

05 January 2025

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St Benedict's

Parish and Mission Centre, Narrabundah

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord



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Coming up:

Parish Social Event
15th February

ALPHA Course
1 May



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Weekend Rosters



THIS WEEKEND (04 - 05 Jan)				NEXT WEEKEND (11 -12 Jan)		
	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	Volunteer	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry	Volunteer
Readers	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy, Mckinley Molina	Anne Sutherland Brian Walsh	Marlene Keir, Maira Najdecki	Brendan Bergin, Santosh Jose	Sarah Liston Natasha
Readings	1st: Is 60:1-6 2nd: Eph 3:2-3, 5-6			1st: Is 42:1-4. 6-7. 12-14 2nd: Acts 10:34-38		
Offertory	BA Daly, Volunteer	Linda & Robert Henry	Volunteer	Volunteers	Young family	Volunteer
Eucharistic Minster	Sue Neimanis	Josephus Bumaat	Volunteer	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy	Volunteer
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Loretta Thomas & Anne Hobday			Anne Sutherland & Ann Hill		
Church Cleaning	Jeanne Eri, Nhung Booth			Santosh Jose		
Visitations	Not applicable			Not applicable		

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New website coming soon....

Events and Announcements

3
Feb

Parish Adoration Roster

The Adoration Roster has finished for 2024 and will recommence on February 3 2025. Many thanks to all Adorers in this ministry.

9
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.

15
FEB

Parish Social Event

Our parish is excited to invite you to our social event to celebrate the start of the year with the theme Music through time!! Come dressed in Red and White colours for a great night of music drinks food and plenty of fun with prizes to be won!! Tickets are \$15 with family ticket passes available as well. The event will be held at St Benedict's Church school hall on the 15th of February from 7pm to 9:30pm

1st
MAY

ALPHA Course

St Benedict's is conducting an Alpha course next year in May. Alpha is a 12 week course that gives people an opportunity to explore faith in a non-threatening environment; ask questions and experience hospitality and welcome.

To register or to find out more, contact: Asterie tasterie@gmail.com.

AUG

Open RCIA Course

Interested in becoming Catholic or want to know more about the Catholic faith? St Benedict's is running an RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) in 2025. RCIA is an opportunity to come together to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

For more information contact the parish office: (02) 6295 7879

During the Holiday Period:

The Parish Office will be closed 25 Dec - 14 Jan.

Fr Chris is away on holiday from 26th December until 13th January 2025.

Fr Tony will be looking after the parish during this period.

Notices Outside the Parish

20 January 2025 | Chamber Philharmonia Cologne

(Germany) Orchestra Concert
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.

UPCOMING MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

For engaged couple: Evenings for the Engaged, 11 & 18 Jan; Engaged Encounter, 22-23 Jan; FOCCUS 11 Feb plus a private follow-up session at MaryMead Catholic Care; SmartLoving, online, 9 lessons at your own pace. For more information go to www.marriagefamily.org.au or text Helena Zobec on 0405 440 463.

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNERS

- **Alternating between a presbytery and the Archbishop's House**

Second Thursday of the month. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact vocations director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au.

NATURAL FERTILITY MANAGEMENT

Local health professionals and qualified instructors are available to help you understand and manage your fertility in an effective and non-invasive manner. See Fertility Awareness Methods at www.marriagefamily.org.au

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents, Melissa Dixon, Joseph Meli, retired Bishop Pat Power, Tony Evans, Caroline Evans, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Mary Smith, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Mattia Wellspring and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Pat Atkins, Rosa Mason, Brian Barron & Jonathon Crowley

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'

First Reading Is 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come,

the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises

and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round:

all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,

your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,

and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13, R. see v.11

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts (R.) shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed

through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;

and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem.

They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child. Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger? In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth.

As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God. Thus, billions in China and India who have never heard the Gospel, can be saved. But, such persons do not savour the fullness of Truth as we do with the privilege of having the scriptures and the sacraments. Where it is possible, we are obliged to offer them the road map to the Truth.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.

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

Will recommence on February 3 2025



RECONCILIATION

Friday

6:15pm -7pm

Saturday

5pm - 5.30pm



ROSARY

After each Weekday Mass

except Fridays.

After Saturday 8am Mass.



STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights

After 5:30pm Mass

Civic

OUR PRIESTS AND DEACONS

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Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran

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