

St Benedict's Catholic Church



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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.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 & 12 November 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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:

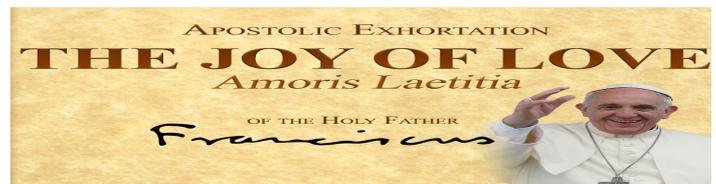
1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
2nd Reading: Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Responsorial Psalm:

My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

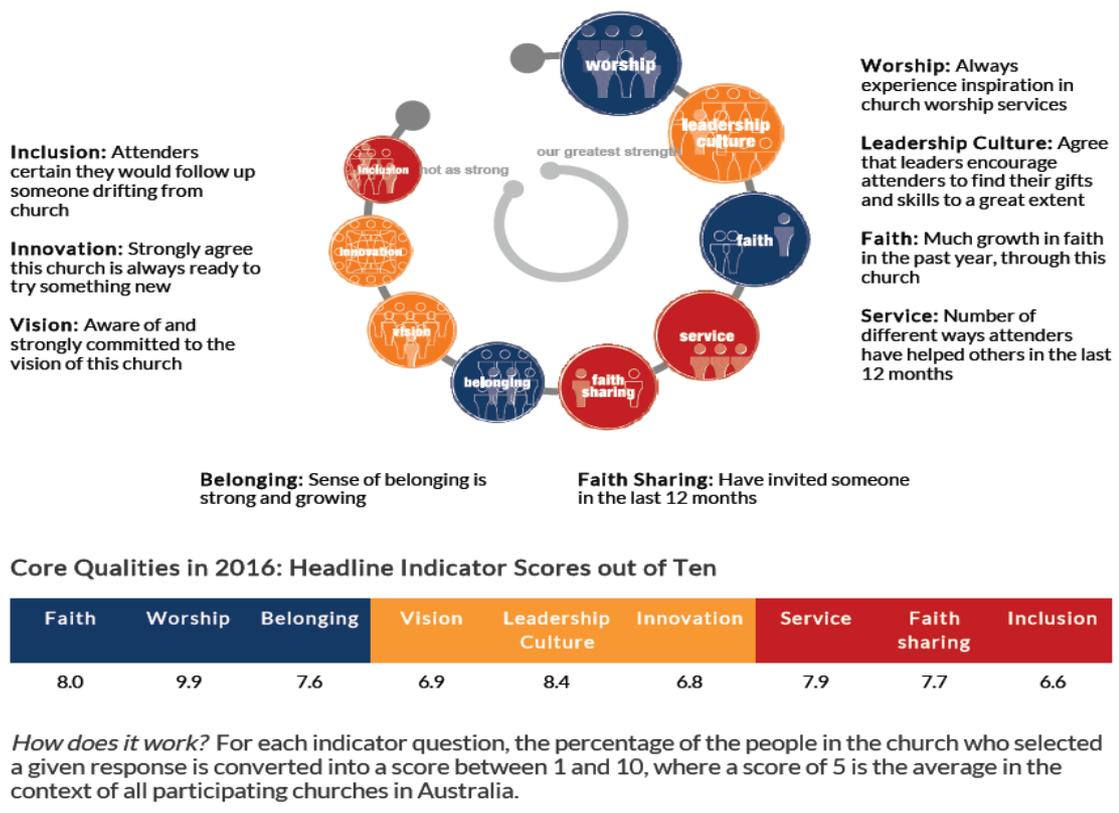


**Your children are as the shoots
of an olive tree**

The Gospel goes on to remind us that children are not the property of a family, but have their own lives to lead. Jesus is a model of obedience to his earthly parents, placing himself under their charge (cf. *Lk* 2:51), but he also shows that children's life decisions and their Christian vocation may demand a parting for the sake of the Kingdom of God (cf. *Mt* 10:34-37; *Lk* 9:59-62). Jesus himself, at twelve years of age, tells Mary and Joseph that he has a greater mission to accomplish apart from his earthly family (cf. *Lk* 2:48-50). In this way, he shows the need for other, deeper bonds even within the family: "My mother and my brethren are those who hear the word of God and do it" (*Lk* 8:21). All the same, in the concern he shows for children – whom the societies of the ancient Near East viewed as subjects without particular rights and even as family property – Jesus goes so far as to present them as teachers, on account of their simple trust and spontaneity towards others. "Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the great-est in the kingdom of heaven" (*Mt* 18:3-4).

PARISH NEWS

Church Life Survey Result: St Benedict's Core Quality Overview



Church Life Survey Meeting

The next meeting is on the **Sunday 19th November at 10:15am** for an hour and half. In this meeting we will ask how these areas can better serve the vision of Pope Francis and our vision for the Parish. How will this focus on Spiritual growth, Children and youth ministry, Liturgies and Building a strong sense of Community enable us to be *the Church in the midst of the homes of people* and help to *encourage and train people in being able to share their faith more effectively in our culture?* Are you passionate about any of these areas? What *commitment can you give to this passion?*

Prayer: It is a time of **Discernment** which means we are prayerfully considering how the Holy Spirit is creatively guiding all our discussions and planning for the future mission from St Benedict's. So please pray regularly for this time as we seek new ways to bring the Gospel of Jesus to our culture.

*Star of the New Evangelization,
help us to bear radiant witness to communion,
service, ardent and generous faith, justice and love of the poor,
that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.
Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for
God's little ones, pray for us. Amen. Alleluia!*

Prayer from Pope Frances: Evangelii Gaudium

Working Bee for church buildings, grounds and Music Ministry with Sausage Sizzle:

We need help to clean up the parish grounds, sacristy, Collins Wing, music related work and to do some window cleaning next **Saturday 18 Nov commencing 9am**. Please help get the grounds and church prepared for the Holiday and Christmas period. Bring along garden tools, trailer, barrow etc (we do have some at the Parish too). Also need people with window cleaning skills and window cleaning materials. For further info or to let us know of your capacity to help, please call Bob O'Heir on 0435 203 438 or email boboheir68@gmail.com.



Super Christmas Raffle Tickets

(to be drawn 4 December)

Many thanks to all who have bought tickets and taken books for this fund raiser. **A little reminder that all books and money must be returned no later than 26 November** (regardless of whether they are sold or not) - we hope we don't get too many unsold books back .

Columban Fr George Hogarty has recently returned from Peru where he was parish priest in one of the poorest areas in Peru for 8 years. Fr George will be visiting and speaking at all Masses on the weekend of November 26 to promote subscriptions to 'The Far East' Magazine.

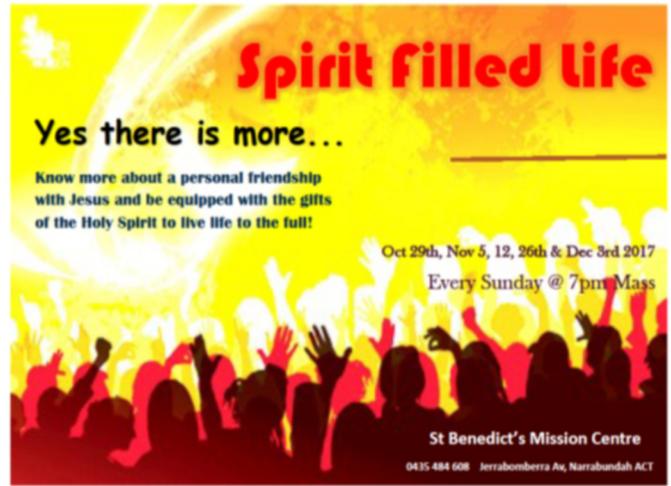
ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: A father and young son looking for accommodation unit/flat to rent within the parish. Please contact George Wyer. 6295 7042.

Transport for Helen French: She is living in Charnwood now and needs help getting to Mass at Narrabundah. If you are living on the North side and able to help Helen please ring the Parish Office on 6295 7879. She is particularly keen to get to the Friday evening Healing Mass.

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Persons WWVP Card Reminders:

If your card is due to expire in **November or December 2017** 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.



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mass is held every last Sunday of the month at 7pm Charismatic mass. 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.

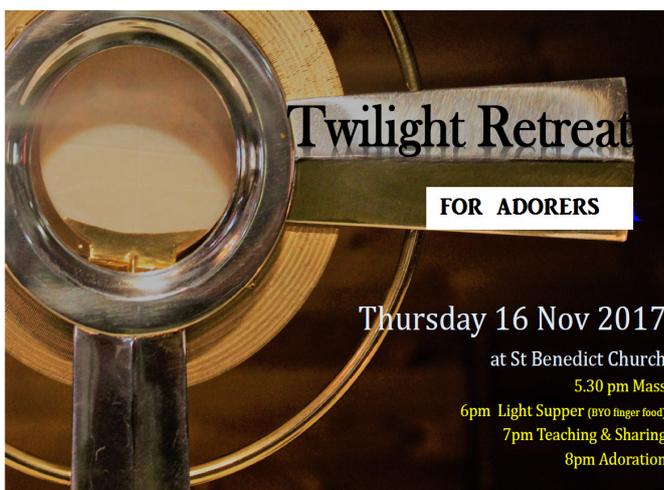
CHILDREN NEWS

Kingdom Kids Ministry:

Mass is next Sunday 12 Nov (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.

THE PSYCHOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY OF RELATIONSHIP - Depth Psychology has much to teach us about relationship and works hand in glove with Spirituality to build a love that is rich, solid and inspired for a less-conflicted road. Dr Patricia Moroney, Jungian Analyst/ Psychotherapist and Spiritual Director will present this topic on **Mon 13 Nov at Holy Trinity, Strangway St, Curtin at 6.50pm FREE ENTRY** Phone 6286 6939 to register numbers. See Flyers in the foyer.



When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then.
When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.
St Teresa of Calcutta



*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.*

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:	30 Nov 2017 7pm	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 18 & 19 November 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
Welcomers	Maureen & Pat Hannan	M Stratford
Readers	Marlene Keir & Mike Slee	B Murphy & Jessica Pearson
Presentation of the Gifts	Brian & leita Barron	Maralyn & Ron Molyneux
Eucharistic Ministers	S Neimanis & B Marris	M & B Boland & J Shaw
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Mary Brown & Leita Barron	
Sacristan	Mary Brown	
Church Cleaners	Muneko Ono & Zbiggy Zmurko	
Mt View	Maralyn Molyneux	
Jindalee	MGL Brothers	

FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

13	Nov	St Frances
14	Nov	St Lawrence
15	Nov	St Albert the Great
16	Nov	St Margaret
17	Nov	St Elizabeth

Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31
 2nd Reading: Thessalonians 5:1-6
 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Collections from the last weekend:

First Collection: \$ 1031.05
 Planned Giving Collection: \$ 724.00
 Loose Collection: \$ 327.10

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 Bob O'Heir/GrahamTooth 0423 278 350
School of Iconography 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	Fr Ken Barker 6281 0132 Torrien Lau 0432 679 630 Mark & Kathy Haseler 6166 7634 Catharina & Graham Williams, Debbie & Brian Kensey 6231 3389 Mark and Maria Ransom 6286 5679
Healing/Prayer	
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
Neighborhood Care Gowrie Court Meals MGL Sisters	Parish Office 6295 7879 Judy/Therese/Katherine 6166 6941
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
Youth & Children Ministries Fusion DOJ Chaplain Youth Minister	Fr Chris Eaton 62953415 Chiara Catanzariti 0429699322 chiaraccatanzariti@gmail.com Anita Zinkel kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com
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: Brian Kelly, Shirley Parsons Lorna Evans, Gerard Agnew, Alfred Zammit, Marie Bauer, John Hamilton, 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.