

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:

Tuesdays: 3 – 4 pm

Fridays: 11 am – 12 pm

For more information email canberraadorers@gmail.com or phone Anne Sutherland on 0413 203 901.

Have a great week and God bless.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 26 & 27 August 2023		
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Shiru Kinyanjui, Christopher Ruzario
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Grace De Zilva	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View); Prakash &	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2 & 3 September 2023		
1ST READING Is 22:19-23	2ND READING Rom 11:33-36	GOSPEL Mt 16:13-20
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Santhosh Jose, Maria Mendoza
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Nhung Booth, Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	MGL Brothers	

Parish Finances

Since the departure of the Parish Finance Secretary, the parish finances are now managed by the Parish Support and Finance team at the Archdiocese with help from the Parish Secretary.

If you have questions about your Planned Giving or anything else related to finances and donations, please email the Parish Office at Narrabundah@cg.org.au.

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

PS please pray for God's provision as part of your intercessions.

Parish Secretary on leave

The Parish Secretary will be on leave from Thursday 17 August to Wednesday 6 September inclusive. During this time there will be no regular office opening hours, but the phone and emails will be monitored by Fr Rem. The Secretary returns on Thursday 7 September.

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Website: cg.org.au/Narrabundah

Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 & 27 August 2023

God's word:

Today's Gospel presents us with the handing on of power and authority which stems from Christ the head, to his body the church, in an apostolic succession.

We hear that Jesus handing on the keys of the kingdom of heaven to Simon whom he now named "Peter", Rock. So that as the vicar of Christ and standing on the everlasting Rock, Jesus himself, he may lead the people of God passing through the Church as the earthly kingdom into the heavenly kingdom, which is our home land.

St. Benedict's social group invites all Parishioners to join Cuppa after Mass in the Parish centre.



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.

Fundraiser for St Benedict's: "Songs of a Golden Era", Saturday 2nd September 2023

All are invited to come and enjoy live singing, with classic hits from the 60s to the 90s, from our St Benedict's music ministry. Food, fun and prizes to be won!

When: Saturday 2nd September 2023, 6pm-9pm

Where: St Benedict's School Hall (opposite church)

Cost: \$25 a ticket (family passes available)

Tickets can be purchased online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CKLRJ>

All proceeds to be given to St Benedict's Church. Donations welcome. If you would like to help out, please contact Fr Rem at rembertfernandomgl@gmail.com.

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. 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.

A Confirmation Retreat Day will be held for children on **Thursday 31st August**, 9am-3:10pm at St Benedict's Primary School, Narrabundah, followed by a Parents Information Session conducted by Fr Rem (3:30-4:30pm).

First reading Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Resp. Psalm 137:1-3,6,8 *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

Second reading Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it..
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Baptisms

Please remember in your prayers **Elin Nikole Cruz** who will be baptised this weekend. May her life be filled with the peace and love of Christ always.

Please pray for the sick and deceased of the parish

Recently deceased: Vincent Ciardullo, James Brophy, Heather Harradine.

Anniversaries: Marie Kathleen Bauer, Stanislaw Budny, David Levy, Michael Marks, Keith Miller, Juann Poo, John Taylor, Fr John Curley CSsR, Bishop Patrick Dougherty, Fr John Tiernan.

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 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, 5pm-6pm;
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.

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.

A Men's Sharing Group is held every second Wednesday evening at St Benedict's. Contact John Murray, 0480 257 761 for more information.

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.