

St Thomas More Forum and Parish Forum Dinner, Friday 23rd June

This is to be held at the Mercure Hotel Ainslie, Friday 23rd June 7:30-9:30pm. The Keynote Speaker will be Madeline Brennan KC. Dinner and wine is \$90, please book through Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/stm-230623> for a very enjoyable evening. For more information: Campbell@cg.org.au.

Women's Eucharistic Retreat Day Canberra: Saturday 24th June

Women of all ages are invited to join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia for a retreat day. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided. (Cost: \$20) *register here at* (<https://www.trybooking.com/CGYGI>)

ACMR Office Online Prayer Service for Refugee Week 2023 (18-25 June 2023)

Refugee Week is from 18-25 June this year. During this week, we remember all refugees and asylum seekers. An online prayer service will be broadcast live at 7.00pm AEST on Tuesday 20th June. The link below to the ACMRO newsletter provides a link to register for the service: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/newsletters/0423.html>

Finance Secretary Needed

The Parish is looking for a part-time Finance Secretary (4 hours per week), to start from the end of July. This is a paid role. If you would be interested in applying, please contact the Parish Office to discuss with Fr Rem.

Members needed for Parish Finance Council

New members are needed for the Parish Finance Council (PFC). The Council meets quarterly. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in volunteering.

Eucharistic Ministers: New Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Office.

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 17 & 18 June 2023		
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Maria Mendoza, Christopher Ruzario
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Caroline Evans	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Louise Gaudry & Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	John Murray, Nhung Booth	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Anne Hartwell, Sue Hancock	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 24 & 25 June 2023		
1ST READING Jer 20:10-13	2ND READING Rom 5:12-15	GOSPEL Mt 10:26-33
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Robert Henry
Readers	Don Jeffery, Robert Booth	Julie Douglas, Shiru Kinyanjui
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View); Prakash & Shruti (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

Position Vacant—Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for St. Matthew and St. Vincent's Parish. This is a permanent part time position working from the Parish Office in Aranda. This position is for 22hrs per week. Employment conditions are subject to Clerks Award. Please phone 6254 1827 for a copy of the duty statement and list of Essential Requirements. Applications should be received by 30th June.

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-4:30pm

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

Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

Tel: +61 (02) 6295 7879/ Parish Office

Belle Joseph (Secretary, Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm)

Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772

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

Website: cg.org.au/Narrabundah

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 & 18 June 2023

God's Word

We all have a mission in life. Sometimes, however, we can live without any real purpose or focus. Jesus reminds us today that we have been called and chosen to participate with him in spreading the Good News. As Jesus went from town to town, he saw the needs of people. We are told 'he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd'. In our daily life, how sensitive are we to the needs of others? What are our feelings when we see someone who is sad and without hope? Do we make it a priority to share the Good News with them? In our prayer today, we might like to dialogue with Jesus about how we might live out our mission concretely in our daily lives. We all need to do our part because today, as in Jesus' time, 'the harvest is great, but the labourers are few'.

Together we can keep the faith alive - Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)

Did you know that across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith? Aid to the Church in Need is a spiritual and pastoral charity which seeks to keep the flame of faith alive in those places where it is at risk of extinction.



This weekend we welcome to our parish Siobhán from ACN who will share with us about the work of Aid to the Church in Need and how we can help our suffering and persecuted brothers and sisters.

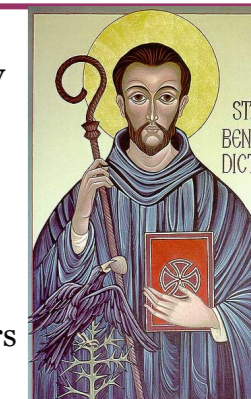


Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND

St Benedict's Feast Day: Sunday 16th July

The parish celebrates St Benedict's feast day on Sunday 16th July. There will be a morning tea in the school hall to celebrate—all parishioners welcome.



Spiritual Retreat at St Benedict's, Saturday 8th July

The Missionaries of God's Love present **Well in the Desert**: "From *Dryness to Intimacy* with God". Hosted by MGL Melbourne Brothers. Contact Br. Adrian (0432291678 or email sura57adrian@gmail.com).



Date: Saturday 8th July 2023, 10am-3:30pm (Registration starts at 8:30am)
Place: Collins Wing, St Benedict's Church (10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah)

Open to age 18 and above. Free admission and Lunch provided.

Change in Saturday Vigil Mass time

Thank you to those who provided feedback on the proposed change to the Saturday Vigil Mass time in winter (from 6pm to 5pm). The feedback indicates that most parishioners would prefer the earlier time. **The new Mass time (5pm Saturday Vigil) comes into effect this weekend, Saturday 17th June.**

Sunday 18 June 2023

First reading Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Resp. Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second reading Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

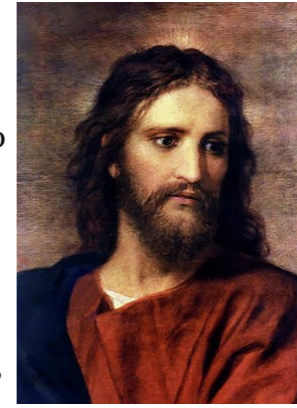
He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

Saturday 17 June, 10am | Scripture Reflection Day – Who do you say that I am?

On Sat 17 June, 10 - 1:30, The Cursillo Movement is presenting a day of spiritual reflection centred on Jesus' question "who do you say that I am?" Short presentations and reflections will explore how people encountered Jesus. All are welcome, food/drink provided. Marian Hall, St Matthew's, 12 Chewings St, Page. Please book at acgcursillo@gmail.com



17 & 24 June: Evenings for the Engaged

Evenings for the Engaged marriage preparation course. 2 consecutive Saturdays 9am-3pm in Murrumbateman \$150 includes catering and resources. Presented by married couples and a priest. Time provided for couple to discuss topics privately.

Register at www.marriagefamily.org.au

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

To deposit directly into the Parish account, please use the following details:

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'. Other ways of giving are via the Qkr! app, direct debit and credit card donations; please contact the Parish Office to organise.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Marie Flaherty, Vincent Ciardullo, James Brophy.

Anniversaries: Calila Alfreds, John V. Brown, Mavis Butler, John Connors, Ruby Corvisy, Dr William Hudson, Beryl Johnson, Lawrence Kennedy, Harold McGuinness, Amelia Oldfield, Patricia O'Leary, Kevin Power, James Scott, Margaret Shaw, Jeremy Skinner, Francesco Staltari, Fr Terence O'Shaughnessy, Fr Hugh Leonard.

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, Jeanette Cullen.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Thursday, 9am-1pm; Friday, 9am - 4:30pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 5pm (Vigil) *Note change in Mass time for winter months*

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: 4pm-4:30pm 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 7-8pm, Tuesday 3-4pm,

Wednesday 3-4pm, 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.