

19-21 August Marriage Enrichment Weekend

via Zoom. Married couples, are invited to attend a live Marriage Encounter weekend from the comfort of their own home. Conducted via zoom, the weekend starts at 7PM on Friday 19th August and concludes with Mass at 4PM on Sunday 21 August. Contact Mercy & James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 to book online at www.wvme.org.au or vicbooking@wvme.org.au

22 August Natural Fertility Awareness Week

A free webinar entitled "Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps" is being held on Monday 22 August at 7.30pm. Presenters from NZ, Australia and Mexico will review 3 fertility tracking apps. "This is knowledge of her body every woman ought to have" (Dr Evelyn Billings). Enquiries: Joanne Widdup 0414 165 848. Registrations detail on Billings life webpage <https://www.billings.life/en/> or Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/1OMLh9IHl>



Save the date 17 September Caring for Creation

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. Please see the Flyer in the foyer.



Cursillo in the Diocese

Cursillo is an international lay-based faith formation movement that started over 80 years ago. It provides a sound and practical approach for energising, renewing and enlivening our faith lives. As well as annual Cursillo weekends, there are regular small group meetings held for prayer and study. Interested people are invited to check those out by contacting one of the following in your area.

- Gungahlin: Joe Jambor, irmandjoe@gmail.com
- Belconnen: Alfred Bongji, readysetgo@live.com.au
- Belconnen: Gerardo Santosuosso, santosuosso.gerardo@gmail.com
- Tuggeranong: Amanda Jocusen,

ajocumsen@yahoo.com.au

- Tuggeranong: Michael de Raadt, michaelderaadt@gmail.com

Presbytery Renovation Appeal Final Update

Over the last 12 months, parishioners have been engaged in raising funds to support the much needed presbytery repairs and renovations.

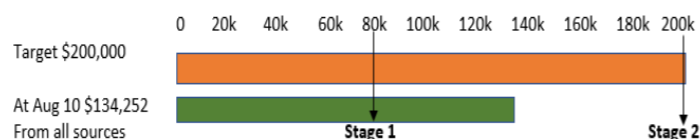
Fr Ken Barker set a target of \$50, 000 to be raised by the Parish, and noted that additional significant donations had been promised by a private donor that would also be used to meet the projected \$200,000 in costs.

The St Benedict's Parish has been incredibly generous, and the Parish Pastoral Council is delighted to report that **we raised \$53,252 – thus not just meeting but exceeding our commitment.**

In reaching this target, **\$6024.00 was raised at the terrific Songs and Scones afternoon** on June 19th. Donated auction items, Rachael Duncan's magnificent performance, the enthusiastic scones makers, ticket buyers and all those who assisted with the organisation of this event contributed to raising this outstanding amount.

The Easter Raffle, where donated items were used to make an impressive hamper, raised \$1700.00.

The remaining \$45,528 came from cash donations. What amazing generosity on the part of parishioners! The money is being well used and Stage One of the project is well on the way to completion with the bedroom and bathroom successfully renovated, the kitchen currently gutted and ready for installation, new windows installed, and walls removed and the slab laid for further work.



Special Morning Tea:

To thank everyone who assisted in ensuring that we met our Parish commitment we will hold a special morning tea on a date yet to be decided, but to coincide with the completion of the kitchen. At the morning tea we propose to hold a walkthrough of the Presbytery so that we can view the renovations.

Yours in Christ

Moira Najdecki
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

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: 9am—12noon

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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, Belle Joseph (Secretary, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am-1pm)

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 & 14 August 2022

God's Word reflection

Today's Gospel passage would have been a source of great consolation to the community for which Luke was writing his Gospel. You might wonder how Jesus' words that he has come to bring not peace but rather division to the earth, and that there will be conflicts within families, could be a source of consolation for Luke's community? Well, this was a community that was experiencing conflicts and family divisions, and its members were wondering if they were doing something wrong. Surely everything in the Christian community should be lovely and full of peace and joy. But Luke is saying, 'no, it is normal for Christian communities to experience conflicts and struggles.' Jesus saved us by walking the way of the cross, and for us also, there is no other way to glory than the way of the cross. Be strong, be faithful, that is what is most important. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews makes a similar point: in the fight against sin, we must keep fighting to the point of death. We should be sorry for our failures but not discouraged by them. We must humbly acknowledge that the battle against sin is a lifelong battle.

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.

Young Men of God

Meet fortnightly on Thursdays in the Parish Centre. 6pm-9pm Next 18 August. Contact Fr Chris Eaton

7 – 14 August Australia wide National Prayer Crusade for Vocations

This year, the Knights of the Southern Cross will run their annual Australia wide National Prayer Crusade for Vocations

Prayer: "Heavenly Father, you know the faith, courage and generosity of your people throughout Australia including the men and women serving at home and overseas with the Australian Military Services. Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient Priests, Deacons and Religious to meet their needs and be with them always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of their daily lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen."

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.

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/>

First reading Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm 39:2-4,18

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

Lord, come to my aid!

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Second reading Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and *from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne*. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

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

Gospel Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND			
13 & 14 August 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy	
Readers	Helen Bennett Robert Booth	Josephus Bumant Lorenna D'Silva	
Offertory	BA Daly	Maria Mendoza	
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Barry Murphy	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday & Margie Arvellino		
Church Cleaners	John Murray		
Mt View		Jindalee	

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 1pm

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 1-2pm; Wednesday 1-2pm
Thursday 7-8pm Friday 8-9am, 2-3pm, 3-4pm

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.

HOOR 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.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND			
20 & 21 August 2022			
1 ST READING Is 66:18-21	2 nd Reading Heb 12:5-7,11-13	GOSPEL Lk 13:22-30	
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	Marlene Keir BA Daly	Shiro Kinyanjui Paula Keating	
Offertory	Ian & Rita Smith	Grace De Zilva	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Janice Kelly	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas		
Church Cleaners	Ian Smith, Amir		
Mt View		Jindalee	

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

Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training

A Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) 5-day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. There are two 5-Wednesday courses on offer: Sept 21 to Oct 19, 2022 and Feb 15-Mar 15 2023, 9-5pm in Queanbeyan; cost is \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Contact Susanne Schmidt for enrolment at susannecpe@gmail.com or on 0431 243 486.

Recently Deceased: Mary Pakkianathan, Phyllis Keltie (Mountview).

Anniversaries: Leila Bafour, Barry Bourke, Nellie Burmeister, Marie Chatillon, Peter Della Torre, Christina Feeken, Catherine Golding, Timothy Hayes, Patricia Kendel, Ana Legge-Wilkinson, Charles Rogan, Nandor Schwalm, Aranka Schwalm, Helen Schwalm, Lajos Szonner, Fr Thomas Moore

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; Monica Boyton, Mary Smith.

