

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 vocations.



Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's house: Thursday 4th May at 6pm.

An informal evening comprising of a talk on the priesthood by Fr Josh Scott, Eucharistic Adoration, and a hearty meal. All those seeking to discern a vocation to the priesthood/religious life are welcome. Please contact one of our three vocations directors: (rsvp required) Fr Emil Milat emil.milat@cg.org.au 6248 5472, Fr Joshua Scott joshua.scott@cg.org.au, Fr Eden Langlands eden.langlands@cg.org.au.

Congratulations!

Two MGL brothers Joshua Whicker and Justin Uzabeaga were ordained in Canberra at St Christopher's Cathedral on Friday 28 April at 7.00pm. 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 was ordained in Manila in the Philippines 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.

St Benedict's Social Group invites all parishioners to join them for morning tea in the Parish Centre on Sunday 7 May after the 9.00 am Mass

The southside group of the Caring for Creation movement will meet at 3 pm on 2 May 2023 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 37 Burnie St, Lyons to explore Chapter 4 of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si - On Care for Our Common Home.

*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.*

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

29 & 30 April 2023

| | Sat 6 pm | Sun 9am |
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| Welcomers | Carmel & Peter Pistor | Barry Murphy |
| Readers | BA Daly, Louise Gaudry | Asterie Niyonsenga, Santhosh Jose |
| Offertory | BA Daly, Helen Bennett | Maria Mendoza |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Caroline Evans | Janice Kelly |
| Flowers, Altar Clean | Claudine Smith, Louise Gaudry & Margie Avellino | |
| Church Cleaners | Don & Jennifer Nguyen | |
| Visitation | MGL Garran (Mt View) ; Santhosh Jose & Maria Michas (Jindalee) | |

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

6 & 7 May 2023

| <u>1ST READING</u> Acts 6: 1-7 | <u>2ND READING</u> 1 Peter 2: 4-9 | <u>GOSPEL</u> John 14:1-12 |
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| Sat 6 pm | | Sun 9am |
| Welcomers | Louise Gaudry | Alma Burg |
| Readers | Helen Bennett, Robert Booth | Grace De Zilva, Linda Henry |
| Offertory | BA Daly, Helen Bennett | Social group |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Nhung Booth | Julie Douglas |
| Flowers, Altar Clean | Margie Avellino, Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday | |
| Church Cleaners | Santhosh Jose, Nhung Booth | |
| Visitation | Julie Douglas (Mt View) Nimmy & Jonavie (Jindalee) | |

Archbishop Christopher Prowse's letter on Euthanasia

As a result of legislation passed late last year, the ACT can now make laws on Euthanasia / Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD). A vote on the issue is likely to be held at the end of 2023 or the start of 2024. It is essential to understand why the Catholic Church opposes Euthanasia and why we need to care for the most vulnerable and to protect life. Copies of Archbishop's letter on Euthanasia can be found in the foyer: please take one.

Fr Rem on leave

Fr Rem is taking a well-earned break from 2 May to 23 May, visiting family in India. We wish Fr Rem a safe journey and refreshing holiday!

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm
 Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55) **Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)**
Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)
Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)
Belle Joseph (Secretary, Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am-12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)
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 Website: cg.org.au/Narrabundah

**4th Sunday of Easter
29 & 30 April 2023**

God's Word

Today we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Jesus described himself as 'the good shepherd the gateway to the sheepfold. To be a good leader is to imitate Jesus, the Good Shepherd. A good shepherd:

GATHERS AND PROTECTS: Jesus warns us about 'false' shepherds who are really wolves dressed in sheepskins. The good leader protects the flock from these dangerous adversaries.

LISTENS. The good shepherd is willing to dialogue with the flock, practising 'synodality'—walking with them in the journey to the heavenly Kingdom.

LEADS. The good shepherd never threatens or coerces by force; he leads by example and invites people to follow. That is why integrity and consistency are essential virtues for pastors. People tend to follow leaders whom they can trust.

SACRIFICES on behalf of the sheep. A good shepherd genuinely cares for the flock and puts their well-being first. A good shepherd gives time and energy for them. A good shepherd is not greedy or bent on self-enrichment.

FOLLOWS CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD. A sure formula for being a good pastor/elder is to be able to say with St Paul, 'Imitate me as I imitate Christ' (1 Corinthians 1:1) and follow Peter's advice: 'Be the shepherds of the flock of God that is entrusted to you: watch over it, not simply as a duty but gladly, because God wants it' (1 Peter 5:2).

Morning tea in the Parish Centre

Please join us for morning tea this Sunday in the Parish Centre after the 9.00 Mass.



Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal – Collection for Formation of our Seminarians:

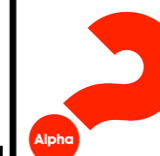
This weekend we especially give thanks for the vocations that have sprung from our own communities – those young men whose families and lives are planted

in our local parishes and who, God willing, will return as ordained priests to serve here. Please give a generous **donation** today or begin a **monthly donation** to support the education of our seminarians. Special envelopes are provided in the church or donations can be made on-line at bit.ly/goodshepherd2023

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 4th May, 7pm in the Collins Wing. Alpha will run on Thursdays for 12 weeks. Enquiries: Br. Michael, michaellast.mgl@gmail.com



Sunday 30 April 2023

First reading Acts 2:14,36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm 22

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Second reading 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus said:

'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,
I am the gate of the sheepfold.
All others who have come
are thieves and brigands;
but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.
Anyone who enters through me will be safe:
he will go freely in and out
and be sure of finding pasture.
The thief comes
only to steal and kill and destroy.
I have come
so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Temporary change in Parish Office hours

Office hours for the Parish Office are now Thursday 9am-1pm and Friday 9am-5:30pm (with break between 1pm and 1:30pm). These office hours will be in effect until 2 June.

PARISH GROUPS

Empower Night is held 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, Alanna McBride, Leita Barron, Frank Smith.

Anniversaries: Galina Nanninga, Joseph Butler, Keith de Mamiel, Pauline Griffin, William Guest, Gregory Norman, Arthur Parkes, Jeanette Pedlow, Fr Jerome Hennessy, Fr R. Bertram McGee, Fr John J. O'Connor, Fr Garrett A. Shannon, Fr Patrick J. O'Reilly, Fr Charles Murphy.

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:

Thursday, 9am-1pm; Friday, 9am - 5:30pm

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 3-4pm, Wednesday 4-5pm
Friday 10-11am, 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.