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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Coming up:

Men's Sharing Group
2 Sept

Priestly Ordination
5 Sept

Explosion Youth Conference
8-11 Oct



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Discover your **CHARISMS**

How do charisms differ from natural talents?

“Charisms are unique in that they depend directly on God’s action. They grow in effectiveness as a person deepens their relationship with God, and they diminish if used for anything other than extending God’s love to others. Unlike natural talents, charisms cannot be misused for selfish or harmful purposes. For instance, the charism of writing could never be employed to create hate speech.

On the other hand, natural talents are typically inherited or developed through effort and practice. While they can be utilised for personal satisfaction or even immoral purposes, talents like music or creativity often work in harmony with charisms. However, charisms have an impact that exceeds the natural capabilities of the individual using them.

Discernment is necessary to differentiate between charisms and natural talents, especially for gifts like leadership, music, or writing that often overlap both categories.”

Adrian Wellspring

Reflection:

- *When I use my gifts, do they draw others closer to God and His love, or do they mainly bring me personal satisfaction?*
- *In what ways have I noticed God working through my gifts beyond what I could achieve on my own?*

Events and Announcements



Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates.

This weekend, 13 Candidates were confirmed by The Vicar General, Fr Richard Thompson here at St Benedict's! Congratulations to **Aaron Pereira, Alexander Hardy, Ethan Dixon, Isabelle Hume, Jillian Hume, Matilda Bredeck, Eli Appleton, Summer Russell, Isabella Morabito, Emma Doherty, Eva Sartor, Jack Kingham, Madisson Doyle**. Please keep these candidates in your prayers!



Donations Raised and Raffle Winners

Thank you for everyone who supported our Feast day celebrations and Raffle. The Raffle raised approximately \$700 and the winners were: **Helen Bennett, Catherine Rey, Margaret Pollard, Rachel Nano and Theo Niyonsenga**.



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



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!



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!



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.



Father's Day Appeal-Next weekend

The annual collection for our retired priests: There are 24 priests of our Archdiocese who after years of faithful and generous service now come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. The annual Father's Appeal raises much needed funds to meet the needs of priests and to give them security in their retirement years. At next weekend's Masses, you will have the opportunity to donate to this Appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. Please give generously as you have in the past. Donations can also be made at www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate



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)



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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 Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7. 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

- 1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
- 2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.(R.)
- 3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'firstborn son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.'

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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

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

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