

help faith-filled women like Teresa complete their preparation as novices so they will become effective Church leaders for their communities.

You can learn more about Teresa and how you can support novices like her by scanning the QR code, going online to catholicmission.org.au/faith, or calling our friendly team on 1800 257 296.

### 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 Mar 2 to Mar 30, 9-5pm 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

### From the Parish Pastoral Council

#### Presbytery Fundraising

With the Summer break and school holidays now over, the Parish Pastoral Council is back into the business of raising funds to ensure that our priests' home is liveable.

The good news:

To date we have raised \$32,000, a great effort from the St Benedict's community. With this money the two previously mould-ridden, uninhabitable rooms have been restored and Fr Chris Eaton is now occupying them, and a start has been made on refurbishing the very tired kitchen.

However:

There is much more work to be done in the Presbytery with completing the renovation of the kitchen and laundry, refurbishing the other bathroom, and replacing windows which can't be shut and floorcoverings that are far beyond their use by date.

To do this, **we still have \$18,000 to raise** to reach our Parish target of \$50,000 which, with the anonymous

donor's gift to the MGL's, will allow Stage One to be completed.

The PPC and interested others met on Thursday to discuss fundraising activities. We hope to hold a series of events over the coming months to raise the \$18,000. Currently we are investigating the possibility of

**A Super Raffle** – to achieve this we would need donations of quality items such as Restaurant Dinners, B&B stays or weekends away, bottles of wine or spirits, items for a giant Easter Hamper or two, sporting items, memorabilia, artwork etc.

**A St Benedict's multicultural event** – we have many different cultures in our Parish which have a wonderful array of food, customs and music. We are seeking responses from families who would be interested in providing food to sell, possibly on a Sunday morning, at the Church. Biranyi, koftas, samosas, spring rolls, chicken wings, sausage sizzle, fried rice, cupcakes- the list is as long as our imaginations and generosity.

If you are able to provide a raffle item or are interested in contributing to a multicultural food extravaganza or if you would just like to discuss or learn more about the proposals please contact ASAP:

**Theo : 0434863555**

**Gabriel:0422285491**

**Moira: 0409959011**

If you would just 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

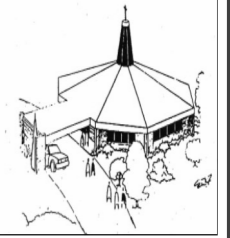
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Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

*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**

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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)**

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 & 6 February 2022

### Welcome to Fr Chris Eaton MGL

My name is Fr Chris Eaton MGL, I am originally from Christchurch, New Zealand. I have been working in the MGL Initial formation house in Canberra for the past six years. I am really excited to be now based here at St Benedict's, Narrabundah. I will be working closely with Fr Baiju in the St Benedict's Mission Centre. I look forward to meeting you all. God Bless Fr Chris



### God's Word reflection:

'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' When Jesus shows us the abundance he has in store for us, when we get a glimpse of the utter goodness of God, it is natural for us to respond by saying we are not worthy. We are sinners. This was the case with Simon Peter when the Lord asked him to go out into the deep and put out his nets for a catch. A fisherman all his life, Peter told Jesus that he'd worked hard all night, but caught nothing, so what is likely to change now? But in obedience, he does as Jesus asks and catches so many fish that his nets break. Jesus meets Peter's lack with overflowing abundance and Peter is overcome by his sinfulness and unworthiness. But what we learn here is that God's goodness doesn't depend on our worthiness. We can't earn his abundance. It just is. And having strengthened Peter by giving him this glimpse of how God provides, Jesus urges him to banish his fears and step out in faith to share the message of God's goodness with others.

### 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 mandatory indoors 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. There is also a Check In CBR card available for those without the app: call 13 22 81. If you are unwell due to immunity issues it is better to stay home.

### Adoration roster:

You can join as an ongoing commitment or an occasional substitute. Please contact **Anne Sutherland 0413203901**.

### Request for volunteers to clean the Church

Recently a few of our wonderful volunteers who clean the Church have had to step back. If any parishioners have the time to volunteer to clean the Church for two hours on a Saturday morning (approximately once every 4 weeks), please contact the Parish office to be placed on the roster.

**The Liturgical rosters:** There are currently some vacancies in the parish rosters. If you would like to volunteer or make changes to your current availability please contact the Parish office. Narrabundah@cg.org.au

### Catholic Mission: Pre-Lent Appeal

Working tirelessly to support children and communities in most need, religious sisters are integral to the missionary Church. From catechism and teaching maths and physics, to doing home visitations and distributing food supplies throughout the pandemic, Teresa and the Salesian Sisters in Cambodia and Myanmar have been critical in supporting the communities they serve. You can



**6 February 2022**  
**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

**First reading**     **Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**Responsorial Psalm**     **137:1-5,7-8**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

**R:** *In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord*

All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways:  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!'

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

**Second reading**     **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**Gospel Acclamation**     **Matthew 4:19**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel**     **Luke 5:1-11**

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

**Recently Deceased:** Alex Fulop (John's father); George Wyer, Sr M Andre Guthrie, RSJ (Goulburn); Heinrich Frank; Marvel Nobleza; Dorothy Lamb, Ignacio Serrano.

**Anniversaries:** Robert Bradnam, Lucas Chang, Robyn Dwyer, Ena Foster, Kevin Mallard, Melissa Phillips, Rasharn Phillips, Barbara Reinstadler, Jan Rice, Patrick Ryan, Catherine Smith, Yu-Hsia Sun Lee, Istvan Szots, Roy Ward.

**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, 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  
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

**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 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.

**ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND**

5 & 6 February 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	Louise Gaudry	Shiro Kinyanjui
<b>Readers</b>	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	Paula Keating Julie Douglas
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Noreen Dick	Maralyn Molyneux
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Margie Arvellino, Claudine Smith & Louise Gaudry	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	John Murray & Shruti Ruzario	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

12 & 13 February 2022

<b>1ST READING</b> Jer 17:5-8	<b>2ND READING</b> 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20	<b>GOSPEL</b> Lk 6:17, 20-26
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Volunteers needed</b>	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Booth Marlene Keir	Philippe Moncuquet Coline Moncuquet
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	BA Daly	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Brian Barron	Barry Murphy
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Anne Hobday, Loretta Thomas & Margie Arvellino	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Ian Smith Amir	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**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>

**Word of God Sunday:** The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 6 in 2022. Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to "the celebration, study and dissemination" of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.