

St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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First Sunday of Lent 29 February and 1 March 2020

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm
Sunday 9am
Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass)
Sunday 6pm Youth Mass
(every last Sun of the Month)
Saturday 8am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday 5.30pm
Wednesday 12.30pm
Thursday 5.30pm
Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday in Lent at 5:00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6:15-7pm
Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every Saturday 7.30am

ROSARY:

Saturdays after 8.00am Mass
Thursdays – 7.00pm (during May & October)

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 1st Thursday of the month
10.30am at Mt View 3rd Thursday of the month

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Monday 9am – 8pm
Tuesday 10am – 9pm
Wednesday 11am – 10pm
Thursday 11am – 10pm
Friday 9am – midnight
Saturday 12am – 8am

**hours may vary should the use of the Church be required

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.

Lent Begins!

The season of Lent has begun. Let's seek to grow in our love for God and each other, especially in practical ways. We will be supporting Project Compassion again this year. Please find envelopes in the foyer, or go online for more information.

The Stations of the Cross will also be on every Friday in Lent at 5:00pm.

I have recently visited the Tumut Parish communities that have been affected by the fires. It has been a blessing to support them and to show some solidarity with them and reassure them of our prayers and support. I am hoping that we can do some more fundraising, and I would like to visit again later this year. Let's seek to reach out to those in need this Lent.

This Sunday, the RCIA candidates will be enrolled by Archbishop Prowse at the Cathedral. Over the coming weeks, our seven candidates will be welcomed at our Sunday Masses, prior to receiving the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil.

Please keep them in your prayers.

On 10 and 11 March, the Australian Leaders of the Missionaries of God's Love will be meeting here at Narrabundah. Please keep them in your prayers. MGL Narrabundah will host their meal on Tuesday 10 March. Please contact Father Dan or the office if you are able to contribute some food to that meal.

Special Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Rona Nelmes, who turns 90 on 9 March!

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FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

The Creation, and the sin of our first parents

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being. Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death."' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalms 50(51):3-6,12-14,17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:12-19

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

The temptation in the wilderness

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: *Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.*' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: *He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.*' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: *You must not put the Lord your God to the test.*' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: *You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.*' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

PARISH NEWS

St Benedict's Social Group invites all parishioners to join them for morning tea on **Sunday, 1 March** in the Parish Centre after the 9:00 Mass.

Holy Week Liturgies—volunteers required: St Benedict's are looking for a team of people willing to organise the Holy Week Liturgies. If anyone is interested, please contact Father Baiju on baijuthomasis@gmail.com, or contact the Parish Office.

St Therese Relics—Rose donations required: We are seeking donations of roses to decorate the Church for the visit of the relics of St Therese of Liseux and her parents on **27 March**. If you are able to assist, please contact Father Baiju or the Parish office.

First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will soon be starting. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

Adoration ministry invitation: Thanks to the recent promotion of Adoration, the roster of adorers is growing and we are looking for more co-ordinators to oversee full or half day time slots. Anyone enthusiastic about growing this powerful prayer ministry is invited to attend a meeting from 4:30 to 5:30pm this Sunday in the Parish Centre. Contact Anne on 0413 203 901 to find out what this job entails.

World Day of Prayer—Pray for Zimbabwe: Australian Church Women Inc. invites you to attend a day of prayer at 11am on **Friday, 6 March 2020** at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Forrest. The service will be followed by a light lunch for \$6 per person. Guest speaker will be the Governor General's wife, Mrs Linda Hurley. All are welcome.

Amicus gathering: Amicus, a support group (created by Monsignor John Woods and Father Mick MacAndrew in 1992) for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2020 at the Bread and Putter Bistro Queanbeyan Golf Club on **Saturday, 14 March** meeting at 7pm for dinner. To join us please call Lyn 0400 265 926.

Parish Pilgrimage: In the Footsteps of Sts Benedict, Francis & Anthony—Consider joining **Father Dan** on a magnificent pilgrimage with **St Benedict, St Francis and St Anthony**: Rome, Subiaco/Montecassino/Pompeii/Norcia, Assisi, Siena, Florence, Padua, Venice and more! With daily mass at sacred sites and the Wednesday Audience with Pope Francis. **Departing September 2020**. For more information call or email the Parish Office or Fr Dan.

St Benedict's Abba Father Worship Group meets after Thursday 5.30pm Mass from 6:15pm to 7pm for intercession and worship. All are welcome to join.

Thursday morning visitation: If any parishioners would like a visit from our MGL brothers or sisters on a Thursday morning, or know of anyone who would welcome a visit, please contact our Parish Office.

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis & Pam Pini, Anthony, Clem Dick, Dorothy Lamb, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Noeleen Carrick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Helen French, Carol Rees, Rhys Evans, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Ian Patterson, Marie-Josepha Mukankuranga, Rosa and Ilario Gallace, Tom Daly, Cyril Power, Margaret Burnell, Ruth Uwimana, Fred Martin, George Douglas, Patsy Wyer, Stanley Marris, Merle Taylor, Betty O'Brien, Zeta Evans, Brian Power, John Agius, Joyce Cremer, Gerry Agnew, Ray Coppin, Ellen Brennan, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Joan Evans, William Smith, Athol Knight, Beth Moran, Clare Drinkwater, Ian Smith & family, Heather Daly, John De Freitas, Louis Camilleri, Jim Kirkman, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Lawrence Power, Barrie Marshall, Sam & Nina Agius

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

29 February & 1 March

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Noreen Dick	Paula Keating Nathan Kensey
Presentation of the Gifts	Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick	Social group
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis Noreen Dick	B Murphy Peter Stauffer
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Anne Hobday, Noreen Dick and Margie Avellino	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario	
Mt View	Julie Douglas	
Jindalee	n/a	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

7 March & 8 March

<u>1ST READING</u> Gen 12:1-4	<u>2ND READING</u> Tim 1:8-10	<u>GOSPEL</u> Mt 17:1-9
Sat 6 pm		Sun 9am
Welcomers	Anna Pace Sally Cotsell	Priscilla Kinyanjui
Readers	Marlene Keir Maria Michas	Louise O'Rance Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Ian & Rita Smith	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharistic Ministers	Jesús Salazar Maria Lunn	M Stratford Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Leita Barron, Loretta Thomas and Mary Brown	
Church Cleaners	Muneko Ono & Zbiggy Zmurko	
Mt View	MGL Garran	
Jindalee	MGL Garran	

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