collect your envelopes and discard the old envelopes as the numbers have been reassigned. If you would like to join in the Planned Giving Programme please fill in the form that is available in the foyer and Cathy Schneider, the Finance Officer will organise it for you. Just a reminder that there is no tax component in the Planned Giving so receipts won't be issued unless requested. If you would like a receipt for your own records please contact Cathy-narrabundah.finance@cg.org.au

Kakadu/Darwin Pilgrimage with Fr Dan Benedetti MGL | August 20-28

Fr Dan will be leading a Top End Encounter Pilgrimage on August 20-28. This amazing opportunity promises to bring together the spectacular Top End of Australia (Darwin, Kakadu, Tiwi Islands and Katherine Gorge) with the faith and spirituality of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters. Harvest Journeys continues its mission to immerse people in the grace of pilgrimage. Time is running out. So for more information please go to: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/top-end/>

19-21 August Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend

Worldwide Marriage Encounter conducted by Zoom allowing couple to attend from the comfort of their own home. The weekend starts at 7PM on Friday 19 August and concludes with Mass at 4PM on Sunday 21 August. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or vicbooking@wwme.org.au

Save the date 17 September

Caring for Creation Conference on 17 September at John Paul II College in Gungahlin. Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home. The Pope has called all our Parishes, schools, families and individuals to help save the planet and one another from greed, consumerism and climatic change. Our Bishops have called us to respond to: The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor. Everything is connected. Saturday, 17 September is the day to work together to change ourselves, each other and the planet. Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com

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**

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Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772

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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)

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 July & 10 July 2022

God's Word reflection

We all want to live 'eternal life', life in God, as the lawyer in today's Gospel puts it. Jesus tells the lawyer we can have such life if we love God wholeheartedly and love our neighbour as ourself. Similarly, in the passage from Deuteronomy, we hear that it is through keeping the commandments that we return to God with all our heart and soul. We can take heart to that this law is not beyond our strength or our reach. In fact it is very close, in our mouths and in our hearts! The lawyer is taught that Jesus is this law brought to perfection. As Paul tells us in his letter to the Colossians, now the Church, of which we are a part, is Christ's body and Christ is its head. Christ Jesus who lives so closely in us is the image of the unseen God. As we reflect on our life over this past week, and endeavour to live more fully in Christ in the week to come, let's pray with the psalmist, 'In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.'

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.

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://cgcatholic.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.

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.

Parish Secretary Position, Narrabundah

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for our parish. This is a part-time permanent position (12 hours per week). For more information please contact the Parish Office.

Parish Retreat Day - Saturday |9th July

Who was St Benedict and what does he have to offer us today? Join us for our parish retreat to commemorate the feast of our parish patron, St Benedict (July 11). Program will include talks, opportunities for prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Hosted by the MGL brothers. Registration essential. Link coming soon.

16 & 23 July Evenings for the Engaged

Evenings for the Engaged marriage preparation course. Two consecutive Saturdays 9am-3pm in Murrumbateman \$150 includes catering and resources. Presented by married couples and a

10 July 2022

First reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. ‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

Responsorial Psalm 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.
As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God’s name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving.

*Seek the Lord, you who are poor, and
your hearts will revive*

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love
his name shall dwell there.

Second reading Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,
says the Lord,
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the Law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus ‘do this and life is yours.’
But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the inn-keeper. “Look after him,” he said “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one who took pity on him’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go, and do the same yourself.’

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 5– 6pm; Wednesday 3-7pm; Friday 7-8pm, 8-9pm.

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 Sunday at 10.30am at St Benedict’s Outreach Centre. New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.



Recently Deceased: Mrs Ruza Šimunović (Fr Anto Šimunović’s mother)

Anniversaries: Neil Blake; Helen Harris; Paul Nixo (MGL); Laurance Bode; Severino D’Andrea; Franc Ericp; Gladys Dumbrell; Dagmar Gilfelt; Wayne Hartas; Charles Holdom; Ethel Johnson; Cecily McIntyre; Noel McLean; Morty McNamara; Latos Repkenyi; Joseph Micallef; John V Brown.

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

9 & 10 July 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki	Christopher Ruzario Shiro Kinyanjui
Offertory	Jane Camilleri;	Grace DeZilva
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday & Margie Arvellino	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

16 & 17 July 2022

1ST READING Gen 18:1-10	2ND READING Col 1:24-28	GOSPEL Lk 10:38-42
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter	Barry Murphy
Readers	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	Paula Keating Julie Douglas
Offertory	BA Daly	Volunteer
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Bronwyn Blundell
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Grace De Zilva & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	John Murray Rosemary Caldwell	



Dear friends Adorers,

The Adoration Coordinators wish to invite you to join us for a ‘Christmas in July get together’

Join us for a night to meet old and new friends, sing Christmas carols, eat good food, and have good fun!

Saturday 30 July 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Please register your attendance by using this QR Code and bring some plates to share!

Registrations will be available until 22 July.

We look forward to seeing you!

