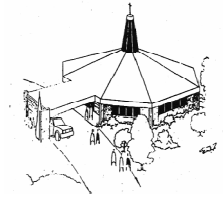


St Benedict's Catholic Church



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Parish Team:

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Website: www.cg.org.au/narrabundah

Luz Carlile (Parish Secretary)

St Benedict's Catholic Parish aims to be a caring and prayerful community, committed to outreach & service, where each person is valued, and their gifts encouraged.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9 & 10 December 2017

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues—Thurs from 9am to 3pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

Sunday 7pm (*Charismatic Mass*)

Sunday 7pm Youth Mass

(*every last Sun of the Month*)

Saturday 8.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (*Healing Mass*)

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following 6.15 – 7.00pm after

(Healing Mass)

Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by

appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm

Every Saturday 7.30am

ROSARY:

Saturdays after 8.00am Mass

Thursdays – 7.30pm (*during May & October*)

BAPTISMS: 11am, 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

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:

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 8am – 9pm

Tuesday 8am – 10pm

Wednesday 9am – 10pm

Thursday 9am – 10pm

Friday 6am – midnight

Saturday 12am – 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.



Readings for this weekend:

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

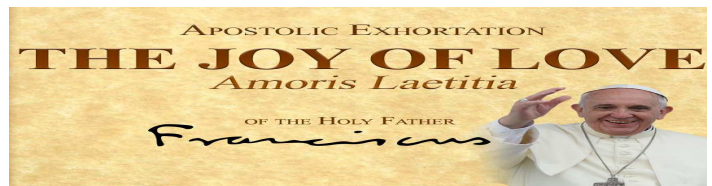
Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!



The work of your hands

Labour also makes possible the development of society and provides for the sustenance, stability and fruitfulness of one's family: "May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children!" (*Ps 128:5-6*). The Book of Proverbs also presents the labour of mothers within the family; their daily work is described in detail as winning the praise of their husbands and children (cf. *31:10-31*). The Apostle Paul was proud not to live as a burden to others, since he worked with his own hands and assured his own livelihood (cf. *Acts 18:3; 1 Cor 4:12; 9:12*). Paul was so convinced of the necessity of work that he laid down a strict rule for his communities: "If anyone will not work, let him not eat" (*2 Th 3:10; cf. 1 Th 4:11*).

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Mass Times 2017

Sunday 24 December:

6pm, 8pm (Charismatic Mass) & Midnight Mass

Monday 25 December:

9 am Mass



FAREWELL MORNING TEA for Fr Mat and Fr Steve Sun 17 December after 9am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

Finance Summary for 1st Jan-31st Oct 2017

Total Income	\$140,434.53
Total Expenditure	\$ 126,807.41

We have covered the cost of renovations to the Collins Wings. It has been a well used space for ministry and meetings. Thankyou for all your support.

For a more comprehensive summary see handouts in the foyer.

During the holiday period please note the following:

- ◆ **No Adoration** from Saturday, 16 Dec 2017 and we will recommence on Monday, 29 Jan 2018.
- ◆ **Jindalee and Mountain View:** There won't be any services (Thursdays & Sundays) from Wed, 21 Dec 2017. We'll start again in Feb 2018.
- ◆ The **Parish Office is closed** from 25 Dec 2017 – 8 Jan 2018

Flowers for Christmas: If you can donate some flowers for Christmas it would be much appreciated. Thank you

Christmas Offering Envelopes are available in the foyer.

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH FAMILY CHOIR: "He who sings prays twice" - St Augustine. St Benedict's Parish Family Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the **third Sunday of each month**. Families from St Benedict's Primary School together with families from St Benedict's Parish and the community in general, are warmly invited and encouraged to participate, by taking the opportunity to lead music and ministry. Come and share your favourite songs and ideas. Choir practice is from 12-1pm on the **third Saturday of each month** at St Benedict's Church (i.e. the day before the Mass). Singing lifts the Spirit - all are most welcome. For more information please email Maria on Narrabundah@cg.org.au



PARISH LITURGICAL & NON LITURGICAL ROSTERS:

As people on the current roster are aware it will finish at the end of next month. If anyone on the current roster is unavailable for the new roster in **6 Jan—17 Jun 2018** please notify the Parish Office on 6295 7879.

Church Cleaners: We need more people to help keeping our church clean every two months. If you can help please ring the Parish Office on 6295 7879.

Parishioners are needed to help in the preparation of the church each Saturday morning, ie arrangement of flowers, cleaning of the altar and sacristan duties. A roster system is in place so that each person's assistance is required only every 6-8 weeks for approx. an hour. A new roster will commence in January. Please consider making yourself available to contribute to St Benedict's Parish in this way. If you would like information about what the duties involve or to offer your assistance please call Sue Neimanis, 6295 0687.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your **card is due to expire in December 2017 or January 2018** and you have renewed, are waiting to, or have received a new card **please bring the card to the Parish Office** with another form of identification, such as your driver's license that includes your date of birth on the information listed. The Parish will take a copy of the both the front and back of the card.

Please note: It is an offence to engage in regulated activity for vulnerable people without a current WWVP registration.

St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Giving Tree



Each year the local conference of Vinnies delivers food and toy hampers to needy families in the Parish. Vinnies supplies a basic food hamper, however we request donations of extra items such as drinks, nuts, cakes and biscuits, confectionery to give the hampers the Christmas feel. These items can be placed under the Giving Tree which will be in the church during Advent. On The Giving Tree there will also be tags with Children's names on them, we are seeking appropriate age toys to be donated for families hampers .It is not necessary to have the presents wrapped. Thank you for your generosity.

Nativity Scenes and Christmas Decorations from Bethlehem: To help support the life and work of their community, the core members (those with intellectual disabilities) of L'Arche Bethlehem make and sell wool felt Nativity Scenes and Christmas decorations. These beautiful items will be available for sale after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday 10 December 2017. Prices range from \$5 to \$30.

Gowrie Court Christmas Fair - 17th December: Gowrie Court Christmas Fair is on again this year. Do you have any toys, food (non-perishables), prizes, gift cards, presents, clothes (any size/age male or female) that you would like to donate to the fair? If so, please drop into the box in the foyer, at the Parish Office or ring Therese MGL Sisters on 0432228250.

PART 2 of PSYCHOLOGY and SPIRITUALITY of RELATIONSHIP will take place on Monday 11th December at 6.45 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish Centre Curtin. Presenter – Dr. Patricia Moroney. All welcome Entry FREE.

Archbishop Prowse book launch: Archbishop Christopher Prowse has authored a book in time for Christmas. He says the inspiration for the book came from more than three decades of ministry, first as a priest, and later as a bishop. Full story at Catholic Voice December Edition, available at your local parish this weekend.

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mass is held every last Sunday of the month at 7pm Charismatic Mass Sunday. Come and experience the liturgy run by the youth, for the youth.

Fusion Youth Group is held every 2nd Friday during the school term, from 7pm-9pm at the Collins Wing. This is for high school students to connect in fellowship and grow more in their faith. Like 'Fusion Youth Group' on Facebook to stay updated on our next gatherings. Like 'St Benedict's Youth' on Facebook. Keep updated on the latest events that involve the youth in this parish, the Archdiocese, and schools.

CHILDREN NEWS

Kingdom Kids Ministry:

Mass is next weekend Sunday 10 Dec (**second Sunday of each month**) Families are warmly invited to the 9am Mass and children are welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities of Kingdom Kids. For info email Anita on kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com. Remember the prayer wall for those intentions you want the children to pray for.

PRAYER WALL: The children from the 9am Mass continue to pray for the intentions of our parish community.

Dementia Fundraiser: If you have met bad ol' dementia you'll understand how important it is to find a cure. We have everything in place - over 300 pieces of quality clothing going cheap, models, stylist, MC, DJ, comedian, food, prizes and much more. Even if you don't want clothes, please consider coming along for a wonderful night out. There is no obligation to buy. You will find regular updates on the Facebook Event page and tickets are selling via trybooking for \$35 each. Please help us raise \$3500 for dementia research. It will be a fun night out for all ages.

*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 and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

New to St Benedict's Community? **Welcome**

Please see all the ways you can be part of this community by checking out the contact list in the foyer and see the back page of the bulletin. Please fill out a new parishioner form in the foyer or download it from the website.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Graham Pollard	Julie Douglas	Fr Mat Wuwu
Helen Bennet	Mattia Wellspring	Fr Steve Fletcher
Meaghan Younger	Claudia Krebs	
Pat Doyle	Anita Zinkle	
Next PPC meeting:	TBA	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 16 & 17 Dec 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
Welcomers	Brian & Lita Barron	Mary Smith
Readers	BA Daly & Louise Gaudry	B Murphy & Jessica Pearson
Presentation of the Gifts	Jeffery Family	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharistic Ministers	A Thomas & R Alex	Terry & Karen Flood
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Pat Doyle & Chi Holmick	
Sacristan	Susanna Taylor	
Church Cleaners	Philip Family	
Mt View	MGL Priest	
Jindalee	Brendan Price	

FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

11	Dec	St Damasus
12	Dec	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13	Dec	St Lucy
14	Dec	St John the Cross
15	Dec	St Virginia Centurione

Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11
 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19-28

Collections from the last weekend:

First Collection: \$ 1170.25
 Planned Giving Collection: \$ 525.00
 Loose Collection: \$ 358.60

The Catholic Weekly and *The Catholic Leader* are available at the Church foyer for \$2.
Please place money in the Poor Box.

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Parish Pastoral Council RCIA Coordinator Sacramental Coordinator	Fr Stephen Fletcher 6295 7879 Frs Mat & Baiju 62957879 Melanie Stratford Melanie.Stratford@cg.catholic.edu.au Wendy Fisher-Hudson 6295 8791
School of Iconography	Bob O'Heir/GrahamTooth 0423 278 350
Parish Grounds/Maintenance	Parish Office 6295 7879
Liturgical Rosters	

Pastoral Groups

Young Men of God MenAlive Evenings for the Engaged Ministry to the Newly Married Healing/Prayer	Fr Ken Barker 6281 0132 Torrien Lau 0432 679 630 Mark & Kathy Haseler 6166 7634 Debbie & Brian Kensey 6231 3389 Mark and Maria Ransom 6286 5679
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Listening to Jesus/ Called & Gifted

Visitation Group Social Group Family Planning Adoration Adoration Roster	Adrian Wellspring 62958532/0421451412 Parish Office 6295 78789 Sue Neimanis 6295 0687 Veronica & Pablo Jimenez 0406277365 Frs Mat/ David 0424869539 /0435484608 Sally FitzGerald 0422066080
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Neighborhood Care

Gowrie Court Meals MGL Sisters	Parish Office 6295 7879 Judy/Therese/Katherine 6166 6941
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Bible Study & Prayer Groups

Marian Devotions Padre Pio Prayer Group Bible Study Mothers Prayers Cell Prayer Group Living Water Prayer Group	Pat Hannan 6156 3882 Maria Ransom 6286 5679 Parish Office Anne Hartwell 6282 0874 Maria Michas 0427092149 Gary & Zenka Taffe 0423-707-838
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Youth & Children Ministries

Fusion DOJ Chaplain Youth Minister	Fr Chris Eaton 62953415 Chiara Catanzariti 0429699322 chiaraccatanzariti@gmail.com Anita Zinkel kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com
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Kingdom Kids Ministry

St Benedict's Primary School 6295 8027
School First Friday Mass is at 10am in the Church

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Stan Marris, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Betty O'Brien, Flora Arias, Phillip Cooney, Barrie Marshall, Brad Chalmers, Helen French, Jessica Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Wendy Gaudiosi-Logan, Rick Oxford, Ellen Brennan, Pauline Wilkie, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, John Newlyn, George Durr, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Coby Fulop, Brian Kelly, Shirley Parsons, Lorna Evans, Gerard Agnew, Alfred Zammit, Marie Bauer, Antonio Nardi, Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Ian Smith, Jane Evans, Bro Paul Nixon, Joseph O'Connor, Sam & Nina Aguis, Heather Daly, Ian Smith, Correy Browning, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Marea Brennan, Louis Camilleri.