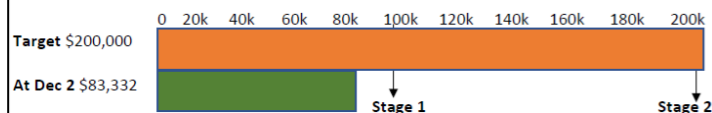


and we thank you for your continued support. Should you be aware of any family that would benefit from a hamper please advise the parish office.

From the Parish Pastoral Council:

Parish Renovation Appeal. Thank you to those who attended last Sunday's Morning Tea. It was great to be able to gather and share a cuppa and a chat. Thank you especially to Grace, Theo, Asteria, Christine and Fr Rem who set up and decorated the Hall and provided the delicious Morning Tea.

Once again, the generosity of the St Benedict's community came to the fore this week with a **further \$5,612** donated. Currently, donations for the Presbytery Appeal have **reached \$83,332.00: \$56,000 from the initial donor via the MGLs and \$27,332 in the 3 weeks since the Appeal commenced.**



We have a further \$22,000 to go to reach our Parish target of a contribution of \$50,000 towards the renovation.

If you are able to contribute, please take a donation envelope from the back of the Church or contribute online to:

Account Name	BSB	Acc No
St Benedicts Parish	062.786	000014992

When making a donation please advise under the reference bar that the donation is for **Presbytery**.

Yours in Christ,

Moira Najdecki
Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

Archdiocesan Zoom Advent Groups

5-7 December Join a Zoom Advent reflection group 4pm Sunday 5th or 10 am Tuesday 7th December. Meeting ID: 961 8683 9540. This online video resource includes input from Archbishop Christopher and reflections from lay people from around our Archdiocese: www.cgatholic.org.au/ADVENT contact lara.kirk@cg.org.au 0429 192 869

Life in the Spirit Seminar

Final session, 5 December. Contact 0409 777 743 for more information. Child minding available.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal 2021

As we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus, parishes will be conducting the annual Archbishop's Christmas Appeal at their Christmas Masses. Funds raised will again be used to support the National Council of Churches' Christmas Bowl Appeal and to assist Church communities in Ethiopia, Gaza, Syria Indonesia and Sri Lankans in India. Further support will be given for projects within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Africa and Tamarassery in India along with projects of the La Salette Martha Province, in India. Continuing assistance will be given for the Bethlehem University as well as contributing to construction of a school hall at Vanga Point within the Diocese of Gizo, PNG.

Generosity in the face of COVID challenges will again be needed to enable us to reach out and assist our neighbours in need this year. Please send to:

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal

Attn: Deacon Joe Blackwell

GPO BOX 3089, Canberra ACT 2601

Enquiries: Deacon Joe Blackwell Tel. 0407 909 295

CatholicCare FOCUS Marriage Preparation

6 December (5.00pm – 9.00pm) Last chance this year for engaged couples to complete their required marriage preparation. Complete a relationship inventory, enjoy a meal, receive input on Catholic marriage and book in for a face to face couple interview with a CatholicCare Counsellor. Register www.marriagefamily.org.au Inquire 0429 192 869

Laudato Si Action Platform

The much-anticipated Laudato Si' Action Platform was officially launched last week. The platform offers Catholics and "all people of good will" concrete steps and support towards achieving sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology as described in Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical on the care of creation. The platform identifies 7 sectors working towards 7 goals over 7 years. Everyone is invited to participate by enrolling in the platform. Further information -

- <https://laudatosiplatform.org/>
- <https://www.care4ourcommonhome.org/home>

Mass for Vows & Promises

On Sunday 12th December, several members of the MGLs will be taking Vows and Promises. Help is needed for the reception after Mass. The parish will be praying for our brothers as they take this important step in their faith journey.



St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Parish Team:

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Administrator)

Fr Baiju Thomas MGL (Mission Centre Director)

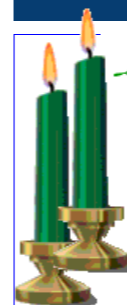
Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8.00am—12midday)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Jeremiah Wilkes (Youth Minister)

**Second Sunday in Advent Year C
4 & 5 December 2021**



Lighting of the Two Candles

Today, the Second Sunday of Advent, we meet John the Baptist. Note the details in the Gospel reading: John the Baptist 'went throughout the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance...' The word in the original Greek that is often translated as repentance is literally meaning 'change of heart'. One commentary adds that this kind of repentance is not about regret or guilt or shame but implies making a decision to turn around, to face a new direction. When we face away from the light, all we can see is our own shadow. When we turn towards the light our shadow and the darkness are behind us. Repentance means not only turning from what is bad, but also from many things that are good, but just not for us at this time, or turning from good things to which we have become inordinately attached and which, therefore, restrict our ability to be truly free

Out of lockdown

Dear brothers and sisters, great news! Masses have recommenced at the usual times. **170 people** are able to attend each Mass in person. Please follow social distancing and sanitise before entry. Face mask are no longer mandatory, but encouraged for those 12 years and above. Parishioners are not required to produce evidence of vaccination. **Upon entry please sign in using the CBR app, if you are unable to do so please use the sign in sheets that are available.** If you are unwell due to immunity issues it is better to stay home.

CBR check in card

A Check In CBR card is now available, designed for those people who do not own a smartphone or

who are unable to download or use the Check In CBR app. To apply for this card you can either call access Canberra on **13 22 81** or apply online using the following link: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/stay-safe-and-healthy/check-in-cbr-app/check-in-cbr-app-form>

Adoration roster

You can join as an ongoing commitment or an occasional substitute. Hours that are totally vacant and in **urgent need of filling are: Monday 11-12pm, 9-10pm; Tuesday 7-8am, 8-9am, 3-4pm; Wednesday 3-4pm; Friday 1-2pm.** Please contact **Anne Sutherland 0413203901.**

St. Benedict's Social Group

invites all parishioners to join them for morning tea in the Parish Centre this Sunday (5th December) after the 9.00 am Mass.

Also parishioners and friends are welcome to come along for a **Christmas gathering**, coffee and a chat, next Thursday (9th December) at 10.30 am at Gryphons Cafe at the Griffith shops.



The St Vincent de Paul Conference

at St Benedict's distributes some 60 food and toy hampers to needy families in Narrabundah for Christmas each year. We rely on donations from the parish, and local schools to furnish the hampers. Please take a tag from the tree to provide toys/ gift cards for the appropriate age child. Gifts do not need to be wrapped and preferably are not wrapped. Food items including, cakes, biscuits, cordials, soft drinks, canned goods, chips and sweets, Christmas crackers etc are required for the hampers. Traditionally the parish has been very generous and supportive of the Christmas hamper

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.

Sunday 5 December 2021

Advent 2 year C.

First reading Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.'

Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east:

see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them.

Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory.

For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God.

And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God;

for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm 125

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R/-

The heathens themselves said:

'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad. R/-

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R/-

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing;

they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. R/-

Second reading Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth.

And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Recently Deceased: Marvel Nobleza; Dorothy Lamb, Ignacio Serrano.

Anniversaries: Elizabeth Aspland; Thomas French; Mathieu Huntjens; Leslie McSpeering; Bruna Res; Peter Richardson; Charles Scerri; John Sheils; Catherine Stitt; Kevill Ward.

Other Celebrations:

Our Sick: Jindalee & Mt View residents, Germaphi, Leita Barron, Lorraine Davis, Mathew, Frank Smith, Lyn Walker, Louis Pini, Anthony, Helen French, Clem Dick, Flora Arias, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, Fr Laurie Blake, Mark Ransom, Pamela Brown, Caroline Evans.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 9am - 12pm

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

Saturday 6pm (Vigil) Tuesday 5.30pm
 Sunday 9am Wednesday 12.30pm
 (Streamed via Facebook) Thursday 5.30pm
 Sunday 6pm (Charismatic Mass) Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)
 Sunday 6pm Youth Mass Saturday 8.00am

RECONCILIATION:

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

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

Adoration daily hours:

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

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.

St Benedict's Parish Census forms

Dear parishioners, we are trying to complete our parish database that we want to use for all communications. However, we do not have full details for all parishioners and sometimes we just have a name. If you haven't yet completed and returned a Census form, Father would be very grateful for your help in sending the form to the office as soon as possible. Census forms are in the foyer.

A more complete database helps the parish to function effectively because we can contact you at the right place, provide assistance more efficiently (eg home visits), protect your parish work (eg keeping Working With Vulnerable People cards current) and keeping you in better touch with what's happening in the parish.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND

4 & 5 December 2021

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy
Readers	Moira Najdecki & H Bramanathan	Christopher Ruzario and volunteer
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennett Family	N.A.
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Mel Stratford
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Margie Arvellino; Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario & Nhung Booth	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

11 & 12 December 2021

1ST READING Zeph 3:14-18	2ND READING 1 Phil 4:4-7	GOSPEL Lk 3:10-18
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	—
Readers	Don Jeffery & Helen Bennett	Paula Keating & Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	N.A.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jesús Salazar	Janice Kelly
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Maria & John Michas	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

Positions Available:

Canberra Central Parish Secretary

Part time permanent position (10-12 hours per week). Salary will be subject to equivalent Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please contact Fr Emil: emil.milat@cg.org.au or 0414523036 for more information, closing date 7 December.

Parish Administrative Support Assistant

Part-time permanent position two days, supporting parishes inputting financial data and producing reports & quarterly BAS. Applications close COB 13 December. Contact deborah.foote@cg.org.au Full information <https://cgatholic.org.au/job-vacancies/>