

the Ukraine will help provide assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and support to people affected by this crisis. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413.

Project Compassion Launch, 2022

Caritas CEO Kirsty Robertson & Archbishop Prowse have launched Project Compassion virtually this year at this link: tinyurl.com/caritascg22. If you need resources or wish to hear more about the work of Caritas, contact your new Diocesan Director Beth Doherty on 0432 608 310 or Elisabeth_doherty@hotmail.com. Visit the website at: www.caritas.org.au.

Calvary Hospital Auxiliary Plant Stall: 31 March 8am-4pm. A huge range of succulents, perennials, indoor plants and more will be available. All funds raised go towards the purchase of equipment for the care and comfort of Calvary Public Hospital patients and staff. For further information: Jan 0437790980

Holy Trinity Show N Shine: 3 April, 10am-3pm. In the carpark of Holy Trinity Church, Transfiguration Parish, Strangways Street, Curtin. Organised by the 'Canberra Street Machine Association', the static display of iconic cars will evoke fond memories. Admission is free with donations to support the St Vincent de Paul Society's ongoing relief efforts following the South Coast bushfires.

Chrism Mass: 11 April, 5pm. Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese at St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most important Holy Week ceremony. It is this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

Part Time Parish Secretary: People are invited to apply for the position Parish Secretary for Campbell Parish. This is a part-time permanent position (10 hours per week). Essential Requirements: experience with database packages, strong communication and liaison skills, strong organisational skills, ability to work on your own, and as part of a wider team and take direction, understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching and experience in an office environment. Salary Clerk Award Level 4 rates. Please phone Fr Emil 0414 523 036 for a copy of the duty statement to be received by 19 April.

Married Couple Leader Formation: After Easter there is a leader formation program for married couples interested in getting involved in marriage ministry. They will progress through a marriage enrichment course whilst learning how to host a marriage enrichment experience locally. The program starts on the 27th of April and runs fortnightly online from 7.30pm, ending on 22 June. The experience is run by the Catholic marriage apostolate, SmartLoving. There is an opportunity for two couples from our parish to take part. To find out more visit: <https://smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation>

LTTN Easter Youth Pilgrimage: LTTN is an Easter Pilgrimage event held biannually for Catholics (singles and families) aged 16+. Camp under the open skies with up to 1,000+ as we celebrate the Easter Triduum. Held in the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, 14-17 April. Visit www.lttn.org.au for more information

Presbytery Renovation Appeal:

Thank you for supporting the Easter Raffle, there are still tickets available for those who missed out last week.

The Parish Pastoral Council will be selling tickets after each of the Masses this and next weekend, and the prizes will be drawn Easter weekend. Tickets are \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or a book of 20 for \$30.

The contents of the Easter hamper have been donated by generous parishioners and all raffle proceeds will go to renovating the presbytery.

To date the Parish has raised \$37, 600 of the \$50,000 towards our contribution to the renovations.

Please support the Raffle, but if you would instead 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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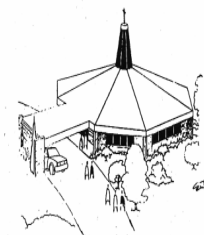
Thank you everyone for your generosity thus far.

Moira Najdecki

Chair, Parish Pastoral Council

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.

St Benedict's Catholic Church



In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

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Fr Rembert Fernando MGL (Parish Priest)

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Fr Chris Eaton MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director)

Ellen Thomas (Parish Secretary)

Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)

Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)

5th Sunday of Lent 2 & 3 April 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.

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.

Holy Week volunteers

If you are able to assist with the liturgy or preparation for Holy Week (reading, washing of the feet, decorating, etc.), please contact the Parish Office.

Adoration 40 Hour Prayer Vigil

Adoration Vigil to pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia, this Friday 25 March, 6am to Saturday 10pm in the Church. Fr Baiju will be consecrating Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary at 3am Saturday morning as requested by Pope Francis to be in line with 5pm Rome.

Saturday night 7pm to 10pm will be a guided rosary and intercession time finishing with Benediction.

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom.

You are Father to all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Stations of the Cross

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

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. 31 March, 7pm, Fr Greg Collins Wing.

St Benedict's Social Group

All parishioners are invited to a morning tea in the Parish Centre today, 3 April, after 9am Mass.

Caritas Ukraine Appeal

Caritas Ukraine is on the ground during the unfolding humanitarian crisis. Caritas' appeal for

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First reading Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises.

Responsorial Psalm 125(126)

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.

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 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation Joel 2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me,

for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and do not sin any more.'

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tues – Fri 10am - 1pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 6pm (*Vigil*)

Sunday: 9am; 6pm (*Charismatic Mass*)

Fourth Sunday of the Month: 6pm (*Youth Mass*)

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Tuesday: 5.30pm; Wednesday: 12.30pm; Thursday: 5.30pm;

Friday: 5.30pm (*Healing Mass*); Saturday 8.00am

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following Healing Mass from. 6.15pm-7pm

Saturday: 5pm-5.30pm or by appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Saturday: 7.30am

3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm

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 OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Monday & Tuesday: 6am-10pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 1pm-10pm

Friday 6am to Saturday 8am

Urgent hours that need to be filled:

Monday 7pm-8pm, Tuesday 8am-9am

Adoration Vigil for peace in Ukraine: Fri 25, 6pm-Sat 26 10pm.

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.

Baptisms: We welcome the families of John Anthony Castrission, Isla Sue Dawes, and Bruno Vincenzo Madaffari.

Recently Deceased: Maralyn Molyneux, Margaret Borrman; Steven Najdecki, Fr Henry Byrne; Fr Laurie Blake, Alex Fulop (John's father).

Anniversaries: Michael Kennedy, Arthur Lamb, Irene McLean, Marinos Quaedackers, Ian Smith, Florian Steinbacher, Lyndon Wallace, John Pyne, Biserka Sulenta.

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

2 & 3 April 2022

	Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Don Jeffery Helen Bennett	Paula Keating Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Jane Camilleri Noreen Dick	Julie Douglas
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy
Flowers, Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas, Anne Hobday & Margie Arvellino	
Church Cleaners	John Murray & Ian Smith	
Mt View		
Jindalee		

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND

9 & 10 April 2022

<u>1ST READING</u> Is 43:16-21	<u>2ND READING</u> Phil 3:8-14	<u>GOSPEL</u> Jn 8:1-11
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5th Sunday of Lent

"See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds."

There is a rawness, a vulnerability, in the painting today, Jesus is left exposed to the murderous crowd who want to test him, hoping for something to use against him.

Jesus bent down, catching glimpses of his own cross being prepared for him and the destruction of the temple. Maybe he could already hear the crowd calling out "crucify him".

He pauses, there is a new path, a new way to be. The question is - who has not sinned? This is the time not to look at the sins of others, but our own. Compassion and mercy is the only way forward, not only for the woman caught in adultery, but for all in the crowd, and for all of us.

-Mattia Wellspring.

