

13 April 2025

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

Palm Sunday



Coming up:

Easter Sunday
20 April

Divine Mercy Sunday
27 April

Alpha Course
1 May



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Weekend Rosters

THIS WEEKEND (12-13 Apr PALM SUNDAY)				NEXT WEEKEND (19- 20 EASTER SUNDAY)		
	Sat 6pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm	EASTER VIGIL 7:30pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Carmel & Peter	Robert	Volunteer	Louise	Alma	Volunteer
Readers	BA & Helen, Louise	Brendan, Santhosh, Josephus & Julie	MGL Bros	Liturgy Team	Shiru & Loreena	Caitlin & Anne Hartwell
Readings	1st: Isa 50:4-7 2nd: Phil 2:6-11			1st: Acts 10:34,37-43 2nd: Col 3:1-4		
Offertory	Volunteers	Young family	Volunteer	Volunteer	Jose Family	Volunteer
Eucharistic Minister	Louise	Volunteer	Volunteer	-	Josephus	Volunteer
Musicians	Margot & Tim	Jovi, Rachael & Anne-Marie	Matt & MGL Bros	MGL Bros and Sisters	Jovi & Team	David C & Team
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Grace & Sherice			Liturgy Team		
Church Cleaning	Santhosh			John Murray or Jeanne?		
Visitations	Mt View: MGL Garran Jindalee: MGL Garran			Mt View: N/A Jindalee: Jonavie and Grace		

HOLY WEEK MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Additional Wednesday Confession: **5pm-8pm**

Holy Thursday: Celebration of the Lord's Supper: **7pm**

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross-**10:30am** & Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord-**3pm**

Holy Saturday: **7:30pm**

Easter Sunday: **9am & 6pm**

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St. Benedict's Mission Centre



St. Benedict's Church and Mission Centre, Canberra



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

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Mass Times Easter Weekend

Due to the Easter Vigil occurring at 7:30pm on the 19th of April, there will be **no regular 5pm Saturday Mass**. Sunday 9am and 6pm will remain the same.

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APR

Divine Mercy Sunday!

The Sunday following Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday! This is a beautiful day instituted by Pope John Paul II inspired by St Faustina encounter with Christ. On this Sunday, there will be 1:30pm Adoration and Confession, 2:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet and at 3pm Divine Mercy Mass

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APR

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE! (Due to Daylight Savings)

With daylight savings ending, our Saturday Night Vigil Mass will be changing from 6pm to **5pm beginning the 12th of April** until daylight resumes again.

13-27
APR

Kingdom Kids: On Break due to School Holidays!

Kingdom Kids will be on break for 3 weeks over the Easter school holidays from 13 April-27 April and will resume again on Sunday 4 May. If you are feeling called to bring your talents to this important ministry in 2025, please reach out to discuss ways you can join us. Contact Sherice 0408259502

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Men's Sharing Group

All men are welcome to Men's Sharing Group that occurs fortnightly in the Parish Centre. The next meeting will be on the **Tuesday 15th of April** starting at 7pm. For more info, contact John Murray 0480257761

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MAY

ALPHA Course - GET READY!

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, go to:

<https://alphastbenedictscanberra2025.eventbrite.com/>

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AUG

Open RCIA Course - WANTING TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

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



Volunteers wanted! Flowers and Altar Cleaning

Each week volunteers prepare St Benedict's church for the weekend Masses and ceremonies. A roster of two people is set up for the arrangement of flowers and a little cleaning, not vacuuming the church. Could you please consider helping the Parish in this way, it would involve giving an hour every 4-5 weeks usually on a Saturday morning around 9.00. If you think you could help and would like to know what is involved please feel free to call the Parish office or text Sue on 0407 269 193.

Notices Outside the Parish

CHRISM MASS

MONDAY 14 APRIL | 5:00PM

Join the Archbishop and the Clergy of the Archdiocese on Monday 14 April at 5.00pm in St Christopher's Cathedral, Forrest for this most beautiful Holy Week Mass. It is in this Mass that the Holy Oils used in the various Sacramental Rites of the Church are blessed and consecrated. Everyone is most welcome.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LANDS APPEAL

FRIDAY 13 APRIL

The annual Good Friday Holy Lands Appeal is now available within the Parish Qkr! App. Please help our sisters and brothers in the Holy Lands by donating to the appeal. There will be a collection on the day for this appeal.

Sacrament Dates 2025

First Reconciliation: 19th of March

First Communion: 22nd of June

Confirmation: 30th of August

RCIA begins 14th of August

Marriage and Baptisms by request.

Before each sacrament there is an information evening, a sacramental program, a retreat then the date of the sacrament itself.

If you would like your child to receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information and register through the Qkr app on the Parish Website.

Regular Parish Groups

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Each Monday (school term)
9.30am, Parish Centre
Rachael Nano 0412472243

KINGDOM KIDS

Sun 9am Mass
Contact Sherice 0408 259 502.

STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights

After 5:30pm Mass, Civic

FUSION YOUTH GROUP

Friday Nights (Fortnightly)
7-9pm (Contact Axel Healey)

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents: Pamela Brown and family, Sarah Lisbon, Melissa Dixon, 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: Fr Kevin Flynn (Previous Parish Priest before the MGLs), Mike Parer, Sergio Dalla Pozzo, Luis Eduardo Mendoza (Maria Mendoza's Father)

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

If you would like to join our planned giving program or make a donation; contact the parish office for account details.

Gospel Lk 19:28-40

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany at the place called the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village opposite, whereon entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat; untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this, "The Lord has need of it"'. So those who were sent went away and found it as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' And they said, 'The Lord has need of it'. And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their garments on the colt they set Jesus upon it. And as he rode along, they spread their garments on the road. As he was now drawing near, at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, 'Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees in the multitude said to him,

'Teacher, rebuke your disciples'.

He answered, 'I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out'.

First Reading Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)

2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
3. I can count every one of my bones. (R.) They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel Lk 22:14 - 23:56

The Full Passion Play will be read aloud.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to *non-violent* revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD).

Third, Luke's Gospel recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some weeping women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.

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MASS TIMES

Weekdays

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

Saturday

8am
5pm (Vigil)

Sunday

9am
6pm (Charismatic)



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Come adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Mon - Tue:

7am - 10pm

Wed - Thurs:

1pm - 10pm

Friday

7am - Sat 8am



ROSARY

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

RECONCILIATION

Friday

6:15pm - 7pm

Saturday

4pm - 4.30pm



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION & PERSONAL VOCATION

Adrian Wellspring

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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