

on the journey that she will become strong.
Date: Saturday, 22nd April 2023 (9:30 am - 4.00 pm)

Venue: Greg Collins Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah, ACT

Admission is FREE, BYO lunch.

For enquiries please contact: Mission Centre 02 6295 7879; Winniefred: 0451015527

Join us for our upcoming Alpha

The Alpha program is a global phenomenon, run in churches, schools, prisons, and more in over 100 languages. Alpha is a place you can ask questions, and explore the answers in a friendly, non-judgemental environment. We

share a meal together, watch a video, and discuss in small groups. We look at questions such as 'Is there more to life than this?', 'Who is Jesus?', 'Why did Jesus die?' and 'Why read the Bible?' Alpha is perfect for those new to faith, for those wanting to be renewed and refreshed in their faith, and for those desiring a deeper experience of Christian community. Why not give it a try? And bring a friend along too! Come along to our first session on Thursday 27th April, 7pm in the Collins Wing. Alpha will run on Thursdays for 12 weeks. Enquires: Br. Michael, michaellast.mgl@gmail.com

16 April – Multicultural Mass 11.00am

You are warmly invited to the Archdiocese's annual Multicultural Mass at St Christopher's Cathedral – one full of colour, song, and dance. Australia's multicultural heritage is one of the country's great treasures, so come along and join our African, Anglo-Indian, Filipino, Indonesian, Korean, Spanish, and Vietnamese Catholic communities as we all walk together.

28 April 23 Ordination

Two MGL brothers Joshua Whicker and Justin Uzabeaga are being ordained in Canberra at St Christopher's Cathedral at 7.00pm and Joshua's first Mass will be on Saturday at 10am and Justin's first Mass will be on Sunday 11am at St Benedict's church. Br Donn Entienza is being ordained in Manila in the Philippines this Saturday 15 April. May the call of the Lord be joyfully answered as the love of God surrounds these men. Please pray for them as they continue to respond to God's calling.



ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 15 & 16 April 2023		
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy
Readers	Robert Booth & Marlene Keir	Christopher Ruzario & Julie Douglas
Offertory	BA Daly & Louise Gaudry	Maria Mendoza
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Silva & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth & Brad Hogno	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 22 & 23 April 2023		
1ST READING Acts 2:42-47	2ND READING 1Peter 1:3-9	GOSPEL Jn 20:19-31
		Sat 6 pm
		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Najdecki & Don Jeffery	Maria Mendoza; Josephus Bumaat
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	John & Maria Michas	
Church Cleaners	John Murray	
Visitation	Carmel Henry, Prakesh & Grace	

Eucharistic Adoration

Have you considered joining the Adoration Roster? New Adorers always needed and welcome.

Contact Anne Sutherland for information 0413 203 901



Interesting links:

<https://www.instagram.com/mglsisters/?hl=en>

<https://www.mglpriestsandbrothers.org/>

https://www.instagram.com/p/CRatFF4HoAp/?img_index=1

<https://www.facebook.com/DisciplesOfJesusCommunity/>

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: 9am—1pm, Tues, Thurs, Fri

Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)

Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55)

Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)

Narrabundah ACT 2604

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Belle Joseph (Secretary, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am—1pm)

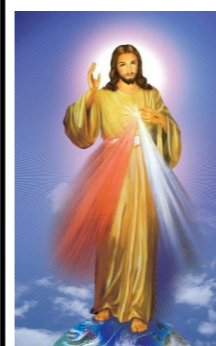
Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772

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

Website: cg.org.au/Narrabundah

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Divine Mercy Sunday 15 & 16 April 2023



God's Word

On the occasion of the canonisation of St Faustina Kowalska on 30 April 2000, Pope John Paul II dedicated the Second Sunday of Easter to Divine Mercy. This feast reminds us that God's greatest act of mercy is finally available to us through his incarnate son, Jesus.

Pope Francis recognises that reconciliation and forgiveness are ongoing tasks. In his homily on Divine Mercy Sunday on April 19, 2020, he answers the usual objection: 'But I keep falling!' He says, 'God never tires of reaching out to lift us up when we fall. He wants us to see him, not as a taskmaster with whom we have to settle accounts, but as our Father who always raises us up. In life we go forward tentatively, uncertainly, like a toddler who takes a few steps and falls; a few steps more and falls again, yet each time his father puts him back on his feet. The hand that always puts us back on our feet is mercy: God knows that without mercy we will remain on the ground, that in order to keep walking, we need to be put back on our feet.' We thank Jesus for giving the human race complete and unmerited reconciliation. By whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Confessing our sins and failings to God, we also confess our complete love and trust in Jesus, Divine Mercy as we acclaim with Thomas, 'My Lord, and my God!'

Divine Mercy Sunday

Adoration 1.30pm

Reconciliation from 1.30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet Sung 2.30pm

Mass at 3.00pm All Welcome

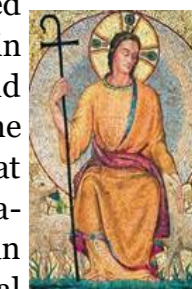


PROJECT COMPASSION

ENVELOPES AND BOXES should be returned as soon as possible, either by dropping them into the collection bags or by handing them to the acolyte before or after the weekend Masses. Thank you.

60th World Day of prayer for vocation Sunday 30 April 2023:

the purpose of this World Day of Prayer is to publicly fulfil the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this Sunday (30th) on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), and consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. Please pray that our Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn will be blessed with an increase in these special vocations.



22 April 2023 Women Alive Retreat

Come journey with us at the Women Alive Retreat on 22nd April at Greg Collin's Centre, St Benedict's Catholic Church and discover the hidden strength in you. A strong woman knows she has strength enough for the journey. But a woman of strength knows it is

16 April 2023

First reading Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm 117:2-4,13-15,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'	I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,	The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'	but the Lord was my helper.	This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'	he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.	This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Second reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens.

Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Treasures of Italy Pilgrimage with Fr Dan Benedetti MGL

Join Fr Dan on a Harvest Journey Pilgrimage following in the footsteps of the Italian Saints and including St Benedict, St Francis, St Padre Pio and St Anthony !

When: 4th-15th September 2023

For more info: <https://www.harvestjourneys.com/tour/treasures-of-italy>

or call Fr Dan on 08 8927 8913

PARISH GROUPS

Empower Night is starting back on 18 April at 7pm till 9pm Tuesday nights. It's a Charismatic night of Lay preaching and healing in front of the Blessed Sacrament. The night is a chance for those attending training to use their skills and gifts. Everyone is very welcome to come worship and soak in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Mothers Prayers: Come and pray for your children. Each Monday in the Parish Centre in school term from 9:30am followed by morning tea. Contact Rachael Nano 0412 472 243.

Donating to the parish

Parish expenses continue to rise especially with recent rises in electricity prices. If you are able, we ask that you kindly consider making a regular donation to support the running costs of St Benedict's parish (Second Collection). An easy way to give is by downloading the Qkr! app. You can also give by Direct Debit or automatic credit card withdrawal; please contact the Parish Office to organise. Alternatively, you can deposit directly into the Parish account:

BSB: 062 786

Account number: 000014992

Please include your Planned Giving (envelope) number in the reference if you have one, otherwise your surname and donation.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Kath Thorn; Elena McBride, Leita Barron, Frank Smith.

Anniversaries: Nina Agius; Noeline Belcher; Jennifer Fitzpatrick; Ratko Imsirovic; Margaret Jones; Lucija Juric; Rudolf Kovacs; Mary Undine.

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Clem Dick, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Pat Atkins, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Flora Arias, Mark Ransom, Ben Melbourne, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne; Carol Rees, Monica Boyton, Mary Smith, Colin Paley, Janice Paley, Caroline Evans, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Barbara Parsons, Edwina Gundelach, Daniel Collins,

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 7-8am, 8-9am, Wednesday 6-7pm
Thursday 2-3pm, Friday 12-1pm, 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.