

**The Christian's Final Journey:** Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria and partner, the ACU Centre for Liturgy, are offering a one-day workshop on Catholic funerals on **13 February 2024**. It has been designed for all those interested in Catholic funerals including parishioners, clergy, Funeral Directors, Bereavement Teams, Pastoral Associates, Parish Secretaries and Family Faith Educators, and all school staff. Catholic practices around burial and cremation will be investigated as well as **preparation of a funeral (for future discussion with the funeral celebrant)** and how to support the grieving. It will be held at Club Ashfield, 1-11 Charlotte Street Ashfield NSW. Time: 9am-5pm (registration from 8.30am). Registration is essential by 7 February. Cost: \$60 (includes lunch and a workbook) (\$120 for Funeral Directors who will receive certification for 5 years.)

**Enquiries:** [CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au](mailto:CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au) or 02 9701 4751. For more information, and to register, go to [www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training](http://www.acu.edu.au/centreforliturgy/pastoral-training)

### REVITALISING OUR PARISH

We are excited to announce that St. Benedict's Parish and Mission Centre is about to set out on a journey of renewal through Divine Renovation.

Divine Renovation is a Catholic ministry dedicated to parish renewal. It helps parishes come alive by providing tools and coaching needed to lead parishes from **maintenance to mission**.

In the Divine Renovation context 'maintenance to mission' means recognising that we don't have to live with decline being normal, and stepping off the treadmill and looking at ways we can improve things at St Benedict's, so that we can begin to see different results.

For more information about Divine Renovation see:

<https://divinerenovation.org>

Fr Rem and Fr Chris

### ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

20th & 21st January 2024

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Marlene Keir	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Santhosh Jose
<b>Offertory</b>	Volunteers	Linda & Robert Henry
<b>Eucharistic</b>	Sue	Josephus Bumaat
<b>Flowers, Altar Clean</b>	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Santhosh Jose	
<b>Visitation</b>		
<b>Sun 6pm Mass Readers</b>		

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

27th & 28th January 2024

<u>1ST READING</u>	<u>2ND READING</u>	<u>GOSPEL</u>
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmel & Peter Pistoro	Robert Henry
<b>Readers</b>	Moira Najdecki, Marlene Keir	Linda Henry, Loreena D'Silva
<b>Offertory</b>	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Jose family
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
<b>Flowers, Altar Clean</b>	Ann Hill & Anne Sutherland	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Jeanne Eri	
<b>Visitation</b>		
<b>Sun 6pm Mass Readers</b>		

## St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

**Parish Team:**

**Parish Office Hours: Tues—Friday, 9am—12pm**

**Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)**

**Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55)**

**Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Director)**

**Narrabundah ACT 2604**

**Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)**

**Tel: +61 (02) 6295 7879/ Parish Office**

**Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)**

**Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772**

**Website: [cg.org.au/Narrabundah](http://cg.org.au/Narrabundah) Email: [Narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au)**

### Third Sunday of Ordinary Time 20th & 21st January 2024

#### Reflection on Gospel

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfillment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

#### JAN – FEB 2024

#### INTRODUCTORY CPE COURSE

Are you interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others by learning how to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care?

An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered online using Zoom in January/February 2024. This short 40-hour course will comprise of 6 sessions and run from 9am to 3.30pm, commencing Mon 29, then Tues 30, Wed 31 January, then Mon 5, Tues 6 and Mon 12 Feb.

Applications close on Thursday January 25, 2024. For more information please contact Barbara Hall at [barbarahall1909@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahall1909@gmail.com) or phone: **0418 413 731**

#### URGENT HELP NEEDED

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 4-5 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.

## First reading

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord.

Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

**Psalm 24 (25): 4-6, 7b-9 R. Teach me your ways, O Lord**

## Second reading

**1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

## Gospel Acclamation

**Mark 1: 15**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!

Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Mark 1: 14-20**

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake –for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

## 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

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## CatholicCare Retirement Villas

CatholicCare currently has several vacancies at our retirement villas based in Aranda and Campbell. For further information on the vacant villas and to view the villas please contact Dominica McNamara, Retirement Villas Manager, on [property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au](mailto:property.management@catholiccare.cg.org.au) or on 6162 6100 to indicate your interest.

## Young Catholic In Need of Accommodation

A young catholic professional woman is moving to Canberra for work and is looking for a flatshare/granny flat to reside. A room in Barton, Kingston, Griffith, Forrest or Campbell is preferable with a flexible budget of approximately \$280-\$340 (open to consideration). Contact Jacinta on 0468 496 033.

## 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:** Rathesh Fernando, Catherine Cleary, Frank Fulop, Ronnie Van Belkom, Tom French, 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, Tony Evans, Rose Mason, 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, Andrea Bernabey, Gustavo Caceres.

## Parish Office Hours

9am–12pm, Tuesday–Friday

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month,

10.30am at Mt View 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.