

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 70 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. In particular we are interested in getting more people to the following times:

Thursday 8 – 9 pm
Friday 2 – 3 pm
Friday 8 – 9 pm

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.

Catholic Ball: Saturday 4 November

Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Pregnancy Crisis Centres by attending the *James Bond* Catholic Ball. This will be held on Saturday 4th November from 7-11:30pm at the Southern Cross Club Woden! Tickets are \$85 and include a 4 hour drinks package and delicious canapes. Tickets can be purchased on <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/>

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 30 September & 1 October 2023		
	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	Nhung Booth	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 7 & 8 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	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Asterie Niyonsenga, Linda Henry
Offertory	Volunteers	Jose family
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Louise Gaudry & Claudine Smith	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Jindalee & Mt View)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

[canberracatholicball2023](https://www.facebook.com/canberracatholicball2023). Follow the *Canberra Cathedral Young Adults* Facebook group for event details and other young Catholic activities. If you have any questions, please email catholicyoungadults.cbr@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!!

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
Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55)
Narrabundah ACT 2604
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Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772
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Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

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)

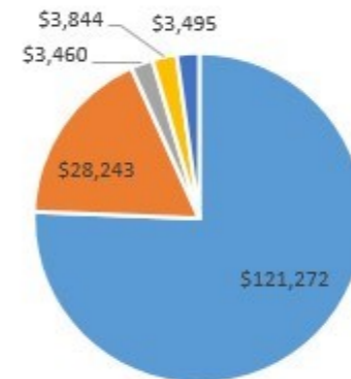
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 September & 1 October 2023

REVITALISING OUR PARISH

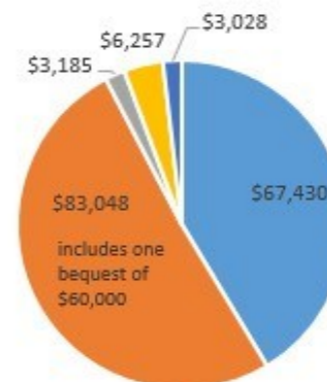
Last week we promised to keep parishioners informed about the financial situation of the Parish and developing plans for St Benedict's Revitalisation. Today we publish two graphs comparing Parish Income in calendar 2018 with Parish Income in calendar 2022. Most notable is that direct giving (2nd collection) has declined sharply over the four year period.

PPC and PFC

INCOME 2018



INCOME 2022



- Direct Giving (2nd Collection)
- Donations/Bequests
- Functions/Ceremonies
- Hire/Rent of Facilities
- Sundry Income

Social gatherings

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

- morning tea in the Parish Centre this 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.

Change to Saturday Vigil Mass time

A reminder that from this weekend onwards, the Saturday Vigil Mass is once more at **6pm** and Confessions are 5pm-5:30pm.

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 1 October 2023

First reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Resp. Psalm 24:4-9 *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor.

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.

Second reading Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

Parish Secretary leaving

After a year as secretary at St Benedict’s I will shortly be moving on to the next stage of my career. I would like to extend my warmest thanks to Fr Rem, Fr Baiju, Fr Chris, and all the lovely parishioners and volunteers of St Benedict’s for their help and kindness to me in my job over the past year; I am grateful to have had the opportunity to support this beautiful and prayerful parish.

The Parish will now be looking for a new Secretary and more details will be provided in the next bulletin. My last day of work will be Friday 20th October and I will be working with Fr Rem and the central Archdiocesan office to ensure a smooth hand-over to the next secretary.

God bless!
Belle Joseph

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: Gerard Anthony Agnew, John Alardyce, Beatrice Becker, Edward Coan, Vincent Dixon, June Nash, James Weber, Darren Wheatley, Fr Thomas Barry, Fr Pierce Burke, Fr Joseph McDonnell, Fr Denis Fitzgerald, Fr John Hasler, Fr Adrian Rheinberger, Fr Joseph Ryan, Fr William O’Brien.

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: **6pm** (Vigil) (**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: **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.