

16 February 2025

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Coming up:

Metanoia Lenten Group
6 March

Alpha Course
1 May

RCIA Course
14 August



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Weekend Rosters



THIS WEEKEND (15-16 Feb)

NEXT WEEKEND (22-23 Feb)

	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter	Robert Henry	Volunteer	Santhosh Jose	Alma Burg	Volunteer
Readers	Robert Booth, Louise	Shiru, Loreena	Dianne & John Fulop	Moria & Helen	Shruti & Linda	Caitlin & Adrian
Readings	1st: Jer 17:5-8 2nd: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20			1st: Sam 26:2,7-9 2nd: 1 Cor 15: 45-49		
Offertory	BA Daly, Helen	Jose family	Volunteer	Volunteer	Linda & Robert	Volunteer
Eucharistic Minister	Nhung	Brendan Bergin	Volunteer	Sue	Julie	Volunteer
Musicians	Pierre +	Family Choir	David C +	Melissa & Grace	Family Choir	MGL Sisters
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Grace De Zilva & Sherice Kazzi			Margie Arvellino & Sue Neimanis		
Church Cleaning	Nhung Booth, John Murray			Santhosh		
Visitations	Jindalee - Jonavie, Grace			Mt View - Carmel Henry, Jindalee - Santhosh & Prakash		

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St. Benedict's Mission Centre



New website coming soon....

NEW SECRETARY AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER



Hello! I'm Isabelle Seselja and very excited to serve the St Benedict's Community in this new way! Bit about me: I've been a missionary for the past two years around Melbourne and Canberra, and I love music, movies and Disney.

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

NEW

NEW SECRETARY AND NEW OFFICE HOURS

Joining the St Benedict's Parish team is our new Secretary and Communications Officer, Isabelle Seselja!

NEW Office hours Tues: 1-4pm - Thurs: 9-12 pm - Fri: 9-12 pm

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FEB

Men's Sharing Group

Begins again this Tuesday night, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. The Men's Sharing Group meets every second Tuesday. For more information contact: John Murray 0480257761

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MAR

METANOIA Lenten Program 2025

This Lent, the parish is hosting two Visio Divina Lenten Groups, using the Wollongong Archdiocese program. Visio Divina (Latin for "divine seeing") is similar to Lectio Divina ("divine reading"). Starting: Tuesday 4th March at 10am or Thursday 6th at 6:45pm-8:30pm for 6 weeks at the Parish Centre. Cost: \$10 for the book. All are welcome, all genders. Register or for more info contact Mattia Wellspring, mattiaowell@hotmail.com or 0434558734

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MAY

ALPHA Course

St Benedict's is conducting an Alpha course this 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.

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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



Kingdom Kids

We are thrilled to announce the return of Kingdom Kids for the year. This children's liturgy program is designed for kids aged 3-12. Every Sunday (except long weekends and school holidays). For more info contact Sherice Kazzi on 0408 259 502.



Adoration Roster Vacancies

Monday 6-8pm
Tuesday 11am-12pm
Wednesday 4-5pm
Thursday 2-3pm
Friday 10am-12pm

If you are interested in filling one of these hours please contact Anne Sutherland or the Adoration Team.



Missing Car Keys?

We have found a set of missing car keys. If that is you, please come pass the parish office to collect them.

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents, Pamela Brown and family, Sarah Lisbon, Melissa Dixion, retired Bishop Pat Power, Tony Evans, Caroline Evans, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Mary Smith, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Mattia Wellspring, Wendy Fisher-Hudson, Barry Murphy and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Br Matt McKeon, Connie Schultz (Jindalee), Colleen Wheatley

Colleen Wheatley passed after 13 Feb 2025. She was a woman of great faith and we pray in particular her and her family at this time. Funeral details to come. Rest in peace.

Br Matt McKeon passed away on 1 Feb 2025. His funeral will be in Queensland on the 17th February. May Br Matt Rest in the Peace of Christ.

Notices Outside the Parish

FR TONY PERCY

NEW AUXILIARY BISHOP OF SYDNEY

We congratulate Fr Tony in his new role. Before his departure for Sydney, the Archdiocese will arrange a Mass and a Farewell for Fr Tony at St Christopher's.

CHAMBER PHILHARMONIA COLOGNE

26 February 2025 | 7:00pm

Vivaldi, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Paganini complete this delightful summer program, at St Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral Goulburn: 7pm Wednesday the 26th of February.

Ticket sales are available at the door in cash 1/2 an Hour prior to the concert, or at www.trybooking.com/CXCVF

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

13 March 2025 | 7:30 AM- 9:00 AM

Join the Catholic Women's Taskforce of the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn for a special breakfast event in celebration of International Women's Day! Venue: Ainslie Football Club, 52 Wakefield Ave, Ainslie ACT. Cost: \$40 per head

This year's breakfast features a keynote address by Dr. Trudy Dantis, a distinguished leader in Catholic research and pastoral studies. Dr. Dantis, Director of the National Centre for Pastoral Research.

THE GREAT WARNING FILM

24th Feb, 6:30pm, at Palace Electric Cinema, 2 Phillip Law St Canberra

A movie about the world wide illumination of conscience according to prophecies of Catholic saints and mystics. To book a ticket just google fan-force.com/screenings and search by country and then ACT. For more info contact Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.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.

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'

Priests:



Parish:



First Reading Jer 17:5-8

A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.

The Lord says this:

'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.
'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,
with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4. R. Ps 39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And

what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you,
drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Blessed are the poor – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

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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:
7am - 10pm
Wed - Thurs:
1pm - 10pm
Friday
Fri 7am - Sat 8am



RECONCILIATION

Friday
6:15pm - 7pm
Saturday
5pm - 5.30pm



ROSARY

After each weekday mass except Fridays.
After Sat 8am Mass.



MOTHER'S PRAYERS

Each Monday (school term)
9.30am, Parish Centre

KINGDOM KIDS

Sun 9am Mass
Contact Sherice 0408 259 502.

STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights
After 5:30pm Mass, Civic

OUR PRIESTS AND DEACON

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

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