

## 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](mailto:canberraadorers@gmail.com) or phone Anne Sutherland on 0413 203 901.

Have a great week and God bless.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 2 & 3 September 2023		
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	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	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 9 & 10 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	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Asterie Niyonsenga, Linda Henry
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Louise Gaudry & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	John Murray	
Visitation	MGL Garran	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

## 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](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au).

## 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  
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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)  
 Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 & 3 September 2023

### God's Word

The lamenting voice of Jeremiah in today's first reading reminds us that sometimes we experience aloneness, rejection and even persecution for our faith. Living a life of faith can be a lonely road at times, especially when we are called to walk against the grain of popular views and aspirations. This uncomfortable reality is echoed in the Gospel as Jesus remonstrates with Peter. It is apparent that, despite walking closely with Jesus as a faithful disciple, Peter has not fully understood what radical discipleship means. It is imperative that Jesus remains faithful to his mission and confronts the reality of the cross and the inherent power of darkness. Our current 'creature comfort' culture can seduce us into avoiding pain and conflict. As committed disciples of Jesus we are called to embrace the cross so that, in companionship with Jesus alive in our Christian community,

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](mailto:rembertfernandomgl@gmail.com).

### ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

The MGL brothers invite you all to the Ordination to the Priesthood of

Dn. Terence Shanaka & Dn. Suraj Mattappallil,

At 7 PM on September 8th in St. Christopher's Cathedral. The refreshments to follow at St. Benedict's School hall. Please keep the MGL brothers in your prayers.

Sunday 3 September 2023

**First reading Jeremiah 20:7-9**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.  
I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.  
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl  
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'  
The word of the Lord has meant for me  
insult, derision, all day long.  
I used to say, 'I will not think about him,  
I will not speak in his name any more.'  
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,  
imprisoned in my bones.  
The effort to restrain it wearied me,  
I could not bear it.

**Resp. Psalm 62:2-6,8-9** *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise.

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

**Second reading Romans 12:1-2**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

**Gospel Acclamation of Ephesians 1:17,18**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Matthew 16:21-27**

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

**Baptisms**

Please remember in your prayers Grace and Max Bennett, who will be baptised this weekend. May their lives be filled with the peace and love of Christ always.

**Vocation Discernment**

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House. Thursday 7 September at 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

**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.

*Please pray for the sick  
and deceased of the parish*

**Recently deceased:** Vincent Ciarullo, James Brophy, Heather Harradine.

**Anniversaries:** Saviour Agius, Brian Conrick, Janos Jesenic, Antonina Kaczor, Elsie Piper, Colleen Reynolds, Rita Schmelzenbart, Rolf Schmiedecki, Kathleen Volger, Fr John McDwyer, Fr James Ryan, Fr Gordon Kerr, Fr Patrick Bermingham, Fr Joseph Zerafa Ocarm.

**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, 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.