

Invite Grace
 If you would like to invite more grace into your life and deepen your relationship with Jesus, please consider joining our Adoration team. You can be one with over 70 fellow parishioners in giving an hour of your time every week to be with our Lord in prayer and contemplation. Places are available throughout the week and we welcome you to join us. In particular we are interested in getting more people to the following times:
 Monday 5– 6 pm
 Tuesday 6– 7 am
 Thursday 4-5 pm & 9-10 pm
 Friday 2– 3pm
 Saturday 1– 3 am
 For more information email canberraadorers@gmail.com or phone Anne Sutherland on 0413 203 901

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISER
 Christmas Fundraiser for St Benedict's Church, Sunday December 3rd 2023 All are invited to come and enjoy live singing, with well known Christmas songs and carols, from our St Benedict's music ministry. Food, fun and prizes to be won!
When: Sunday 3rd December 2023, 11am to 3pm
Where: St Benedict's School Hall (opposite church)
 Cost: \$15 a ticket (family passes available) Tickets can be purchased online on trybooking.com
<https://www.trybooking.com/CMZZP>
 All proceeds to be given to St Benedict's Church. Donations welcome.

OneDay Retreat in Canberra (Divine Retreat Centre)
Where: St. Benedict's Narrabundah Parish
When: 25th November 2023, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm
Facilitator: Fr. Roni Geroge VC, Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Somersby
Admission is free, BYO lunch
 Box lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 22nd November 2023 to p1.rebello@gmail.com

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 28 & 29 October 2023		
	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		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 4 & 5 November 2023		
1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
	Sat 5 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Robert Booth, Don Jeffery	Asterie Niyonsenga & Joshua D'Silva
Offertory	Volunteers	Young Family
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Julie Douglas
Flowers, Altar Clean	Caludine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	MGL Garran (Mt View); MGL Garran (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers		

CELEBRATION OF 25 YEARS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ST BENEDICT'S MISSION CENTRE & MGL PRESENCE AT NARRABUNDAH
 Sunday 26 November 2023,
 3PM: Praise Rally
 4 PM:BBQ
 6PM: Mass
 Celebrant: Archbishop Christopher Prowse.
 Please join us for this wonderful event.

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 Office Hours: Thurs 9am-1pm, Fri 9am-4:30pm
 Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55)
 Narrabundah ACT 2604
 Tel: +61 (02) 6295 7879/ Parish Office
 Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772
 Website: cg.org.au/Narrabundah Email: Narrabundah@cg.org.au

Parish Team:
 Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)
 Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)
 Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)
 Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 & 5 November 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

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

A Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ,
 You are the true King of peace.
 In You alone is found freedom.
 Please free our world from conflict.
 Bring unity to troubled nations.
 Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart.
 Dispel all darkness and evil.
 Protect the dignity of every human life.
 Replace hatred with Your love.
 Give wisdom to world leaders.
 Free them from selfish ambition.
 Eliminate all violence and war.
 Glorious Virgin Mary,
 Saint Michael the Archangel,
 Every angel and saint:
 Please pray for peace.
 Pray for unity amongst nations.
 Pray for unity amongst all people.
 Pray for the most vulnerable.
 Pray for those suffering.
 Pray for the fearful.
 Pray for those most in need.
 Pray for us all.
 Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us.
 Jesus, hear our prayers.
 Jesus, I trust in You!

Amen

St Benedict's Social Group invites all Parishioners, to join them for morning tea in the Parish Centre this Sunday 5th November after the 9am mass.



Sunday 05 November 2023

Malachi 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

I am a great king, says the Lord of Hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of Hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. But you, you have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of Hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Psalm 130 *In you, Lord, I have found my peace*

Oh Lord, my heart is not proud nor haught my eyes, I have not grieved after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R**

Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even, so is my soul. **R**

O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R**

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 2: 7-9, 13

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23: 9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher; the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Gospel Mt 23: 1-12

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.

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: 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.