

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:

Tuesday 7—9am

Tuesday 12—1pm

Friday 2— 3pm

For more information email canberraadorers@gmail.com or phone Anne Sutherland on

0413 203 901

Have a great week and God bless

Parish Office Manager – Inner North Parishes

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Office Manager, Inner North Parishes (encompassing Campbell, Canberra Central, O'Connor & Watson). This is a full-time position (subject to review in 12 months)

Essential Requirements:

- An understanding of and support for the Catholic Church and its teachings
- Excellent verbal and written, interpersonal and communication skills
- Computer literacy in MS Suite and database skills, (in particular PACS database)
- Act with tact & discretion, maintaining high levels of confidentiality, honesty, integrity, reliability and punctuality

Please email Deborah.foote@cg.org.au for a detailed copy of the duty statement and selection criteria. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria with attached resume to Fr Anthony Riosa, SSS, anthony.rios@cam.org.au must be received by Friday 3 November 2023.

Upcoming Events at St Brigid's, Dickson

3rd November - Healing Service at St Brigid's Church, Dickson 7.00-9.00pm

5th November - "By your light we see the light" a one day retreat with mass celebrated by Fr. Emil Milat at St Brigid's Church Dickson 9.30am - 4.30pm

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 28 & 29 October 2023		
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Marlene Keir	Robert Henry
Readers	Don Jeffery, Moira Najdecki	Christopher Rozario, Santosh Jose
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
Church Cleaners	Santosh Jose & Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	MGL Narrabundah(Mt View); Nimmy & Maria Michas	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

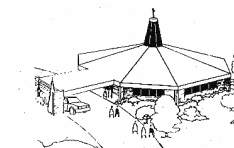
ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4 & 5 November 2023		
1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly & Louise Gaudry	Loreena D'Silva & Maria Mendoza
Offertory	BA Daly & Helen Bennett	Social Group
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Ann Hill	
Church Cleaners	Brad Hogno & Nhung Booth	
Visitation	Julie Douglas(Mt View); (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

ALL SAINTS PARTY Dress as your favourite Saint and celebrate All Saints at St Christopher's Cathedral! There will be activities for all the family and a costume procession. Sunday 29 October after the 11am Mass at the Haydon Hall (55 Franklin Street, Forrest). Please register for free tickets at <https://www.trybooking.com/CLLJJ>

CATHOLIC BALL: Saturday 4 November Meet other young Catholics (18-40) and support Pregnancy Crisis Centres by attending the *James Bond* Catholic Ball. Saturday 4th November from 7-11:30pm at the Southern Cross Club Woden! Tickets are \$85. Tickets can be purchased on <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/canberracatholicball2023>.

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

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772

Website: cg.org.au/Narrabundah Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28 & 29 October 2023

REVITALISING OUR PARISH

Who are the PPC and PFC members?

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)

Mark Ransom, Moira Najdecki (Chair), Emma Donaghue, Gabriel Joseph, Julie Douglas, Theo Niyonsenga, John Michas, Fr Rem Fernando

Parish Finance Council (PFC)

Josephus Bumaat, Mark Ransom, Melissa Dixon, John Cullen, Fr Rem Fernando

Note on finances

In Article #2 we noted that there will be a small deficit of \$5000 for 2023. We could turn this around in future if every parishioner increased their second plate contribution by just 75c per week. This is a modest but manageable target in addressing our parish finances.

Thanks to our beloved parishioners and donors, our financial performance from July to September this year has improved.

St Benedict's Catholic Church Income and Expenditure (adjusted) 1 July to 30 Sept 2023		
INCOME		
Direct Giving	\$	18,646.82
Donations/Bequests	\$	7,746.68
Presbytery fundraising	\$	12,598.00
Sound system fundraising	\$	1,878.40
Functions/Ceremonies	\$	4,810.90
Hire/Rent of Facilities	\$	4,335.45
Educational Recoupment	\$	1,726.10
Total Income	\$	51,742.35
EXPENSE		
Administration Costs	\$	7,246.06
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$	1,800.00
Education Resources	\$	1,120.46
Salaries and Wages	\$	7,685.76
Insurances	\$	5,204.19
Archdiocesan Levy	\$	861.94
Sound system	\$	1,878.40
Property Charges	\$	722.52
Presbytery renovation	\$	12,598.00
Other presbytery expenses	\$	877.24
Total Expenses	\$	39,994.57
Net Surplus	\$	11,747.78
	before 31 July 2023	1 July to 30 Sept 2023
Average Income per parishioner	15.15	\$ 19.11
Average Expense per parishioner	15.85	\$ 13.09
surplus (shortfall)	-\$ 0.70	\$ 6.02

Part Time Parish Secretary

People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for St Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah. This is a part-time permanent position Tues-Friday 9am-12noon. Essential Requirements:

- Strong Microsoft Office skills (Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher)
- Experience with database packages.
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills
- Ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction.
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Experience in an office environment.

Please phone 6295 7879 or email narrabundah@cg.org.au for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria above & duty statement to the Parish Priest, Fr Rembert Fernando

However, there is still work left to be done.

As of 30 Sept 2023, the balance of donations for presbytery renovation is \$20,670.97.

Our builder has given us the final quote of \$54,618.00 (including GST).

This means that we still need an additional \$33,947.03.

We will keep you posted in the next few weeks about another fundraising activity and we look forward to your support once again. God bless you all!

Sunday 29 October 2023

First reading Exodus 22: 20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51 I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise, when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long Life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me,

He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example

to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it

was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread

everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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



ACT Right to Life AGM

All are invited to attend the AGM of the ACT Right to Life Assn Inc., at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Strangways St., Curtin. SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER. Meeting 1.45pm to 3pm - Invited speaker 3pm Father Warrick Tonkin. Assist catering by reply: actrtlassoc@gmail.com or phone Bev 0418 718 713

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: Agnes Calvert, Clare Connell, Pat Connors, Doris Flaherty, Maud Inch, Monica Knight, Mario Krajina, Leonard Legge-Wilkinson, Kenneth Lentell, Lorna Ludwig, Antonia Martin, Fred Martin, Ronald Molyneux, Marie Morgan, Joan Parker, Alice Smith, Stephanie Stoddard, Monica Thomas, Fr Richard Daly, Fr Bill Keating, Fr Francis Hartigan, Fr Thomas Hilly, Fr Joseph Keating.

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

New hours TBC

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.