

Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday, March 13**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

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

**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

**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)

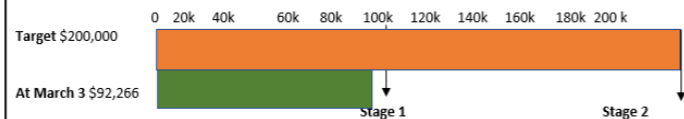
**Safeguarding Committee Member Vacancy: St**

Benedict's parish has been committed to implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (10 in all) since 2019. The standards identify ways in which we can promote the ongoing needs and safety of our children. The committee meets monthly to discuss these standards and how we can better uphold them in all areas of our parish life. We also explore and organise opportunities to promote the safety of children and vulnerable people of our parish via organising trainings and regular meetings with other parish representatives. One of our long-term committee members recently returned to the USA and we therefore are seeking another member. If you are interested in talking more about this role please contact Julie Long on 0434-583-946.

**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- thankyou 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 you would like someone to collect an item, please call or email:

- Theo :** 0434863555 or [niyonsengat@gmail.com](mailto:niyonsengat@gmail.com)
- Gabriel:** 0422285491 or **Gabriel Joseph** [gbfjos@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gbfjos@optusnet.com.au)
- Moira:** 0409959011 or [mtcn52@gmail.com](mailto:mtcn52@gmail.com)

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)**

**1st Sunday of Lent  
5 & 6 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).

**Sacramental Program**

We pray for those in our parish preparing to make their First Reconciliation on 23 March, and First Eucharist later this year.

**Passing of Steven Najdecki**

We pray for repose of the soul of Steven Najdecki, husband to Moira, and for his family at this time.

**MGL Sisters**

Sr Therese Do and Stephanie Sullivan are making Initial Vows, and Promises, with the MGL Sisters this Sunday. We pray for them as they take this next step in their spiritual journey.

**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.

**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.

**Stations of the Cross**

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

**St Benedict's Social Group**

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

**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. 10 March, 6.30pm, Greg Collins Wing.

**Synod of Bishops. Submission Extension:** The local consultation period for the international Synod on

**6 March 2022**  
**1st Sunday of Lent Year C**

**First reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, the Lord, have given me." 'You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

**Responsorial Psalm 90:1-2, 10-15**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways.

*Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.*

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,' I will save him in distress and give him glory.

**Second reading Romans 10:8-13**

Scripture says: *The word* (that is the faith we proclaim) *is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart.* If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: *those who believe in him will have no cause for shame,* it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask his help, *for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

**Gospel Acclamation Matthew 4:4**

*Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!* Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. *Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!*

**Gospel Luke 4:1-13**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Tues – Fri 10am - 1pm

**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:

Tuesday 8am-9am

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

**Anniversaries:** Angel Agudo, Patricia Brown, Naone Carrel, William Collins, Giustina Deiagnoli, Thomas Hughes, Francis Kelly, Manuel Marquez, Antonia Martin, Agnes McCluskey, Monica Mullins, Lawrence Philip Power, Marion Thompson

**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**

5 & 6 March 2022

	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>		

**ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

12 & 13 March 2022

<u>1ST READING</u> Gn15:5-12,17-18	<u>2ND READING</u> Phil 3:17-4:1	<u>GOSPEL</u> Lk 9:28-36
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Volunteer needed</b>	Alma Burg
<b>Readers</b>	Robert Booth Marlene Keir	Philippe Moncuquet Coline Moncuquet
<b>Presentation of the Gifts</b>	Brian & Leita Barron	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maria Lunn	Julie Douglas
<b>Flowers, Altar Cleaning</b>	Louise Gaudry, Margie Arvellino & Claudine Smith	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Ian Smith Amir	
<b>Mt View</b>		
<b>Jindalee</b>		

**Vigil for Ukraine:** a secular event that is open to all, and a chance to reflect on our hopes for a peaceful Ukraine. 11 March, 5.30pm-6.15pm, Rotary Peace Bell in Nara Peace Park, Yarralumla.

Contact jatcanberra@gmail.com or give me a call on 0407212885.

**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.