

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 places available throughout the week and we welcome you to join us.

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 16 & 17 September 2023		
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Robert Henry
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Joshua D'Silva, Josephus Bumaat
Offertory	Volunteers	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Ann Hill	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 23 & 24 September 2023		
1ST READING Is 55:6-9	2ND READING Phil 1:20-24,27	GOSPEL Mt 20:1-16
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Loreena D'Silva, Maria Mendoza
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Avellino & Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno	
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View); Prakash and Santhosh (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

their faith, all while meeting new people and making new friendships.

Years 7-12 September 24-27 2023

Marist College, Canberra

Register at https://app.tickets.org.au/DOJ_Canb/Explosion2023

More information contact Lachlan at explosionyouthconference@outlook.com.au

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

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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)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 16 & 17 September 2023

REVITALISING OUR PARISH

In 2023 an average of 150 adults are attending the three weekend Masses. The reduction in people attending Mass means that Parish income has also reduced considerably.

Currently it costs \$15.85 per adult Mass goer per week to operate the Parish. Our income per adult Mass goer is an average of \$15.15 per week.

This means that the parish is forecast to run a small deficit of about \$5,500 in 2023. There are sufficient reserve funds to cover this but running deficits is not ideal. The Priests and Parish Council are incredibly grateful for all those who make a financial contribution to the Parish, no matter how big or small. More than ever before, your continued support is important. As a result we have reduced expenditure as noted below and have also decided to increase the Tap and Go minimum to \$15.00.

When the part time Parish Youth Minister resigned April 2022 a decision was made not to fill the position. Instead, a part time paid position of Music Ministry leader to assist with the Sunday evening Mass and special gatherings such as Empower was created. These decisions reduced expenditure to help cope with a reduction in income. However, this type of role has a positive impact on parish activities contributing to attendance of young people at Mass and quality of liturgies.

Other significant measures to reduce

costs have also been taken. For example, the Parish Finance Officer position has been abolished. Its functions are now provided under a services agreement with the Archdiocesan finance team. This saves the Parish about \$2,000 per year in wages costs.

We will continue this story in next weekend's Bulletin.

PPC and PFC

40 Years of the Charismatic Mass

Save the Date for a Reunion Celebration

When: Sunday 22nd October 2023,

Where: St. Benedict's parish, Narrabundah

Time: From 3:00pm for a "St. Benedict's High Tea"

Followed by the Charismatic Mass at 6pm.

More information in next week's bulletin

Events around the Archdiocese

Celebrating Women of Faith - Catholic Women's Taskforce Fundraising Dinner

The Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce is holding its annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House on Friday, 27th October at the Southern Cross Club in Woden. Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs. Tickets are \$80, but early birds are \$70 (until 29 Sept), and tables of 10 are discounted to \$700.

Please visit www.cgwomen.org.au to purchase tickets through Humanatix.

Inviting all high school students!

Explosion is Canberra's premier Catholic youth conference with engaging talks by local and national speakers and daily sacraments and prayer opportunities. We aim to provide a space for students to encounter Christ and go deeper with

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 NARRABUNDAH

Adoration

Retreat Day 14 October

9.30am - register
10am - talk
The Power of Adoration
10.45am - morning tea
11.15am. - talk
The Contemplative Way
11.50am - adoration
12.30pm - Mass
1.10pm - lunch
Bring a plate to share
or donation - \$10
1.50pm - open mic
2.30pm - adoration



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Sunday 17 September 2023

First reading Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Resp. Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

Second reading Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 18:15-20

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Sacrament of Confirmation 2023

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St Benedict's on Thursday 21 September at 5:30pm. The Archbishop will be conferring the Sacrament. Please pray for all the candidates.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Sunday 24 September is the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. In Pope Francis' message he call on us to 'welcome and protect' all who come to our country, to build the future together with migrants and refugees.

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.

Lectio Divina: 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.

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*

Anniversaries: John Bartty, Edwina Boure, Emiliana Buhain, Francis Chatillon, Ronald Hewett, Kathleen Hogan, Myles Kehoe, Raymond Kirby, Maria Krugiolka, Linda Lauer, Thomas McGrath, Kevin O'Brien, David Rees, Daniel Regs, Terence Smith, Mabel Stone, Kevin Tankey, George Temoschtschuk, Alfred Zammit.

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.