

Marymead Card and Games Day Fundraiser

On Monday 15th August at Royal Canberra Golf Club. \$50pp, lunch with a glass of wine, tea and coffee all day and petit fours. Tables of 4 and start time 10am. There will be a raffle and craft and preserves for sale on the day. RSVP 8th August

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/>

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

Aid to the Church in Need Australia

The diocese of Huancavelica is one of the poorest in Peru. Until recently the people here have had little spiritual formation and infrequent visits from a priest since the villages are far apart. Two priests are managing to visit every village once a month, celebrating Holy Mass, administering the Sacrament of the sick, and preparing people for the reception of the Sacraments. This pastoral care is now bearing fruit, and more and more Catholics are returning to the practice of their faith, but a robust all-terrain vehicle would make it much easier for these priests to minister more intensively to the Catholic faithful in Peru. Can you provide transport so priests can reach the faithful in Peru? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject



Planned Giving

The new envelopes are now to be used. If you use an old envelope your money may be allotted to another person as the numbers were all reassigned. Just a gentle reminder that there is **no tax** to be claimed from the Planned Giving, so receipts will not be issued unless you wish to have a copy for your own records.

The Planned Giving Scheme is of critical importance for the day to day running of our parish. If you are **not a member** of the Scheme, please consider joining to guarantee the parish a regular income. If you are **new to our parish**, we invite you to be part of the long tradition of financially supporting this wonderful parish.

The First Collection is used for the welfare of our Archbishop and our priests who are currently working, sick or retired. It includes the priests' stipend and living allowances.

The Second Collection (planned giving and losses notes and coins on the collection plate) provides the resources for our parish to carry out its work. It helps to cover:

- Pastoral work and office costs (including telephone, electricity, insurance and car costs)
- Church supplies (altar breads, wine, candles, bulletin, copyright etc)
- Heating and cooling
- Maintaining the parish church
- Maintaining the presbytery
- Support our youth minister and so on
- Salary for the secretary and finance officer
- Contribution towards the work of the archdiocese via special collections.

For further information please contact the Parish Office during office hours.

Catholic Theological College

Semester 2 Study Options. Explore your questions in theology and ministry at CTC in Semester 2 with our introductory and advanced units, for audit or credit study. Online and in-person options available. To enrol or for further information: Registrar: registrar@ctc.edu.au or <https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/ctc-videos/>

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: 9.00am—12noon

Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)

Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55) Narrabundah ACT 2604

Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

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

Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Website: cg.org.au/narrabundah/home.aspx

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 July & 17 July 2022

God's Word reflection

Do you wonder how Abraham knew straight away that his three visitors represented in God? He runs to meet them and addresses them as 'My Lord'. Somehow, he knew that in their presence he was in the presence of God. Abraham and Sarah were no strangers to suffering and neither was Paul. Just as Abraham is happy to show hospitality to his visitors, Paul is happy to unite his suffering with that of the Christ. Somehow Paul knew that God's presence was *in* the suffering, and that this hidden mystery was now being revealed in Christ. They mystery *is Christ is among you!* Mary and Martha also came to learn this in a particular way. As it was for Abraham and Paul, Jesus teaches them that all serving must be grounded in a deep relationship of love with God. The presence of God is already with us, in the mystery of Christ. We just need to be open to knowing it, in all that we do. Just for today then, what would it be like to run to serve a stranger as if you were meeting God? How will you sit at the feet of Jesus?

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://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.

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, Tuesday to Friday 9-12noon). For more information please contact the Parish Office.

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.

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.

17 July 2022

First reading Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.' 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

Responsorial Psalm 14:2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Second reading Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

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:
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.

HOUR OF POWER gathers after Tuesday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of preaching, adoration, worship and healing. 6.30pm-8.00pm 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.

Dear Parishioners, The Adoration Team is organising a Christmas in July event. Following on from the great success of the Songs and Scones afternoon, we recognise there is a great need for more social get-togethers, and gatherings where we can bring friends who are not church going. To register for the event by using this link below. We look forward to see you! <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-benedicts-adoration-group-christmas-in-july-get-together-tickets-369841845917>



Recently Deceased: Claire Da Silva (Singapore)
Anniversaries: Anthony Avellino; Peter Della Torre; Mary Douglas; Margaret Kehoe; Jan Leyden; Desmond Maguire; Mick Kinnane; Agnes Frank; Gordon McLucas; Brian Power; Wanda Price.

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

16 & 17 July 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	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	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

23 & 24 July 2022

1ST READING Gen 18: 20-32	2ND READING Col 2: 12-14	GOSPEL Lk 11: 1-13
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth Marlene Keir	Grace De Zilva; Linda Henry
Offertory	Ian & Rita Smith	Maria Mendoza
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario Nhung Booth	



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!

