

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

Marian Movement of Priests

The International Director of the Marian Movement of Priests, Rev Fr Luca Pescatori is visiting Australia in November for the celebration of Masses and Cenacles of Prayer. He will be accompanied by Fr Donal McIIraith SSC, Responsible for OCEANIA. Fr Luca and Fr Donal will be at St Brigid's Church, 2 Bancroft Street Dickson on Saturday 11th November where there will be a Mass at 9am followed by Adoration and Cenacle at 10am. There will be morning tea after the Cenacle in the Parish Hall where people will have a chance to meet with them. For more information visit the website: mmp-oceania.net

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.

Volunteer for St Vincent de Paul Emergency Relief Helpline

Make a difference to the lives of those struggling. Volunteers needed for the St Vincent de Paul Emergency Relief Helpline at Yarralumla.

Duties include answering calls and taking requests. Training included, in a friendly, supportive environment. Hours to suit you. For more information, please call the helpline 6282 2722.

Saturday 21 October 2023 - Celebrating 20 years of Mothers Prayers in Australia at St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah, 10:30am - 3pm. Beginning at 10:30am with a Thanksgiving Mass. Light lunch provided. Mothers Prayers at 1:30pm. Enquiries to Anne - australia@mothersprayers.org

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 14 & 15 October 2023			
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am	
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistoor	Robert Henry	
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Joshua D'Silva	
Offertory	Volunteers	Jose family	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Janice Kelly	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Avellino & Sue Neimanis		
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno, Nhung Booth		
Visitation	Jonavie & Grace (Jindalee)		
Sun 6pm Mass Readers			

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 21 & 22 October 2023			
1ST READING Is 45:1,4-6	2ND READING 1 Thess 1:1-5	GOSPEL Mt 22:15-21	
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am	
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Readers	Robert Booth, Marlene Keir	Josephus Bumaat, Loreena D'Silva	
Offertory	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry	
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Julie Douglas	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Ann Hill		
Church Cleaners	John Murray		
Visitation	Carmel Henry (Mt View); Prakash & Santhosh (Jindalee)		
Sun 6pm Mass Readers			

Catholic Women's Taskforce Fundraising Dinner: Friday, 27 October 2023

Tickets are now available!

The Archdiocese's Women's Taskforce is holding its annual fundraising dinner for MacKillop House on Friday, 27 October at the Southern Cross Club in Woden and warmly invites you to join us. Guest speaker, Ms Genevieve Jacobs, a well-known local personality, will reflect on her experience of her Catholic faith in both her professional and personal life. Tickets are \$80, but early birds are \$70 (until 14 October) and tables of 10 are discounted to \$700. Please visit www.cgwomen.org.au to purchase tickets through Humanitix. For further information contact Samantha Hazlett at samanthahazlett@icloud.com.

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time 14 & 15 October 2023

REVITALISING OUR PARISH

This week we provide a list of some parish ministries and groups. For more information or if you would like to be involved in the groups, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Group	Contact person	Contact details
Flowers & Altar cleaning	Sue Neimanis	Text Sue on 0407 269 193
Parish Pastoral Council	Moira Najdecki	chair@goodsameducation.org.au
Parish Finance Council	Paula Keating	paulakeating70@gmail.com
Music Ministry		Contact Parish Office
Adoration Team	Anne Sutherland	0413 203 901
Prayer & Healing Ministry	Maria & Mark Ransom	Contact Parish Office
Lectio Divina	Fr Rem Fernando	Contact Parish Office
Mothers Prayers	Rachael Nano	0412 472 243
Men's Sharing Group	John Murray	0480 257 761
St Vincent de Paul	Don Jeffery	Donjeffery424@gmail.com
Legion of Mary	Theresa Rees	0402 271 531
Social Group	Sue Neimanis	Text Sue on 0407 269 193
Visitation to Nursing Homes	Julie Douglas	Jdouglas997@gmail.com
with Holy Communion		
(Sundays)		
Jindalee Nursing Home - Monthly Mass	Louise Gaudry	lgaudry@smartchat.net.au

Flowers & Altar cleaning

Each week volunteers prepare St Benedict's church for the weekend Masses and ceremonies. A roster of two people is set up for the arrangement of flowers and a little cleaning, not vacuuming the church. Could you please consider helping the Parish in this way, it would involve giving an hour every 5-6 weeks usually on a Saturday morning around 9.00. If you think you could help and would like to know what is involved please feel free to call the Parish office or text Sue on 0407 269 193.

Prayers for Peace in the Holy Land

The Archbishop has released a short pastoral letter following news of recent atrocities in the Holy Land, and is asking for prayers for peace. Copies are available in the church fover; please take one.

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.

Sunday 15 October 2023

First reading Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Resp. Psalm 79:9,12-16,19-20 I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Second reading Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation cf. 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 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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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 Contact: Phil Murray, President, Canberra Catenians 0419 695 927 or phil13murray@gmail.com

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: Victor Belcher, Kathleen Bentley, Pat Connors, Ursula Edmonds, Vincent Gomez, Mario Krajina, Una Murphy, Joan Parker, Anthony Sciberras, Tom Siddle, Stephanie Stoddard, Gladys Williams, Fr John Bartley, Fr Joseph Staunton, Fr Andrew Walsh, Fr Alphonsus Deegan.

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, Ronnie van Belkom.

Parish Office Hours

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

Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm (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: 5pm-5:30pm 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.