

the Ukraine will help provide assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413.

**Project Compassion Launch, 2022**

Caritas CEO Kirsty Robertson & Archbishop Prowse have launched Project Compassion virtually this year at this link: [tinyurl.com/caritascg22](http://tinyurl.com/caritascg22). If you need resources or wish to hear more about the work of Caritas, contact your new Diocesan Director Beth Doherty on 0432 608 310 or [Elisabeth\\_doherty@hotmail.com](mailto:Elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com). Visit the website at: [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au).

**Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Plant Stall:** 31 March 8am-4pm. A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more will be available. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For further information: Jan 0437790980

**Holy Trinity Show N Shine:** 3 April, 10am-3pm. In the carpark of Holy Trinity Church, Transfiguration Parish, Strangways Street, Curtin. Organised by the 'Canberra Street Machine Association', the static display of iconic cars will evoke fond memories. Admission is free with donations to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's ongoing relief efforts following the South Coast bushfires.

**Chrism Mass:** 11 April, 5pm. Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

**Part Time Parish Secretary:** People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for Campbell Parish. This is a part-time permanent position (10 hours per week). Essential Requirements: 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 and experience in an office environment. Salary Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please phone Fr Emil 0414 523 036 for a copy of the duty statement to be received by 19 April.

**Married Couple Leader Formation:** After Easter there is a leader formation program for married couples interested in getting involved in marriage ministry. They will progress through a marriage enrichment course whilst learning how to host a marriage enrichment experience locally. The program starts on the 27th of April and runs fortnightly online from 7.30pm, ending on 22 June. The experience is run by the Catholic marriage apostolate, SmartLoving. There is an opportunity for two couples from our parish to take part. To find out more visit: <https://smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation>

**LTTN Easter Youth Pilgrimage:** LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, 14-17 April. Visit [www.lttn.org.au](http://www.lttn.org.au) for more information

**Presbytery Renovation Appeal:**

Thank you for supporting the Easter Raffle, there are still tickets available for those who missed out last week.

The Parish Pastoral Council will be selling tickets after each of the Masses this and next weekend, and the prizes will be drawn Easter weekend. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or a book of 20 for \$30.

The contents of the Easter hamper have been donated by generous parishioners and all raffle proceeds will go to renovating the presbytery.

**To date the Parish has raised \$37, 400 of the \$50,000 towards our contribution to the renovations.**

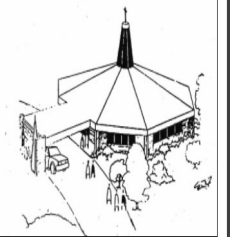
Please support the Raffle, but if you would instead like to donate money to the cause, there are envelopes at the back of the Church or you can donate online, nominating the Presbytery Fund:

| Account Name        | BSB     | Acc No    |
|---------------------|---------|-----------|
| St Benedicts Parish | 062.786 | 000014992 |

Thank you 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

Email: [Narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:Narrabundah@cg.org.au)

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)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

**4th Sunday of Lent  
26 & 27 March 2022**

**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.

**WWVP cards**

A reminder that parishioners are only able to participate in (most) parish ministries with a valid WWVP card. The parish office is currently checking that all WWVP cards for volunteers are up to date. If you have renewed your WWVP card, please provide a copy (front and back) to the parish office, or if you have applied for a card renewal, email the application receipt to [narrabundah@cg.org.au](mailto:narrabundah@cg.org.au).

**Request for volunteers**

Parishioners are requested to consider providing assistance with the preparation of the church for weekly celebrations. More volunteers are need to help with flower arranging and light cleaning, this does not include the vacuuming of the church. Not only would you be providing a service to the Church but you'll meet other parishioners. For more information or if you are able to offer your assistance please contact the Parish Office or message Sue (0407 269 193). A roster will be prepared from the beginning of April through till the end of June.

**Holy Week volunteers**

If you are able to assist with the liturgy or preparation for Holy Week (reading, washing of the feet, decorating, etc.), please contact the Parish Office.

**Adoration 40 Hour Prayer Vigil**

Adoration Vigil to pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia, this Friday 25 March, 6am to Saturday 10pm in the Church. Fr Baiju will be consecrating Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 3am Saturday morning as requested by Pope Francis to be in line with 5pm Rome.

Saturday night 7pm to 10pm will be a guided rosary and intercession time finishing with Benediction.

**Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine**

*God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.*

*Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.*

*You are Father to all; we are brothers and sisters.*

*Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.*

*Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Stations of the Cross**

All are invited to join our parish in Stations of the Cross, Fridays during Lent, 5pm at the Church.

**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. 31 March, 7pm, Fr Greg Collins Wing.

**St Benedict's Social Group**

All parishioners are invited to a morning tea in the Parish Centre next Sunday, 3 April, after 9am Mass.

**Caritas Ukraine Appeal**

Caritas Ukraine is on the ground during the unfolding humanitarian crisis. Caritas' appeal for

**27 March 2022**  
**4th Sunday of Lent Year C**

**First reading Joshua 5:9-12**

The Lord said to Joshua, ‘Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.’ The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

**Responsorial Psalm 33:2-7**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. -/R

*Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*  
Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. -/R

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. -/R

**Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God’s work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men’s faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ’s name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

**Gospel Acclamation Luke 15:18.**

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!* I will rise and go to my father and tell him: ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.’ *Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!*

**Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues – Fri 10am - 1pm

**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

**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  
Urgent hours that need to be filled:  
Monday 7pm-8pm, Tuesday 8am-9am

Adoration Vigil for peace in Ukraine: Fri 25, 6pm-Sat 26 10pm.

**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.

**Baptisms:** We welcome the families of John Anthony Castrission, Isla Sue Dawes, and Bruno Vincenzo Madaffari.



**Recently Deceased:** Maralyn Molyneux, Margaret Borrman; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John’s father).

**Anniversaries:** Michael Kennedy, Arthur Lamb, Irene McLean, Marinos Quaedackers, Ian Smith, Florian Steinbacher, Lyndon Wallace, John Pyne, Biserka Sulenta.

**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 March 2022

|                                  | Sat 6 pm                       | Sun 9am                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <b>Welcomers</b>                 | Carmel and Peter Pistor        | Barry Murphy                           |
| <b>Readers</b>                   | Moira Najdecki                 | Christopher Ruzario<br>Shiro Kinyanjui |
| <b>Presentation of the Gifts</b> | Jane Camilleri<br>Noreen Dick  |  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>     | Sue Neimanis                   | Barry Murphy                           |
| <b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>   | Sue Neimanis & Anne Sutherland |  |
| <b>Church Cleaners</b>           | Shruti Ruzario and Nhung Booth |  |
| <b>Mt View</b>                   |                                |  |
| <b>Jindalee</b>                  |                                |  |

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

March 2022

| <b>1ST READING</b><br>Is 43:16-21 | <b>2ND READING</b><br>Phil 3:8-14                 | <b>GOSPEL</b><br>Jn 8:1-11     |
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| Sat 6 pm                          |   | Sun 9am                        |
| <b>Welcomers</b>                  | Louise Gaudry                                     | Alma Burg                      |
| <b>Readers</b>                    | Don Jeffery<br>Helen Bennett                      | Paula Keating<br>Julie Douglas |
| <b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>  | Jane Camilleri<br>Noreen Dick                     | Julie Douglas                  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>      | Caroline Evans                                    |                                |
| <b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>    | Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday<br>& Margie Arvellino |                                |
| <b>Church Cleaners</b>            | John Murray & Ian Smith                           |                                |
| <b>Mt View</b>                    |   |                                |
| <b>Jindalee</b>                   |   |                                |

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

*“You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”*

Today I see Jesus as the prodigal son- the yellow in the painting being the merciful embracing love of the Father. The reading from Corinthians tells us that God reconciled us to himself through Christ. Jesus, the sinless one, took on our sin allowing himself to need the Father’s mercy just as we do. As I reflect on the painting this week I am overwhelmed with Jesus’ sacrifice and again amazed at the Father’s love for humanity. He runs to meet Jesus and to lavish love on him. Jesus kneels before such extravagant love. The Father lifts him up and robes him in glory. He does the same for us.

Rejoice, for through Christ, we were dead in our sin and have been given new life, we were lost and are now found.

-Mattia Wellspring.

