

Vincentians in developing countries to help people in need. A collection will be held after Masses at 6pm Sat 3 Sep and 9am Sun 4 Sep. Alternately you can make an electronic contribution to BSB 062786 Account No 14760. Please reference Ozanam Sunday and the parish name in your donation. Thanks and Kind Regards, Don Jeffery and Tim McKenna (0416 062 849)

Save the date 17 September Caring for Creation

Caring for Creation Conference on 17 September at John Paul II College in Gungahlin. Holy Spirit Parish, Gungahlin is holding a conference on how to achieve the goals of Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home. The Pope has called all our Parishes, schools, families and individuals to help save the planet and one another from greed, consumerism and climatic change. Our Bishops have called us to respond to: The Cry of the Earth – The Cry of the Poor. Everything is connected. Saturday, 17 September is the day to work together to change ourselves, each other and the planet. Contact: alisonmweeks@bigpond.com. Please see the Flyer in the foyer.



Cursillo in the Diocese

Cursillo is an international lay-based faith formation movement that started over 80 years ago. It provides a sound and practical approach for energising, renewing and enlivening our faith lives. As well as annual Cursillo weekends, there are regular small group meetings held for prayer and study. Interested people are invited to check those out by contacting one of the following in your area.

- Gungahlin: Joe Jambor, irmandjoe@gmail.com
- Belconnen: Alfred Bong, readysetgo@live.com.au
- Belconnen: Gerardo Santosuosso, santosuosso.gerardo@gmail.com
- Tuggeranong: Amanda Jocusen, ajocusen@yahoo.com.au
- Tuggeranong: Michael de Raadt, michaelderadt@gmail.com

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to Brian and Lita Barron who are celebrating their 38th wedding anniversary! May God bless you always.

40 hour vigil for Our Lady's Birthday, Wednesday 7th September—Thursday 8th September

In honour of Mary's birthday, there will be a 40 hour Adoration vigil at St Benedict's from Wednesday 7th September 6am to Thursday 8th September 10pm. More information in next week's bulletin.

WWVP cards renewal

Volunteers who require an up-to-date Working With Vulnerable People (WWVP) card include sacristans, those who do home or nursing home visitation, and those involved in prayer and healing ministry. If you have recently received a new card, or applied for a renewal, please let the parish office know and bring or email a copy of your new card as soon as possible. Thank you for helping the parish meet its legal and safeguarding obligations.

Archdiocesan Code of Conduct

It has been 3 years since the Code of Conduct was introduced in the Archdiocese. And so they are now due for re-signing. We are required to have a current signed Code of Conduct acknowledgement form for all volunteers for the parish, regardless of whether they require a WWVP card or Working with Children Check. You can find the Code of Conduct and acknowledgement on the Archdiocesan website <https://cgcatholic.org.au/professional-standards/child-protection-code-of-conduct/>. There are copies of the acknowledgement forms in the Church. If you need help accessing a copy of the Code to read please contact the parish office.

Father's Day Appeal: Collection for retired priests

There are 26 priests in our Archdiocese. We should remember our retired priests as we celebrate the theme for the **Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly** "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Please join us in generous giving. You can make a gift today, by envelopes, by giving at: www.cgcatholic.org.au/ donate, or by calling: (02) 6239 9801. Thank you for taking care of our priests in their retirement.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online at www.palms.org.au or on **Ph: 0422 742 567**.

Register at <https://palms.org.au/event/embrace-palms-return-to-global-mission/> for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24th at 11:30am** where you can



*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.*

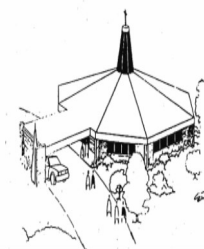
St Benedict's Catholic Church

In the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

Parish Team:

Parish Office Hours: 9am—1pm, Tues, Thurs, Fri
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Narrabundah ACT 2604
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Emergency Number: (02) 6239 6772
Website: cg.org.au/narrabundah/home.aspx
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Fr Rembert Fernando, MGL (Parish Priest)
Fr Baiju Thomas, MGL (Mission Centre Director)
Fr Chris Eaton, MGL (Mission Centre Co-Director,
Belle Joseph (Secretary, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9am—1pm)
Cathy Schneider (Finance Officer Wednesday 8am—12pm)
Adrian Wellspring (Spiritual Direction & Personal Vocation)



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **27 & 28 August 2022**

God's Word reflection

I remember the best Christmas I ever had as a child. I suppose I was 8 or 9 years old. My dad invited a man called Jack to join us for lunch. Jack had returned to Australia after the Second World War not physically injured but severely damaged mentally. An alcoholic, he worked as a labourer for the council, and lived in a room in a boarding house.

Jack was so moved to be invited to have Christmas lunch with us that he arrived sober and cleaned up and in his best clothes, and his joy in being with us was visible throughout the meal. After the meal my dad gave him a suit he had and Jack wept tears of joy. I was so happy too. Our decision to share Christmas with him enriched our own Christmas in ways I could never imagine.

When Jesus urges us in today's Gospel to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind to have a meal with us, he is not recommending it purely as an act of charity, as a corporal work of mercy. He is thinking not only about the poor but also about us. They will not be able to repay us in money or by returning the invitation. But they will enrich us in ways we cannot imagine. We will be the most fortunate of people to have had the courage to make this invitation.

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.

Young Men of God

Meet fortnightly on Thursdays in the Parish Centre. 6pm-9pm Next on Thursday 20 October. Contact Fr Chris Eaton for more information.

Urgently Needed

We need parishioners to join in our ministries of Church Cleaning, Welcoming, Reading, Special Ministers of Communion, and Music. Father is very grateful for our current volunteers but, without new members, we will soon run out of people to provide these services. Father asks you to consider urgently whether you can volunteer to join one or more of these ministries that keep the parish going. Please use the form in the foyer of the church to nominate for the rosters along with your contact details. Or phone the office and leave your details there.

Liturgy Training Days, 3rd & 10th September

Fr Baiju will run two Liturgy Training Days on Saturday 3rd September and Saturday 10th September from 9am to 12pm in St Benedict's Parish Centre, next to the church. Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist may be especially interested, but all are welcome. For more information contact Fr Baiju via the parish office. NB: Apologies for the mistake in last week's bulletin—the dates should have said September, not August!

Alpha course starts Thursday 8th September

An Alpha course will start on Thursday 8th September. Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 6pm-9pm in the Collins Wing at St Benedict's. Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly environment over a meal. For more information contact the parish office.

Ozanam Sunday Vinnies Twinning Appeal

Vinnies is conducting its Ozanam Appeal for our twinned conferences in India and Indonesia. Through Twinning our members support

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm 67

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

<p>The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.</p>	<p>You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.</p>
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Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:

Second reading Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant and a blood for purification which pleads more insistently than Abel's.

Gospel Acclamation Matt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’ Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEKEND 27 & 28 August 2022				ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 3 & 4 September 2022			
	Sat 6 pm Vigil	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm Charismatic	1ST READING Wisdom 9: 13 -18	2ND READING Philemon 9-10, 12 -17	GOSPEL Luke 14: 25-33	
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Barry Murphy			Sat 6 pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Readers	Louise Gaudry; Moirá Najdecki	Julie Douglas, Grace De Zilva		Welcomers	Loiuse Gaudry	Alma Burg	
Offertory	Bennett family	Madison Acton		Readers	Don Jeffery, Helen Bennett	Linda Henry, Joshua De Zilva	
Eucharistic Ministers	Nhung Booth	Bronwyn Blunden		Offertory	Jane Camilleri, Noreen Dick	Social group	
Flowers, Altar Clean	Anne Sutherland & Anne Hill			Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy	
Church Cleaners	Shruti Ruzario, Nhung Booth, Loreena D'Silva			Flowers, Altar Clean	Grace De Zilva & Sue Neimanis		
Mt View		Jindalee		Church Cleaners	Don & Jennifer Nguyen		
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talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now.

Expressions of Interest for appointment to the Catholic Education Commission of the Archdiocese

The Archbishop is seeking to appoint up to two new members from the beginning of 2023 and further members from mid-2023. Any enquiries and Expressions of Interest should be directed to the Chair of the Commission, Dr Patrick McArdle, Patrick.mcardle@cg.org.au. The Expression of Interest should include a brief statement outlining the applicant's interest and relevant experience together with a curriculum vitae. Closing Date for Expressions of Interest is Friday 14 October 2022.

Recruiting for Archdiocesan Healthy Relationships Team

The Archdiocese is looking for enthusiastic young adults to join the pool of casual employees who assist us in Catholic Schools running our Healthy Relationships Programs. Training is provided for you to assist in facilitating small group activities in upper primary and high school classrooms. Work only when it suits you and always as part of a friendly team of other Catholic facilitators. Contact Cathy.Madsen@cg.org.au 0422 117 210.

Recently Deceased: Mary Pakkianathan, Phyllis Keltie (Mountview).

Anniversaries: Stanislaw Budny, David Levy, Keith Miller, Juan Poo, Marie Kathleen Bauer, John Taylor, Fr John A. Tiernan, Bishop Patrick Dougherty.



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; Monica Boyton, Mary Smith.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 9am - 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. See parish website for booking information..

WEDDINGS: by appointment

AN OINTMENT 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:
Tuesday 1-2pm Wednesday 7-8pm
Friday 2-3pm

Hearing Loop is located in the right center rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.

HOUR OF POWER gathers after Tuesday evening 5.30pm Mass for an hour of preaching, adoration, worship and healing. 6.30pm-8.00pm All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY meetings are held every Sunday at 10.30am at St Benedict's Outreach Centre. New members are welcome. Please contact Theresa Rees: 0402 271 531, for more details.

