

St Margaret's Hall, Cnr Antill St & Phillip Ave, Hackett.
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Saturday 10th December: Christmas Concert

Looking Glass Percussion: Join members of the Canberra Symphony Orchestra & others for a free Christmas Concert. Initiative of Holy Rosary Catholic, Holy Cross Anglican & St Margaret's Uniting Churches

Saturday, 7pm Holy Cross Anglican Church, Antill St. HACKETT.

Sunday 11th December: Ecumenical Sausage Sizzle & Carols by Candlelight

Sun 11th @ 6:30pm - Free Community BBQ / Sausage Sizzle (& Nativities Viewing) followed @ 7:30pm by

Carols by Candlelight. Venue: St Margaret's & Holy Cross Church Grounds, Hackett.

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Saturday 10th December: Canberra Carols by Candlelight

Carols by Candlelight will be held at Stage 88, Commonwealth Park, on Saturday 10 December, from 7pm. It will be the first free, live-audience performance of the Carols since the pandemic began, and the Woden Valley Youth Choir is very much looking forward to leading the audience in a selection of carols old and new. Those attending are invited to bring a picnic.

Appeals

Sound system upgrade

The parish is looking to update the sound system in the church, with a projected cost of \$25,000. So far we have raised \$17,000, so we need a further \$8000.

Contributions to the project will be gratefully received. You can deposit your donation directly into the parish bank account. Details below:

Account name: St Benedict's Parish
BSB: 062 786
Account number: 000014992

Please use the words 'Sound system' in the Reference. Thank you to the very generous donors who have given thus far.

Other Notices

Palms Australia Mission Training

In January you can prepare for mission at home or abroad. Palms Australia has trained Australians to live and work within cultures and communities overseas since 1961. Now four days of that training will be

available for parishioners interested to assist harness the diverse gifts of our community and make it stronger.

At Home: Palms' [Neighbours Without Borders](#) program (January 7 – 11) will "focus on building communities that are welcoming to all, with particular attention to those on the margins of society and the church" as urged by the recent Plenary Council.

Overseas: Completing a further four days (January 12 – 15) will prepare you to meet one of the [many requests Palms has from communities](#) in Africa, Asia and the Pacific who need educators; health professionals; administrators and others to assist build on the strengths of their people who otherwise have little opportunity for training.

Enquire about Palms Orientation for mission via www.palms.org.au or call 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Fr Ken Barker's book for sale

Fr Ken Barker's latest book, Eternity, is now available. There will be copies available after Friday night 5:30pm Mass and Sunday 6pm Mass.

Public Rosary, Sunday 11 December

In light of the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Legion of Mary would like to invite you all to a public square Rosary!

When: Sunday 11 December 2022 at 12:00pm
Where: Garema Place, Civic (at the performing stage)

Come and join us in sharing our Catholic faith and Marian and Advent Hymns.

New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, St Brigid's Church

The Marian Movement of Priests invites you and your friends to the 16th annual New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil.

Where: St Brigid's Church
Address: 2 Bancroft Street, Dickson
Date: Saturday 31st December 2022
Time: 8.00pm

First Cenacle is prayed at 8.00pm (Joyful Mysteries)
Second Cenacle is prayed at 9.00pm (Luminous Mysteries). Third Cenacle is prayed at 10.00pm (Sorrowful Mysteries). Fourth Cenacle is prayed at 11.00pm (Glorious Mysteries). Exposition from 8.00pm until Benediction just before Midnight. For further inquiries: Phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202.

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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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)



Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) 10 & 11 December 2022

Third Sunday of Advent Reflection

There is so much comfort to be found in the practice of pausing to read, pray, and reflect over the course of the Advent season in which believers eagerly anticipate the celebration of Christ's birth.



The third Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to prepare in our hearts a sense of holy anticipation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus as well as for his promised second coming. We can study the Scriptures as a reminder of the ways God has been faithful to us through the fulfillment of prophecy—and find hope in the promises of God that are laid out in his Word.

The third Sunday of Advent we are invited to reflect on the joy we have access to because of our faith in Jesus. One of the defining characteristics of Christ-followers is their joyful demeanour. Let's not allow the struggles of this year steal from the great joy we have because of Jesus.

Philippians 4:4-5 says, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near."

Over this Advent, would you pray that the joy of the Lord would be evident in your heart and home? May God's spirit transform the days leading up to Christmas into a time of holy anticipation; preparing our hearts, as we joyfully await the chance to celebrate the arrival of our king.

Amanda Idleman, Crosswalk website (2020)

Vinnies Giving Tree

Each year the St Benedict's Vinnies Conference delivers 60 food and toy hampers to needy families in Narrabundah. We rely on donations to fill the hampers. We seek your support in donating non-perishable hamper food. Please take a tag from the

tree to donate an age/sex appropriate toy. There is no need to wrap gifts and all donations can be left under the tree. Thanks in anticipation of your generosity.

Parish Events

Barbecue Lunch, Saturday 17 December

The parish will be holding a barbecue lunch on Saturday 17 December in the Parish Centre, 12-2pm. All parishioners are warmly welcome to attend. You are welcome to bring a plate, perhaps your cultural specialty! BYO.

Young Men of God

Meet fortnightly on Thursdays in the Parish Centre. 6pm-9pm. Next on Thursday 15 December. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.



MGL priests and brothers: Initial Vows and Promises, Sunday 11 December 2022

The Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers invite you to the Profession of Initial Vows and Promises, on Sunday 11th of December 2022, at 11:15am Mass at St Benedict's Church. Followed by refreshments (please bring a plate to share).



Christmas Celebrations

9th to 12th Dec: North Canberra Ecumenical Nativity Festival

Exhibition of 200 Nativity scenes - an entrée to family discussion on the true meaning of Christmas. From 45 countries, they show diverse cultures that embrace the Christian story: from the Palestinian Territories to Vietnam, from India to the Inuits of the Canadian Arctic.
Fri 9th: 12 noon to 5pm
Sat 10th & Sun 11th: 10am—7pm
Mon 12th: 9am—5pm

Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm 145:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan.

Second reading James 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 10 & 11 December 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	Helen Bennett, Robert Booth	Linda Henry, Shiru Kinyanjui	Mark Ransom, Maria Ransom
Offertory	Bennett family	Young family	
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Julie Douglas	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Maria & John Michas		
Church Cleaners	John Murray, Nimmy Philip, Santhosh Jose		
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:
Monday 3-4pm Tuesday 3-4pm
Friday 12-1pm

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.

EMPOWER HOUR runs 6.30 till 8.30 each Tuesday night. It's a Charismatic night of Lay preaching and healing in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. 13th December is the last one for the year. **We will recommence in early February at a new start time of 7pm.**

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Monday 6:30pm at St Benedict's Parish Centre. New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 17 & 18 December 2022			
1 ST READING Isaiah 7:10-14	2 ND READING Romans 1:1-7	GOSPEL Matthew 1:18-24	
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Barry Murphy	
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Julie Douglas, Asterie Niyonsenga	Jeanne Eri, Jonathon Crowley
Offertory	Ian & Rita Smith	Maria Mendoza	
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry, Margie Avellino		
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth, Don & Jennifer Nguyen		
Mt View		Jindalee	

Campion College Summer Program: 10-13 Jan 2023, 17-20 Jan 2023

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16–20-year-old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2023. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

Victa ride-on lawnmower for sale

The parish has a Victa ride-on lawnmower for sale. It has just been serviced. We are looking at offers \$1500 and above. If you are interested in making an offer, please contact the parish office.

Recently deceased: Joan Porta, Pat Connors, Ron Molyneux, Gemma Di Placido.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Aspland, Anthony Diedo, Thomas French, Stan Grmek, Mathieu Huntjens, Leslie McSpeering, Yvette Mullenberg, Peter Richardson, Charles Scerri, John Sheils, Catherine Stitt, Kevil Ward, Fr Leslie McKenna, Fr John Twomey, Fr Thomas J. Wright, Fr Robert O'Dea.



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, Colin Paley, Janice Paley, Gert Fletcher, Caroline Evans, Anna Pace, Daniel Collins, Barbara Parsons.