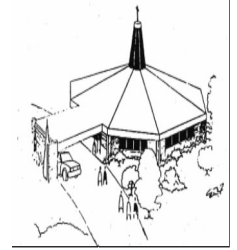


St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

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

Website: www.cg.org.au/narrabundah

Parish Team:

Fr Dan Benedetti MGL (Parish Priest)

Fr Baiju Thomas (Mission Centre)

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Asst Priest)

Monica Nulley-Valdes (Parish Secretary)

Karina Widjaja (Finance Officer)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

Second Sunday of Lent 7 and 8 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.

RCIA Candidates

Over the coming weeks before Easter, the RCIA candidates will be introduced to the Parish at our Masses. Please make them feel welcome.

Donation of Palms

If any parishioners are able to donate Palm leaves for Palm Sunday to the Parish, we would welcome drop off's to the Church foyer on either Friday 3rd or Saturday 4th of April.

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.

Special Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Rona Nelmes, who turns 90 on 9 March, and to Father Baiju who celebrates his birthday on 20 March!

Second Sunday of Lent

7 and 8 March 2020

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:8-10

God calls and enlightens us

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

His face shone like the sun

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

PARISH NEWS

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.

Young Men of God (YMG)- An invitation to young men (18+): Young Men of God (YMG) is a Catholic movement consisting of young men witnessing to the world. We are empowered by the truth and our mission is to encourage young men to follow God's call in their own lives while journeying with us as brothers in Christ for the greater good of society. Every Tuesday in lent, there will be a group of young men gathering together to reflect on the upcoming Sunday gospel. We start at 6:30pm with dinner at Beach Burrito Co. in the city before moving over to Highgate Canberra at 7:30pm. For more information join our Facebook group - Young men of God Canberra or ring Nathan Tran at 0422 546 517.

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.

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: Antonia Martin, Lino Lanza, 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 7 March & 8 March

	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	

READINGS & ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 14 March & 15 March

<u>1ST READING</u> Ex 17:3-7	<u>2ND READING</u> Rom 5:1-2,5-8	<u>GOSPEL</u> Jn 4:5-42
	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Leita & B Barron	M Stratford
Readers	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	School Mass
Presentation of the Gifts	Sally Cotsell BA Daly	School Mass
Eucharistic Ministers	Maria Michas Caroline Evans	J Douglas M Molyneux
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Cathy Taylor, Tessa Oh and Sue Neimanis	
Church Cleaners	Rita Caputo and Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View	Maralyn	
Jindalee	Jesús	

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledge 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*