

12 January 2025

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St Benedict's

Parish and Mission Centre, Narrabundah

Feast of the Baptism 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 (11 - 12 Jan)				NEXT WEEKEND (18 -19 Jan)		
	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter Pistor	Robert Henry	Volunteer	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg	Volunteer
Readers	Marlene Keir, Moira Najdecki	Brendan Bergin, Santosh Jose	Sarah Liston Natasha	BA Daly, Louise Gaudry	Shiru Kinyanjui, Loreena D'Silva	Maria, John and Nicholas Michas
Readings	1st: Is 42:1-4. 6-7. 12-14 2nd: Acts 10:34-38			1st: Is 62:1-5 2nd: 1 Cor 12:4-11		
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family	Volunteer	BA Daly, Helen Bennett	Jose family	Volunteer
Eucharistic Minster	Louise Gaudry	Barry Murphy	Volunteer	Nhung Booth	Brendan Bergin	Volunteer
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Anne Sutherand & Ann Hill			Margie Avellino & Sue Neimanis		
Church Cleaning	Santosh Jose			John Murray		
Visitations	Not applicable			Not applicable		

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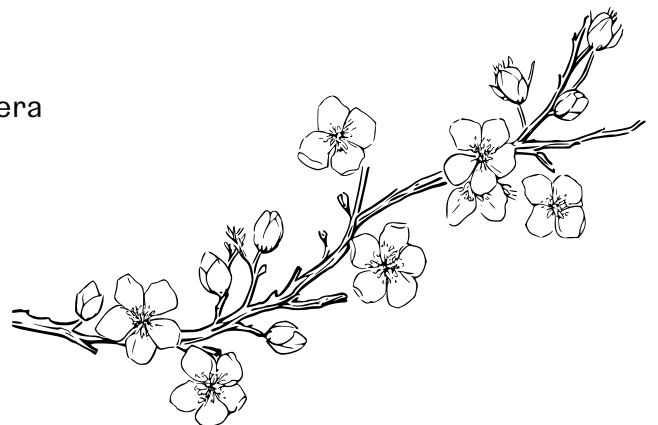
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St. Benedict's Mission Centre



New website coming soon....



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.

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 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul
delights.

I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud,
or make his voice heard in the streets.
He does not break the crushed reed,
nor quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people
with peace.**

- O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
- The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
- The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood:
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the

**Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him.

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What did it mean for Jesus to come up out of the waters of the Jordan to experience the special presence of the Holy Spirit as though it were a dove, gently hovering over him? As a Jew, he would have been reminded both of the Divine Wind hovering over the void-become-creation, and of the dove bearing an olive twig as God restored humanity's life on earth after the Flood. The Holy Spirit was empowering Him for a re-creative role on behalf of humanity.

His second experience was to sense

God's delight and joy
sounding,
reverberating through every fibre of his body, every reach of his soul: 'You are my beloved Son, my favour rests on you.'

Any baby, any adolescent, any adult who is baptised shares in these wonderful experiences. The dynamic power of the Holy Spirit hovers over the person as a gentle presence, preparing the one baptised for a mission on behalf of humanity. And every baptised person senses, below the range of hearing, the echo of the same marvellous words: "You are my beloved son or daughter, my favour rests on you."

Is it any wonder that Our Lord adopted this water rite to incorporate followers into such

wonderful experiences as a power-full impetus to fulfil their mission to cooperate in God's saving plan for humanity?

We could take a moment to pray in gratitude for the parent/s or other person/s who brought us into this tradition stretching over almost two millennia. May they be filled with all that flows from their being beloved sons and daughters of God.

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

Fr Chris Eaton MGL (PP)

Fr Samson Ezemuowke MGL (APP)

Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran

Fr Tony Schick MGL

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Tues - Thurs, 9am-12pm

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