

Vincentians in developing countries to help people in need. A collection will be held after Masses at 6pm Sat 3 Sep and 9am Sun 4 Sep. Alternately you can make an electronic contribution to BSB 062786 Account No 14760. Please reference Ozanam Sunday and the parish name in your donation. Thanks and Kind Regards, Don Jeffery and Tim McKenna (0416 062 849)

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2. Enter **St Benedict's Catholic Church**.
3. You will be prompted to create an account.

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 Bongi, readyssetgo@live.com.au
- Belconnen: Gerardo Santosuosso, santosuosso.gerardo@gmail.com
- Tuggeranong: Amanda Jocumsen, ajocumsen@yahoo.com.au
- Tuggeranong: Michael de Raadt, michaelderadt@gmail.com

40 hour vigil for Our Lady's Birthday, Wednesday 7th September—Thursday 8th September

In honour of Mary's birthday, there will be a 40 hour Adoration vigil at St Benedict's from Wednesday 7th September 6am to Thursday 8th September 10pm. On Thursday evening from 6pm-10pm, there will be a Rosary, with intercession and consecration of Australia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, followed by Benediction. There will also be a Blessing & Investiture of the Scapular. All welcome.

Urgent: WWVP cards renewal

Volunteers who require an up-to-date Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card include sacristans, those who do home or nursing home visitation, and those involved in prayer and healing ministry. If you have recently received a new card, or applied for a renewal, please let the parish office know and bring or

email a copy of your new card as soon as possible. Thank you for helping the parish meet its legal and safeguarding obligations.

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/>. 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.

Father's Day Appeal: Collection for retired priests

There are 26 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the **Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today, by envelopes, by giving at: www.cgatholic.org.au/donate, or by calling: (02) 6239 9801. Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of the [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online at www.palms.org.au or on **Ph: 0422 742 567**.

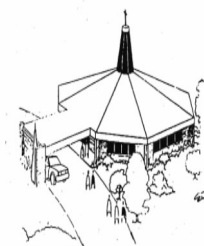
Register at <https://palms.org.au/event/embrace-palms-return-to-global-mission/> for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago,  Palms Australia American Samoa now.

Expressions of Interest for appointment to the Catholic Education Commission of the Archdiocese

The Archbishop is seeking to appoint up to two new members from the beginning of 2023 and further

*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—1pm, Tues, Thurs, Fri
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Narrabundah ACT 2604
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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,
Belle Joseph (Secretary, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am—1pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)*

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd & 4th September 2022

God's Word reflection

'Who can know the intentions of God?' (Wisdom 9:13). This question often arises when we cannot understand or have difficulty accepting our life experiences or situations. Sometimes, the uncertainties we face here on earth strengthen our desire to be with God for ever. At other times they raise more questions about heaven's reality. But we can take courage from God's reassurance and our experience that God has been our refuge from generation to generation (Psalm 89). Saint Paul writes his letter to Philemon from prison, having lived through many challenges and hardships. He asks Philemon to accept back the slave, Onesimus, not as a slave but as a dear brother in Christ, and with him a part of Paul's own self. The attitude of welcoming is also fostered in the Gospel, despite the statement about hating 'mother and father' which usually shocks us when we read it. Jesus is using a kind of reverse psychology. He is stressing that our primary commitment must be to him. This will ensure that we don't have an undue attachment to others in order to meet our own needs, but that our relationships with others are welcoming, and our heart are open for everyone. Let us make this a priority in the upcoming week.

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 on Thursday 20 October. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.

Morning tea after 9am Mass

St Benedict's Social Group welcomes all parishioners to morning tea after the 9.00 am Sunday Mass this weekend (Sunday 4 September).

Urgently Needed

We need parishioners to join in our ministries of Church Cleaning, Welcoming, Reading, Special Ministers of Communion, and Music. 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.

Liturgy Training Days, 3rd & 10th September

Fr Baiju will run two Liturgy Training Days on Saturday 3rd September and Saturday 10th September from 9am to 12pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre, next to the church. Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist may be especially interested, but all are welcome. For more information contact Fr Baiju via the parish office.

Alpha course starts Thursday 8th September

An Alpha course will start on Thursday 8th September. Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 6pm-9pm in the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly environment over a meal. For more information contact the parish office.

Ozanam Sunday Vinnies Twinning Appeal

Vinnies is conducting its Ozanam Appeal for our twinned conferences in India and Indonesia. Through Twinning our members support

Wisdom 9: 13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?
 Who can divine the will of the Lord?
 The reasonings of mortals are unsure
 and our intentions unstable;
 for a perishable body presses down the soul,
 and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.
 It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,
 laborious to know what lies within our reach;
 who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?
 As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
 and sent your holy spirit from above?
 Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
 and men been taught what pleases you,
 and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17

You turn men back to dust
 and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
 To your eyes a thousand years
 are like yesterday, come and gone,
 no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
 like the grass which springs up in the morning.
 In the morning it springs up and flowers:
 by evening it withers and fades.

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Make us know the shortness of our life
 that we may gain wisdom of heart.
 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
 Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
 we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
 Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
 give success to the work of our hands.

Second reading Philemon 9-10, 12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Matt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Let your face shine on your servant,
 and teach me your laws.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 3 & 4 September 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Loiuse Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	Don Jeffery, Helen Bennett	Linda Henry, Joshua De Zilva	
Offertory	Jane Camilleri, Noreen Dick	Social group	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Zilva & Sue Neimanis		
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen		
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 7-8pm
 Friday 2-3pm

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 10 & 11 September 2022			
1ST READING Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14	2ND READING 1 Timothy 1: 12-17	GOSPEL Luke 15: 1-32	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy	
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Madison Acton, Asterie ToNiyansenge	
Offertory	BA Daly	Maria Mendoza	
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Janice Kelly	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry & Margie Arvellino		
Church Cleaners	John Murray		
Mt View		Jindalee	

members from mid-2023. Any enquiries and Expressions of Interest should be directed to the Chair of the Commission, Dr Patrick McArdle, Patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au. The Expression of Interest should include a brief statement outlining the applicant's interest and relevant experience together with a curriculum vitae. Closing Date for Expressions of Interest is Friday 14 October 2022.

Recruiting for Archdiocesan Healthy Relationships Team

The Archdiocese is looking for enthusiastic young adults to join the pool of casual employees who assist us in Catholic Schools running our Healthy Relationships Programs. Training is provided for you to assist in facilitating small group activities in upper primary and high school classrooms. Work only when it suits you and always as part of a friendly team of other Catholic facilitators. Contact Cathy.Madsen@cg.org.au 0422 117 210.

New painting in church

Ordinary Time Artwork Titled - "Flourish, Restoration of Peace to our War-torn lands" This painting speaks of growth where it seems impossible in the blessings, difficulties, and ordinariness of our lives.

Recently Deceased: Kaylene Carberry, Godfrey Stevens

Anniversaries: Saviour Agius, Brian Conrick, Janos Jesenic,

Antonina Kaczor, Elsie Piper, Colleen Reynolds, Rita Schmelzenbart, Rolf Schmiedeck, Kathleen Volger, Fr James B. Ryan, Fr Gordon J. Kerr, Fr Patrick Birmingham, Fr Joseph A. Zerafa O.Carm.

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, Ben Melbourne.