

lunch. Boxed lunch available at nominal cost, RSVP by 9th March to p1.rebello@gmail.com. For enquiries please contact Parveen: 0439642571; Winnie: 0451015527; Prakash 0406381446

**Synod of Bishops:** Have you taken up Pope Francis' invitation to participate in a global conversation about the Catholic Church? You still have three weeks to make a submission to your local consultation for the international Synod on Synodality, calling the People of God to walk together in our mission as Christians. Submissions close on February 27. Find out more at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**Legion of Mary**

Meetings are held every Friday at 6.30pm, at St Benedict's Outreach Centre. New Members are welcome! Please Contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531

**Pastoral and Spiritual Care Training:** Is your New Year's Resolution to try something new? Maybe it's to get more involved in the community? Then why not combine both by enrolling in a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Introductory Course. This 5 day course is a great way to get a feel for pastoral and spiritual care and includes topics such as: What is Pastoral/ Spiritual Care; empathy, grief and loss, spiritual reflection and self-care. It runs on 5 Wednesdays from 2-30 March, 9am-5pm in Queanbeyan and costs \$400. It is followed by a longer CPE unit for those interested in more in-depth training in spiritual care. Enrolments close soon. Please contact Susanne Schmidt for enrolment on 0431 243 486 or at [susannecpe@gmail.com](mailto:susannecpe@gmail.com)

**CatholicCare / Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation**

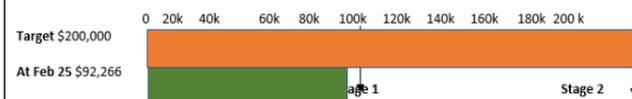
**Program:** 9 March, 5pm-9pm. For engaged couples. Includes FOCCUS questionnaire, dinner, evening formation program and a private, follow-up couple discussion with a CatholicCare counsellor. Information and registration at [www.marriagefamily.org.au](http://www.marriagefamily.org.au)

**World Day of Prayer Service 2022:** 4 March, 11am, Presbyterian Church of St Andrew, Forrest.

**Presbytery Renovation Appeal**

It is great to see that donations continue to be made by generous parishioners to the Presbytery Renovation Appeal. Our contributions now amount to a terrific **\$36,266.00**.

Our Presbytery Appeal now stands at \$ 92,266.00: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs and \$36,266 from parishioners.



**We have a further \$ 13,734 to go to reach our Parish target** of a contribution of \$50,000 towards the total renovation of Stages 1 and 2. This has been a magnificent response from our community and we're almost three quarters of the way there.

As noted in last week's Bulletin the PPC is planning an Easter Raffle - thank you to those who have donated some lovely Easter goodies. From this weekend there will be a box at the front of the Church for raffle donations. Gift cards, Easter eggs, bottles of wine, Easter treats would all be terrific items for a luxurious hamper.

If, instead, you would like to donate money to the cause, there are envelopes at the back of the Church or you can donate online, nominating the **Presbytery Fund**.

Account Name	BSB	Acc No
St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

Thankyou everyone for your generosity thus far

Moira Najdecki

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges 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: 10am—1pm**

**Corner of Sturt Ave & Jerrabomberra Ave (PO Box 55) Narrabundah ACT 2604**

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

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

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

**Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)**

**Fr Chris Eaton MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)**

**Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)**

**Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
26 & 27 February 2022**

**Change to Office hours**

Please note our new Parish Office hours as of Tuesday 1 March: 10am to 1pm, Tuesday to Friday.

**Changes to COVID restrictions**

In line with the ACT Government easing COVID-19 restrictions, there are no longer density limits in the church, the CBR app is no longer required upon entry, and face mask are no longer mandatory indoors. If you are unwell it is still better to stay home, for those with immunity issues. Holy Water Fonts and receiving Communion on the tongue are now re-instated.

**Sacramental Program**

For those wanting to enrol their children in our Sacramental Program, the First Reconciliation Prayer Evening is coming up soon on **Wednesday 2 March** (it is a requirement that all sacramental candidates attend the evening with one parent or carer), and First Eucharist preparation begins in May. Enrolments for Sacraments are now through the Qkr! App. Instructions on how to enrol are available on our website:

[www.cg.org.au/narrabundah/Sacramental.aspx](http://www.cg.org.au/narrabundah/Sacramental.aspx)

**Request for volunteers**

Parishioners are invited to assist with the preparation of the church for weekly celebrations. More volunteers are needed to help with flower arranging and light cleaning, this does not include the vacuuming of the church. For more information or if you are able to offer your assistance please contact Sue (0407 269 193). A roster will be prepared from the beginning of April through till the end of June.

**The Liturgical rosters**

There are currently some vacancies in the parish

rosters, particularly for welcomers and Eucharistic ministers. If you would like to volunteer or make changes to your current availability please contact the Parish office. [Narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au)

**Extra Adoration Hours During Lent**

Saturday 2pm-5pm. Confession following at 5pm. This Lent instead of giving up a bad habit why not take up a good habit—an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. *'The more we pray, the more we give God permission to bless our lives,'* - Blessed Mother Theresa

**St Benedict's Social Group**

All parishioners are invited to join for morning tea in the Parish Centre on Sunday 6 March after the 9.00am Mass.

**The Hour of Power**

St. Benedict's Mission Centre is organising a night with praise and worship, proclamation of the Word of God and healing ministry. Richard Martin (Richie), a powerful preacher from Servants of Jesus Community, will be leading the session. Tuesday 1 March, 6.30pm, in the Church.

**Day of Fasting for Peace**

Pope Francis has announced a day of fasting and prayer for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday, 2 March.

**Word of God evening**

Please join us each Thursday evening in Lent as we journey together towards Easter for reflection on the Sunday readings and prayer, followed by a cuppa. 3 March, 6.30pm, Fr Greg Collins Wing.

**One Day Lenten Retreat by Fr Roni George VC and**

**Fr Joby George VC:** 12 March, 9.30am-4.30pm, St Benedict's Catholic Church. Admission is free, BYO

**27 February 2022**  
**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**First reading Sirach 27:4-7**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where a tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

**Responsorial Psalm 91:2-3, 13-16**

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

R/-

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

R/-

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

R/-

**Second reading 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting?* Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**Gospel Acclamation Philippians 2:15-16**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Shine on the world like bright stars; You are offering it the word of life. *Alleluia!*

**Gospel Luke 6:39-45**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples: 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye. 'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES: WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Saturday 6pm (Vigil)	Tuesday 5.30pm
Sunday 9am	Wednesday 12.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)	Thursday 5.30pm
Sunday 6pm (Youth Mass)	Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
– (Fourth Sun of the Month)	Saturday 8.00am

**RECONCILIATION:**

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6.15pm-7pm  
Saturday 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Padre Pio 5pm  
Every Saturday 7.30am

**BAPTISMS:** during Weekend Masses or by appointment

**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 daily hours:**

Monday 6am-10pm	Tuesday 6am-10pm
Wednesday 1pm-10pm	Thursday 1pm-10pm
Friday 6am to Saturday 8am	

Urgent hours that need to be filled:

Friday 3pm-4pm, Monday 1pm-2pm

**Hearing Loop** is located in the right centre rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

**ST BENEDICT'S WORSHIP GROUP** gathers after Thursday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of adoration, worship and intercession. All welcome.

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father).

**Anniversaries:** Reverend Msg Kevin Barry-Cotter, Bernadette Cruise, Estyll Jewell, Francis Kavcic, Janelle Bason Colin Dent, Antonia Camilleri, Naone Carrel, Nola Payten, Heinz Schmidt, John Sharp, Stanislaw Zasuch.

**Other Celebrations:**

**Our Sick:** Jindalee & Mt View residents, Julia Brown, Mitchell White, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Anne Rosewarne.



**ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND**

26 & 27 February 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmel and Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
<b>Readers</b>	Moira Najdecki H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario <b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Bennett family	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Nhung Booth	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Anne Sutherland & Sue Neimanis	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

5 & 6 March 2022

<b>1ST READING</b> Kg 8:41-43	<b>2ND READING</b> Gal 1:1-2, 6-10	<b>GOSPEL</b> Lk 7: 1-10
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	<b>Volunteer needed</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Don Jeffery	Paula Keating Julie Douglas
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Jeffery	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jesús Salazar	Janice Kelly
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Maria & John Michas	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	John Murray & Rosemary Caldwell	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**Last year's Palms**

Any palms from last Palm Sunday can be returned to the Parish Office or church, to be used as ashes on Ash Wednesday.

**St Benedict's Parish Census forms.**

Dear parishioners, we would be grateful if members of the community who are yet to return a Census form, could fill out and return the forms to the office as soon as possible. Collection of these forms are to help consolidate all of our parishioners' information in our parish database. Please find the census forms in the foyer.

**Donations:**

Each Friday and Saturday evening, a parishioner, Caroline Evans, volunteers to collect bread for distribution at St Benedict's. This involves driving to the bakery and the Church. If any parishioners would like to donate towards the cost of petrol for this collection, please contact Caroline on 0406 438 309.