

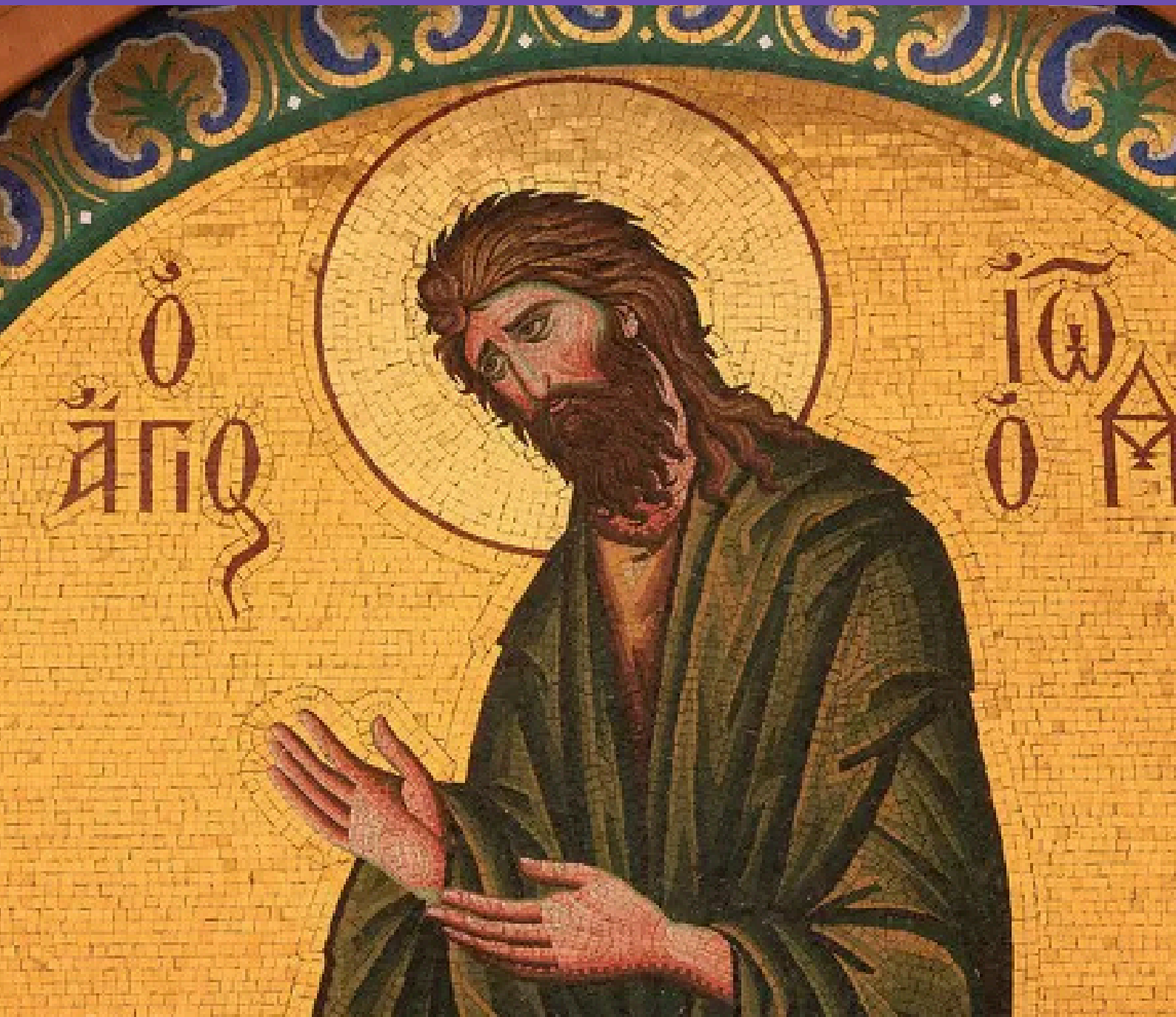
8 December 2024

in the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

St Benedict's

Parish and Mission Centre, Narrabundah

Second Sunday in Advent



Coming up:

Kingdom Kids
8 December

Coffee Catch-up
12 December

Sound System Training
15 December



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First Reading Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation

Jerusalem, take off your dress of sorrow and distress, put on the beauty of the glory of God for ever, wrap the cloak of the integrity of God around you, put the diadem of the glory of the Eternal on your head: since God means to show your splendour to every nation under heaven, since the name God gives you for ever will be, 'Peace through integrity, and honour through devotedness.' Arise, Jerusalem, stand on the heights and turn your eyes to the east: see your sons reassembled from west and east at the command of the Holy One, jubilant that God has remembered them. Though they left you on foot, with enemies for an escort, now God brings them back to you like royal princes carried back in glory. For God has decreed the flattening of each high mountain, of the everlasting hills, the filling of the valleys to make the ground level so that Israel can walk in safety under the glory of God. And the forests and every fragrant tree will provide shade for Israel at the command of God; for God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 125(126)

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy

- 1. 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.)
- 2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)

3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)

4. 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 1:4-6,8-11

May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ

Every time I pray for all of you, I pray with joy, remembering how you have helped to spread the Good News from the day you first heard it right up to the present. I am quite certain that the One who began this good work in you will see that it is finished when the Day of Christ Jesus comes; and God knows how much I miss you all, loving you as Christ Jesus loves you. My prayer is that your love for each other may increase more and more and never stop improving your knowledge and deepening your perception so that you can always recognise what is best. This will help you to become pure and blameless, and prepare you for the Day of Christ, when you will reach the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Acclamation Lk3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod

tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

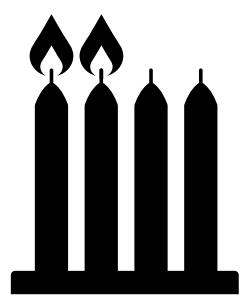
Keeping Advent

'Year by year, we learn what it is to keep Advent: to take time with those days and nights before Christmas. And we learn too to keep Christmas: to make a festival of stories, songs, and deeds done year after year.

Together the keeping of these seasons gives witness to how God reigns in our lives and in the world.

Throughout these days of Advent and Christmas, the images of the nativity are placed side by side with the gospel we have believed: God—within us, now.'

—From Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 1989, p. 109




MASS TIMES

Weekdays
5:30pm (Tues, Thurs)
12:30pm (Wed)
5.30pm Friday Healing Mass

Saturday
8am
6pm (Vigil)

Sunday
9am
6pm (Charismatic)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mon - Tue:
6am - 10pm

Wed - Thurs:
1pm - 10pm

Friday
Fri 6am - Sat 8am

RECONCILIATION

Friday
6:15pm - 7pm

Saturday
5pm - 5.30pm




ROSARY

After weekday
Masses except Friday



STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights
After 5:30pm Mass

OUR PRIESTS

Fr Chris Eaton MGL (PP)
Fr Tony Schick MGL (APP)
Fr Samson Ezemuowke MGL (APP)

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Tues - Thurs, 9am-12pm

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION & PERSONAL VOCATION
Adrian Wellspring

Events and Announcements

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DEC

Kingdom Kids

We are thrilled to announce the return of Kingdom Kids at St Benedict's! This children's ministry program is designed for kids aged 3-12, and will be occurring every Sunday (except long weekends and school holidays). For more info contact Sherice Kazzi on 0408 259 502.

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DEC

Coffee Catch-up

Join fellow parishioners for a catch-up and coffee at 10.30am Gryphon's in Griffith on Thursday 12th December, for the last coffee catch-up before Christmas!

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Parish Adoration Roster

The Adoration Roster will finish on December 14 and recommence on February 3 2025. Many thanks to all Adorers in this ministry.

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Music System Questionnaire & Workshop Registration

If you're involved in the parish music ministry or interested in operating sound, we would like your feedback on the new music system installed 18 months ago. Your input will help shape a tech workshop on Sunday, December 15, from 3:00-5:00 pm at the church.

This is a chance to influence the system's future, ask questions, and resolve past issues. Use the QR to Register.



Can't attend?

Please fill out the form through the QR code to share your experience! Link: <https://forms.gle/7FFkaeVvhNsXCjT3A>

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FEB

Parish Morning Tea

Our parish morning teas, which take place in the Parish Centre after the 9am Sunday Mass will resume next year on the 9th February 2025.



Vinnies Giving Tree

Each year we arrange to deliver around 60 hampers to the poor and needy in Narrabundah. We rely on donations of food and toys to fill the hampers. We have placed a giving tree in the church and would appreciate donations of nonperishable food. There are also tags with names / sex / age for donation of toys. There is no need to wrap gifts, For older children who can be difficult to buy presents for, gift vouchers are appropriate. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity, The Vinnies Conference Team



CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve (Tuesday):

6.00pm - Children's Mass

8.00pm - Charismatic Mass

12.00am - Midnight Mass

Christmas Day (Wednesday)

9.00am Mass

Notices Outside the Parish

20 January 2025 | Chamber Philharmonia Cologne Concert | 8pm

The Chamber Philharmonia Cologne (Germany) Orchestra will be performing at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Eden, NSW, on Monday 20 January, 2025, at 8pm.

Bookings at www.trybooking.com/CXAQN on sale from 1 December, 2024.

10 December 2024 | Last call for Marriage Preparation before mid-February 2025

Register now for either: FOCCUS - 10 Dec, 5-9pm, plus a private follow up session at Marymead CatholicCare; SmartLoving Engaged Online, 9 lessons, flexible timing.

Registrations:

www.marriagefamily.org.au

Enquiries: Text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463

22-23 February | ENGAGED ENCOUNTER RETREAT

Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. Either Feb 22-23, May 17-18, Aug 16-17. Visit:

www.engagedencounter.org.au

19 May 2025 | Jubilee of Families European Pilgrimage

St Peter's Parish, Pambula, together with Fr George Ogah invite you to join our Jubilee of Families European Pilgrimage. In this dedicated jubilee year, be inspired to encounter the pathways of some of the Church's greatest saints. 19 May-4 June, 2025.

Contact pambula@cg.org.au for more information.

16 February 2024 | St Joseph's Church Candelo 150th Birthday | 10am Mass

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents, David J Keay, Daniel Boone, retired Bishop Pat Power, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Mary Smith, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Pat Atkins, Rose Mason, Joan Evans, Brian Barron & Jonathon Crowley

Death Anniversaries: Fred and Antoinette Martin

Priests:



Parish:



Giving / Stewardship

Give now using QKR!

1st Collection: supports our parish priests

2nd Collection: helps with the running costs to our parish (wages, loan, utilities).

Donation via Deposit

To donate directly into the parish account, please use the following details:

BSB: 062 786

Account Number: 000014992

Please include your Planned Giving number if applicable, or your surname and 'donation'

Weekend Rosters



THIS WEEKEND (7 - 8 Dec)				NEXT WEEKEND (14 - 15 Dec)		
	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Volunteer	Alma Burg	Volunteer	Louise Gaudry	Robert Henry	Volunteer
Readers	Helen Bennett, Robert Booth	Julie Douglas, Christopher Ruzario	John Fulop, Diane Fulop	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shruti Ruzario, Linda Henry	Mark & Maria Ransom
Readings	1st: Baruch 5:1-9. 2nd: Phil 1:4-6,8-11.			1st: Zeph 3:14-18. 2nd: Phil 4:4-7.		
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family	Volunteer	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Linda & Robert Henry	Volunteer
Eucharistic Minster	Volunteer	Josephus Bumaat	Volunteer	Sue Neimanis	Barry Murphy	Volunteer
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis			Grace De Zilva & Sherice Kazzi		
Church Cleaning	Jeanne Eri			Santhosh Jose		
Visitations	MGL Garran (Mt View & Jindalee)			Mt View: N/A. Jindalee: Jonavie & Grace		

Positions Vacant:

Parish Secretary

You are invited to apply for the position of Parish Secretary for St Benedict's Parish. This is a part-time permanent position Tuesday - Friday, 9am-12noon.

Essential Requirements:

- Strong Microsoft Office skills (Outlook, Word, Excel, Publisher, Calendar)
- Experience with database packages
- Strong communication and liaison skills
- Strong organisational skills and calendar management
- 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
- Experience in an office environment

Please phone 6295 7879 or email Fr Chris ceatonmgl@gmail.com for a copy of the duty statement. Applications addressing the Selection Criteria (above) & duty statement are due by **13 Dec 2024**.

Communications Officer

You are invited to apply for the position of Communications Officer for St Benedict's Parish. This is a part-time permanent position. (4 Hours a week).

Essential Requirements:

- Graphics Design skills
- Ability to use Canva
- Website design and Management using Wix
- Social media skills (Instagram, facebook, Youtube)
- Strong skills in communication
- Ability to work on your own or as part of a team
- Understanding and respect for the Catholic Church and its teaching
- Experience in an office environment

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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.