

## Invite Grace

If you would like to invite more grace into your life and deepen your relationship with Jesus, then please consider joining our Adoration team. You can be one with over 60 of your fellow parishioners in giving an hour of your time every week to be with our Lord in prayer and contemplation.

We have spaces available throughout the week but we are particularly keen to get more people to the following times:

Mondays: 12 noon – 1.00 pm

Tuesdays: 3 – 4 pm

Fridays: 11 am – 12 noon

For more information email [canberraadorers@gmail.com](mailto:canberraadorers@gmail.com) or phone Anne Sutherland on 0413 203 901.

### Message for Adorers

Dear Adorers, Last financial year the cost of heating and cooling the church was \$2,692.57. (I'd say it would be closer to \$3,000 this year). The bulk of this bill is incurred to keep the temperature at a comfortable level for Adorers. Recent Archdiocesan statistics show that church attendance is down 25% since Covid and parish financial contributions are down also. St Benedict's being a smaller, older parish is even more affected and finances are dire. If anyone feels moved/inspired to contribute to this bill then the bank details are as follows.

Account name: St Benedict's Parish

BSB: 062 786

Acc No: 000014992

Maybe for the reference you could write the word 'adoration' to let Fr Rem know how to allocate your donation. Blessings and thanks, Anne P.S. please pray for God's provision as part of your intercessions.

### Next Vocations discernment dinner

On Thursday 10 August at Queanbeyan presbytery: 5:30pm Mass, 6pm Confessions & Adoration, 6:45 dinner, 7:45 Vocations discussion & 8:30 conclude with Night Prayer. For young men considering a call to the priesthood. To rsvp contact Fr Josh [josh.scott@cg.org.au](mailto:josh.scott@cg.org.au) or Fr Emil 0414523036.

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

29 & 30 July 2023

	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Julie Douglas, Loreena D'Silva
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Grace De Zilva	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	MGL Narrabundah (Mt View); Nimmy, Maria Michas (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Chris Ruzario, Jess Wyatt	

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

5 & 6 August 2023

1ST READING Dan 7:9-10,13-14	2ND READING 2 Pet 1:16-19	GOSPEL Mt 17:1-9
Sat 5 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Grace De Zilva, Asterie Niyonsenga
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Diane & John Fulop	

### Life in God's Spirit Seminar

The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to our New Life in God's Spirit seminar. It's a 7 week seminar held every Wednesday evening 7pm-9pm from Weds 19 July to Weds 30 August at St Peter Chanel's, Weston St, Yarralumla. Teachings, worship, prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to encounter Jesus in a deeper way! For more info and to register, call Susanna 0419 902 293 or Neda 0415 266 019.

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

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](http://cg.org.au/Narrabundah)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Email: [Narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au)

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 & 30 July 2023

### God's Word

When I was a little girl, my sister and I would go 'treasure hunting' in the space under our house, with our 'treasures' being oddly shaped or multi-coloured rocks. We would look a long time for the rocks, and be overjoyed when we found even one. Jesus uses the image of treasure to describe the reality of God's kingdom. A treasure isn't something we can earn, it's something we need to go out and search for, perhaps even for a long time. And look at how the two characters in the Gospel respond when they find their treasure: they sell all their possessions just to have that one treasure they have found. Jesus uses this parable to remind us that God is the greatest treasure of our lives, and perhaps also that we are God's own treasure; that, like the landowner and the merchant, God will do anything to have us near him and belonging to him. What are the treasures in my life? How do I make God my greatest treasure? Do I see myself as treasured by God, too?

### 1 October | Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass | 11 AM

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Celebration Mass at 11 AM on 1 October at St Christopher's Cathedral.

All welcome, especially those who work at the coalface in caring and advocating for human life at its most vulnerable stages. A simple lunch will be provided afterwards.

St Benedict's Social Group invites all parishioners to join them for:

- morning tea in the Parish Centre next Sunday (6<sup>th</sup> August) after the 9.00 am Mass, and
- coffee catchup at Gryphon's in Griffith on Thursday (10<sup>th</sup> August)



### Lectio Divina: Thursdays 7pm in Collins Wing

Every Thursday at 7pm the parish holds Lectio Divina (Bible reading and reflection) in the Collins Wing, with a shared meal (finger food) provided. All parishioners welcome.

### 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. The parish will be joining with St Benedict's school for this Sacrament. A **Confirmation Retreat Day** for the children will be held at **St Benedict's School** on **Thursday 31st August** from **9am-3:10pm**, followed by a **Parents Information Session** from **3:30pm-4:30pm**.

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.

Sunday 30 July 2023

**First reading 1 Kings 3:5,7-12**

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

**Resp. Psalm 118:57,72,76-77,127-130**

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come and I shall live  
for your law is my delight.

*Lord, I love your commands.*

That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold,  
why I rule my life by your precepts,  
and hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple.

**Second reading Romans 8:28-30**

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**Gospel Acclamation of Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 13:244-52**

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**World Youth Day 2023—Lisbon**

World Youth Day Lisbon will take place from 1 August to 6 August. Pope Francis will be making an Apostolic Journey to Portugal on this occasion. You can follow events on the World Youth Day

YouTube channel:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@Lisboa2023/featured>



We pray for a safe and blessed pilgrimage for Fr Chris Eaton, Fr Baiju Thomas, and their groups.

**Quote of the week**

*'We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.'* - Homily of Pope St John Paul II, 17th World Youth Day, 2002

**PARISH GROUPS**

**Empower Night** is held 6:40pm 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:** Margaret Carton, Christine Chang, Renato Franco, Phyllis Keltie, Lino Lanza, John O'Dwyer, Elizabeth Robertson, Evelyn Ross, Frances Rowlands, Danny Sharp, Veronica Walton, Fr James Gunning, Msgr John Kelly.

**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, Rita Smith.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month,  
10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3pm-4pm; 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.