

Eucharistic Adoration

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



Contact Anne Sutherland for information 0413 203 901

Current vacancies: Mon 12noon-1pm, Tues 9pm-10pm, Fri 11am-12noon

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, next weekend: 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.

Envelopes in church foyer

Planned Givers can collect their new envelopes in the church foyer.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, 2nd July 2023

Today, on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we join the Australian Bishops and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we honour and acknowledge God's presence in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, who have upheld their rich and diverse cultural traditions for thousands of years. The theme of this year's celebrations is *A new life in Christ*.

*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

1 & 2 July 2023

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	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 Zilva	
Church Cleaners	Volunteer	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View); Nimmy & Shruti (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Ana Strmota, Jeanne Eri	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

8 & 9 July 2023

1ST READING Zech 9:9-10	2ND READING Rom 8:9,11-13	GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30
Sat 5 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Grace De Zilva, Asterie Niyonsenga
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth, Brad Hogno	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Jindalee & Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Gabriel Joseph, Julie Giacomini	

Wednesday 12th July | CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Program | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Marriage Preparation program for engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. The cost for the whole package is \$300 per couple.

Information and registration - www.marriagefamily.org.au

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
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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, Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 & 2 July 2023

God's Word

Our readings for this Sunday speak of the challenge and rewards of true discipleship. The woman in our first reading recognises holiness in the prophet Elisha, and her kindness to him is repaid with the blessing of a child. The second reading reminds us that baptism in Christ means entering into death with him—death to sin. Jesus expands further on this point in the Gospel. He reminds his followers that discipleship means putting God above any other attachments, even the bonds of family. It means carrying challenges and sacrifices, with the knowledge that we are accompanied and led by Jesus. It means losing our life—the things that make us comfortable and secure—in order to find God. These are not easy words to read, and not easy things to do, yet we know we are not alone in them. In the Gospel, Jesus encourages the Twelve to follow in his footsteps. He is always leading. How will I follow him today?

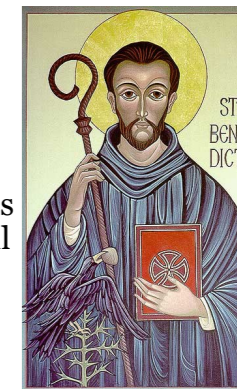


Christmas in July Fete at St Benedict's Parish Centre



The Disciples of Jesus Community is holding a Christmas in July fete following 9am Mass this 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 Morning Tea On Sunday 16 July 10am In the School Hall



To celebrate our Feast Day the Parish Pastoral Council is hosting a Morning Tea for all parishioners. Please come along to enjoy a cuppa and cake and to mingle with the parish community. We will also mark the occasion by thanking the volunteers who do so much to ensure that our parish is a vibrant one. The PPC will provide food and drinks so you just need to bring yourself. We look forward to seeing you on the 16th.
Moira Najdecki, Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

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>

First reading 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

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

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; by your favour it is that our might is exalted; for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

Second reading Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 9:36-10:8

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Thursday 21st September 2023 at 5:30pm at St Benedict's. A Confirmation Information evening will be held beforehand; date TBC. If you would like to enrol your child, please download the Qkr! app, select St Benedict's Parish (with the icon of St Benedict), and complete the Confirmation enrolment form. An administration fee of \$60 covers the cost of administration, materials, and facilities. The fee should not be an obstacle to receiving the Sacrament, so if you have any concerns about making this payment, please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Rem.

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 Ciarullo, James Brophy, Heather Harradine.

Anniversaries: George Bason, Charles Cachia, Margaret Devine, Agnes Dicks, Joan Evans, Wallace Ferguson, Mary Gilchrist, Neil Kearney, Marta Krecisz, Antonia Martin, Josef Lichner, Shirley O'Brien, Vincent Rogers, Athol Seiner, Deborah Smith, William Temo, Mary Webster, Fr Joseph Rheinberger, Fr Owen Cosgriff, Bishop Terence McGuire, Fr James O'Connell, Mgr James McKenna, Fr Benedict Lynch.

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:

Monday 12noon-1pm, Tuesday 9pm-10pm
Friday 11am-12noon

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.