

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.

40 Years of the Charismatic Mass

St Benedict's at Narrabundah, the present home of the Charismatic Mass, invite you to celebrate this 40th Anniversary. If you have been in any way part of this journey, please join us. A place where old and new friends can gather, share experiences, memorabilia and food! Let the Flame of the Holy Spirit burn on!

St. Benedict's High Tea Celebration & Reunion

Sunday October 22nd, 2023
Starts at 3:00 pm in the Parish Centre
Mass at 6:00 pm

St. Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah
\$ 20 (by Donation)

RSVP or more info: Julie Bufalo-Long

0434 583 946 or email: jbufalo@uniting.org

Events around the Archdiocese

Marian Procession 2023: Sunday 22 October

At the newly restored Sts Peter & Paul Old Cathedral, Goulburn. Starts at 10am, with morning tea, Mass, Sacrament of Penance, BBQ, and Rosary at 2pm. This is a multicultural family day of prayer and festivities, where local parishes, ethnic and ecclesial communities, clergy and religious take time to enjoy one another and journey with Mary to Jesus.

Respect Life Sunday Mass & Luncheon, Sunday 1 October

Archbishop Christopher Prowse will celebrate Respect Life Sunday Mass at 11 AM on October 1st at St

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 23 & 24 September 2023		
	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	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30 September & 1 October 2023		
1ST READING Ezek 18:25-28	2ND READING Phil 2:1-11	GOSPEL Mt 21:28-32
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Christopher Ruzario, Santhosh Jose
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	John Murray, Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

Christopher's Cathedral. Following will be a light luncheon in the Haydon Hall including brief inputs from those working at the coalface in caring and advocating for human life in its most vulnerable stages. RSVP for luncheon @ www.cgatholic.org.au/respect-life/ Enquiries: Lara Kirk lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Vocations Dinner at Archbishop's House.

Thursday 5 October 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.

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)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23 & 24 September 2023

REVITALISING OUR PARISH

Last Sunday, we outlined the situation regarding Mass attendance and parish income. The situation is concerning rather than dire, but there is time to take good actions which can turn the situation around. The Priests and Parish Pastoral Council want to see St Benedict's thrive again. There is not one single standout reason for the decline in the number of Parish Mass goes but we need to reverse that decline to ensure the ongoing viability of the Parish.

To ensure that parishioners are regularly informed of the situation, the Parish Finance Committee has decided to:

- Publish the offerings for the 1st and 2nd collections in The Bulletin once per month
- Publish the financial returns in a clear and easily understood format on a quarterly basis.

More importantly, the Parish Pastoral Council is working with our priests towards actions aimed at Parish renewal and growth. This will take time to develop. More information on what is planned to turn the situation around will be given in future Bulletins.

The PPC and PFC

Change to Saturday Vigil Mass time

During winter, the Saturday vigil Mass has been at 5pm. **From Saturday 30 September (next Saturday) onwards, the Vigil Mass will once more be at 6pm.** Confession times will be at 5pm.

Social gatherings

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

- morning tea in the Parish Centre on Sunday (1st October) after the 9.00 am Mass, and
- a catch up/coffee at Gryphon's in Griffith on Thursday (12th October) at 10.30 am.

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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First reading Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Resp. Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18 *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.	The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.
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The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

Second reading Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation of Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

NEEDS OF LAY CATHOLICS TODAY

What do adult lay Catholics need today to help them live a committed Catholic life amid the circumstances of modern society? To find out and to help improve their services to our Archdiocese, the Canberra Circle of The Catenians, an international association of lay Catholics, is conducting an Archdiocesan-wide online survey. Please help by completing this brief, anonymous, tick-box survey via this URL or QR code. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLTZGMW>



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Contact: Phil Murray, President,
Canberra Catenians 0419 695 927 or
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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.

Recitation of the Rosary: October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Join us for recitation of the Rosary after weekday Masses.

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'.

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

Anniversaries: Stephen Donnelly, Phyllis Ehlers, Emily Gardiner, Neville McGahey, John Moore, John Sykes, Frederick Williams, Fr George W Weissel, Fr James P. O'Reilly, Fr Denis T. Walsh, Fr Peter O'Leary CM, Fr Timothy O'Connell, Fr Edward Barry, Fr Dermot F. O'Hurley.

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, Rita Smith.

Parish Office Hours

Thursday, 9am-1pm; Friday, 9am - 4:30pm

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 5pm (Vigil) **6pm from 30th Sept**
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 (**5pm-5:30pm from 30th Sept**) 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.