

Community and Vision



STAGES OF EVANGELISATION

WITNESS

As followers of Christ, our mission is to share the love of God with not only our loved ones but the whole world. “The Church exists in order to evangelize” (Pope St. Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Evangelisation is for everyone; every believer is called to evangelise. This does not mean everyone is called to preach or give a talk, but to simply be an authentic witness of God’s love in every part of their life, to all whom we meet. “Modern [people] listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses” (*Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 41). This is what it means to evangelise.

The world needs God. God is needed everywhere: in schools, in workplaces, in families, even at our grocery stores! “Faith is strengthened when it is given to others” (St. John Paul II, *Redemptoris Missio*, 2) This is our individual and communal mission: to bring God with us everywhere we go. “It is not in the grand things, but in the ordinary duties of everyday life, done with love, that we make Christ present” (St. Thérèse of Lisieux). This is the first step of evangelisation.

Here at St Benedict’s, we are going to continue to take a deep dive into the stages of evangelisation and how we can become God’s instruments in every facet of our lives; that our work will become an opportunity for His work, His love to touch someone else’s life. “I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ... The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 3).

Events and Announcements

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St Benedict's Feast Day Celebration: THIS WEEKEND!

St Benedict's Feast Day Celebration on the **24th of August after the 9 am** Mass. We'll have a cultural day celebrating the diversity of our beloved community with fellowship, food and dancing! Fr Chris will share on the Parish Vision, we also we honour all our beautiful volunteers. Please bring a cultural plate to share! A very generous parishioner has donated a large Hamper and other goodies as prizes. Raffle to be drawn this Sunday!

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AUG

ALIVE: Praise & Worship Night | 7:00pm (Young Adults)

Join the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community for an evening of praise and worship at ALIVE - a night to deepen your faith and gather as a young adult community. Whether you're seeking renewal, encouragement, or simply a moment to pause and encounter God, this night is for you.

Who: **Young Adults (18 - 35)** Date: **Thursday 28th August 2025**

Time: **7pm - 9pm** Location: **Collins Wing**, St Benedict's Narrabundah (10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah ACT 2604) For any enquiries, please contact Ethan on 0413 545

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Praying for our Confirmation Candidates.

Next weekend, 14 Candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Vicar General, Fr Richard Thompson will be celebrating the Sacrament at the **Saturday Vigil 5pm Mass on the 30th of August** here at St Benedict's. All are welcome! Please keep these candidates in your prayers especially as they prepare for this sacrament!

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SEP

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 2nd of September starting at 7:30pm. For more info, contact John Murray 0480257761

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SEP

Friday Healing Mass and Reconciliation Cancelled

On the **5th of September** the Friday 5:30pm Healing Mass and Reconciliation is cancelled due to the Ordination happening at 6pm. More than welcome to come and join us at the Ordination!

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SEP

Fr Joseph's First Mass: 11am @ St Benedict's

Deacon Joseph has been faithfully serving our parish this year and he will be a newly ordained priest on the 5th of September. His First Thanksgiving Mass will be held on the **Saturday 6th of September at 11am at St Benedict's**. This will be a charismatic mass. All are welcome. There will be a lunch afterwards. Please come and support Fr Joseph at this special time!

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SEP

9am Sunday Mass-Goers Notice: Fr Michael's First Mass

On **Sunday 7th September at the 9am Mass**, newly ordained Fr Michael Last MGL will celebrate his Mass of Thanksgiving. **As such, the Mass will be a charismatic Mass.** It may go for slightly longer than usual and many people are expected to attend. All parishioners are very welcome, but please be mindful of this when deciding which Mass to go to. The Mass will be followed by a Father's Day Brunch.



Adoration Roster - Current hours to fill

1. Wednesday 4-5pm
2. Friday 7-8pm
3. Friday 11pm-3am (*new timeslot)

If you can fill one of these, please sign up via the QR-Code!



Notices Outside the Parish

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

5th Sept | 6:00pm

Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL & Deacon Michael Last MGL.

The ceremony will be presided over by Most Reverend Archbishop Christopher Prowse on Friday, 5 September 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at St Christopher's Cathedral, Canberra.

You are most welcome to join the faithful in this solemn celebration as these deacons are ordained to serve as priests in the Church.

DONATION FOR PRIESTS' FAMILIES

Deacon Joseph is getting ordained, and it would be ideal to have his family be here with us. Fr Samson would love to visit his family back home. Santosh has set up a "GoFundMe" page to help raise funds for both Fr. Samson and Deacon Joseph.

If you would like to donate and support them in seeing their families, you can go ahead and do so through the link below or scan the QR Code. <https://gofund.me/056ac515>



"Go Fund Me" Page for Deacon Joseph and Fr Samson

Regular Parish Groups

REST IN ME MEDITATIONS

Each Wednesday
10am-12pm, Parish Centre
Ayanthi Perera

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, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Mattia Wellspring, Wendy Fisher-Hudson, Barry Murphy Helen French, Sagar Julie O'Brien and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Veronica Nelmes, Mary Smith

Anniversaries: Brian Barron (30th of August)

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.

First Reading Is 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps116. R. Mk 16:15

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

- 1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
- 2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves. Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God. Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. ‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!” ‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

‘[People] from east and west, north and south . . . will feast in the Kingdom of God.’ Amongst those people, will there be Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, atheists? The surprising answer of Catholic Christianity is: ‘Yes, but always through the working of the Holy Spirit of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who can prompt the heart of any person any where at any time with divine grace so that that person strives to lead a life of compassion and justice and not harming innocent creatures.’ Obviously, this work of the Holy Spirit could encompass millions if not billions of people who have never heard the Gospel. If the slogan: ‘No salvation outside the Church’ is taken to mean no-one can be saved unless he/she is a baptised member of the Catholic Church then it is a heresy explicitly condemned by Popes. Nevertheless, we must pray and work for the conversion of all people so that they might have the advantage of all the aids of Word and Sacrament which we draw on as direction and strength on our journey towards the destiny which God desires for each one of us. We could pause for a moment to acknowledge the boundless mercy of God, but also praying that all peoples might share our privilege of participating in that Holy Communion which is the foretaste of the banquet prophesied by Jesus in today’s Gospel.

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Our Commitment to Safeguarding:

At St Benedict’s Parish, we are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all, especially children, young people, and vulnerable adults. We follow Archdiocesan safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure that everyone in our community is protected and respected.

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 - 9pm
Wed - Thurs:
1pm - 9pm
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 Ezemuokwe MGL (APP)
Deacon Joseph Nivaskaran MGL
Fr Tony Schick MGL

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