

Easy Steps to Holiness: A Lenten Journey
 The Good Shepherd prayer group invites you to join us each Wednesday evening for talks, sharing groups and worship. Deepen your faith this Lent and draw closer to Jesus. Weds 21 Feb to Weds 27 March, 7pm-9pm, Parish Room, St Peter Chanel, Weston St, Yarralumla. Call/text Neda 0415 266 019, Susanna 0419 902 293, Gabriel 0422 285 491 for more info.

Journey of St Paul
 Fr Rembert Fernando will be escorting a pilgrimage to Greece & Turkey to follow in the footsteps of St Paul and his companions. The tour will commence on 9th April and end on 20th April. For more information, see flyers in the church or visit: harvestjourneys.com/sp2401

Stations of the Cross will be occurring on Fridays at 5pm throughout the Lenten season. All parishioners are invited to attend.

9 APRIL | Marriage Preparation Course
 Upcoming Marriage Preparation courses for engaged couples: *FOCCUS* - Tues 9th April 5-9pm plus a private follow up session at CatholicCare. *SmartLoving* – online, 9 lessons, learn at your own pace when suits you. For more information or to register go to www.marriagefamily.org.au Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on **0405 440 463**

Archbishop's Lenten Lighthouses
 Join Archbishop Christopher Prowse on a Lenten Retreat through his Sunday homilies. You can find the lighthouse inputs on the Catholic Voice website.

20 – 22 MAY | A Current of Grace
Renewing Catholic Schools as Centres of Evangelisation: An invitation is extended to Australian and international Catholic education and other Church leaders to a conference focused on renewing Catholic schools as centres of evangelisation, emphasising two high-impact strategies – Staff and Leader formation and student formation for peer-to-peer ministry. More details at www.catholicvoice.org.au

White Goods & Furniture For Sale
 Brand new front load washing machine and dryer (Simpson), ergonomic computer chairs, chest of drawers, bookcases, bedside/dining tables, single beds, gardening tools, etc. Price negotiable. Please email: elitra21@gmail.com

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 23rd & 24th March 2024		
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Barry Murphy
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Linda & Robert Henry
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Clean	Margie Arvellino & Grace De Zilva	
Church Cleaners	Santhosh Jose	
Visitation	Julie Douglas (Mt View) Prakash & Sruthy (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Youth	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 30th & 31st March 2024		
1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Alma Burg
Readers	Marlene Keir, Moira Najdecki	Josephus Bumaat, Julie Douglas
Offertory	Volunteers	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	Brian Barron	Josephus Bumaat
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Anne Hill	
Church Cleaners	Jeanne Eri	
Visitation	MGL Narrabundah (Mt View) Nimmy & Santhosh (Jindalee)	
Sun 6pm Mass Readers	Deb Malone & Jess Wyatt	

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Office Hours: Tues—Friday, 9am—12pm
 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 Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Director)
 Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)
 Isabel Roberts (Parish Secretary)

Palm Sunday 23rd & 24th March 2024

Reflection on Gospel

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' passion and death are presented as the consequence of the tension between the Jewish authorities and Jesus that had been building throughout his public ministry. This tension reached its breaking point when Jesus drove the merchants and moneychangers from the Temple. After this event, the chief priests and scribes began seeking a way to put Jesus to death, and yet, this is only the surface explanation for his death.

When Jesus was arrested and brought before the Sanhedrin—the council of Jewish priests, scribes, and elders—he was charged with blasphemy, citing his threat to the Temple. When he was brought before Pilate, however, the religious authorities presented his crime as a political one, charging that Jesus claimed to be king of the Jews. In continuity with a theme of Mark's Gospel, the messianic claim of Jesus is widely misunderstood.

In Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are rarely models of faith and do little to invoke confidence in their capacity to continue his ministry after his death. They fare no better in Mark's narrative of Jesus' passion and death. At the Last Supper, the disciples insisted that none among them would betray Jesus. When Jesus predicted that their faith would be shaken in the events ahead, Peter and the other disciples protested vehemently. Yet in the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus returned three times to find them sleeping. Jesus prayed in agony over his impending fate while his disciples slumbered through the night. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter denied Jesus, and the disciples were absent during Jesus' passion and death. Only the women who had been followers of Jesus in Galilee are said to have been present at the Crucifixion, but they remained at a distance.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death. In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures. Jesus understood his anointing in Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross. The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah. The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

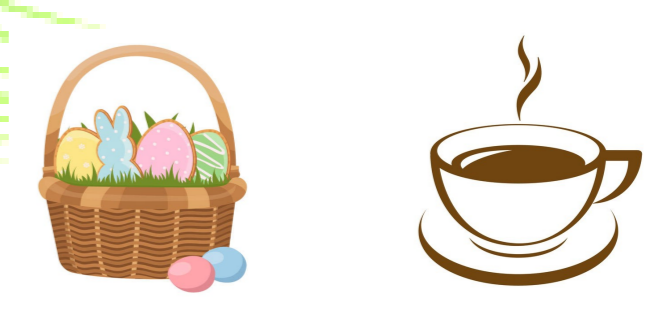
Easter Service at St Benedict's:

Holy Thursday, 28th March:
 Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm

Good Friday, 29th March:
 Stations of the Cross, 10:30am
 Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3pm

Holy Saturday, 30th March:
 Easter Vigil, 7:30pm

Easter Sunday, 31st March:
 9am Mass
 6pm Mass (Charismatic)



Easter Raffle:

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at the morning tea after 9:00 am Mass this Sunday.
 Please join us to see who wins.

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.

First reading

Isaiah 50: 4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Psalm 21 (22): 8-9, 17-20, 23-24 R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Second reading

Philippians 2: 6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus 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

Philippians 2: 8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

Mark 14: 1-15: 47

Please see separate sheet

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

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW COPIES?

The Holy Spirit Parish is looking for some 'As One Voice' 1 and 2 or combined hymns and songs books. If your parish has some spare copies and no longer need them we would like to take them off your hands. Please contact Theivani on 6242 9622

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SECRETARY/ADMINISTRATION OFFICER POSITION - Holy Spirit Parish

Permanent Part-time - Four days per week (23 hrs)
Tuesday to Friday - 9.00am to 3.15pm

For the full job description and selection criteria, please [click here](#) or visit our parish [website](#).

Applications: To apply please provide a covering letter which includes your response to the Selection Criteria along with your Curriculum Vitae to Fr Troy Bobbin at atrecruitment@holyspiritgungahlin.org.au. Contact Theivani on 0472 921 518 or 6242 9622 (Tuesday to Friday).

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: Thomas Fernando, Barbara Parsons, Lorna & Stanley Evans, Noanie Kelly, Leita Barron, Rathesh Fernando, Ray Pasard, 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 & Marilyn 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 Sealy, 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, 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 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:

Tuesday: 6pm-10pm

Thursday: 7-10pm

Contact: Anne Sutherland (0413203901) or Parish office for more information.

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.