

Vocations Discernment Day Galong:

6pm Friday night 30 June to Saturday 4pm 1 July. For young men wishing to discern a call to the priesthood; with good food, and insightful presentations at the peaceful rural St Clement's retreat center. For flyer contact vocations director Fr Emil 0414523036 or emil.milat@cg.org.au. Cost \$50. RSVP by 11am Monday 26 June.



Men's Sharing Group

A Men's Sharing Group is starting at St Benedict's. Contact John Murray, 0480 257 761 for more information.

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.

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.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 24 & 25 June 2023		
	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 &	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 1 & 2 July 2023		
1ST READING 2 Kgs 4:8-11,14-16	2ND READING Rom 6:3-4,8-11	GOSPEL Mt 10:37-42
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter	Alma Burg
Readers	Helen Bennett, Marlene Keir	Josephus Bumaat, Loreena D'Silva
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Grace De Silva	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View); Nimmy &	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Ana Strmota, Jeanne Eri	

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 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: Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-4:30pm
Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55) Narrabundah ACT 2604
Tel: +61 (02) 6295 7879/ Parish Office
Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772
Website: cg.org.au/Narrabundah
Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

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)

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 & 25 June 2023

God's Word

Jesus was no stranger to persecution but it did not prevent him from boldly proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and instructing his disciples to do the same. Jesus tells his followers, 'Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body.' Sometimes, we can become discouraged in the face of opposition or difficulties. Jesus wants us to lift our gaze and set our eyes on what is eternal. The Gospel message is too important for us to allow discouragement to stop us from proclaiming it boldly. Today we pray for courage to face of the challenges that come from living out our faith. May our courage be renewed as we strive to build the kingdom of God here on earth and make the love of Jesus better known, even in the face of opposition and hardships.

Change in Saturday Vigil Mass time

A reminder that the new Saturday Vigil Mass time is **5pm** during the winter months.



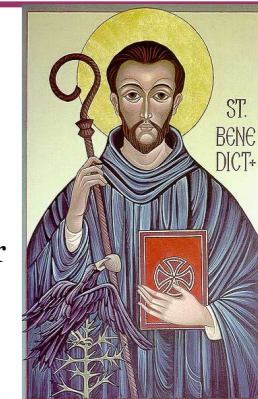
Christmas in July Fete at St Benedict's Parish Centre



The Disciples of Jesus Community is holding a Christmas in July fete following 9am Mass on Sunday 2nd of July. The fete will include lots of goodies. Please come and support this charity which raises money to send to Papua New Guinea, Timor and Indonesia for the education of young people. For further information please email Michael Lahiff at lahiff51@gmail.com

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 after the 9am Mass in the school hall to celebrate—all parishioners welcome.



Quo Vadis, 8 July 2023

Where are you going?

Are you feeling unsure about the direction of your life? Feel stuck and don't know how to hear God's voice? Join the MGL brothers for a reflection day, to help you along your journey of discernment. Led by speakers Fr Chris Eaton MGL, Fr Dave Tremble MGL and Fr Steve Fletcher MGL. This transformative day of discernment will encourage you to hear God's call and respond.

Where: Missionaries of God's Love Garran House, 6 Boake Place, Garran ACT 2605
When: Saturday 8th July 2023, 10:00 AM - 8:30 PM

Who: Men 18 -35

Cost: Donation

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CJJCR>

Anniversary of Ordination

Fr Baiju celebrates his 7th anniversary of ordination this Sunday. We extend our best wishes, thanks, and prayers to him on this wonderful day. Congratulations, Fr Baiju!

Sunday 25 June 2023

First reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
“Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Resp. Psalm 68:8-10,14,17,33-35

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me.

Second reading Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the

daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage to Eden

Join Archbishop Christopher’s annual Pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 19th August to commemorate St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. For more details and to book, go to Pambula Parish website, cg.org.au/Pambula.

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: Vincent Ciardullo, James Brophy, Heather Harradine.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Delaney, Edna Gunson, Leopoldine Mohr, John Newlyn, Beryl Tankey, John Keane, Fr Edward Laide, Fr Thomas Slattery, Fr Richard Duigan, Fr James Kennedy, Fr John W Morrison, Fr Timothy O’Donoghue, Fr John Lane, Fr Thomas Tarpey.

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)
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
Vacant hours that urgently need filling:

Friday 11am-12pm

Our faithful 10am-11am adorer has just had a hip replacement and is unable to repose the Blessed Sacrament if no one comes after her. Is anyone able to help fill this hour?

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.