

28th September 2025

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Coming up:

Bible Study
30 Sept

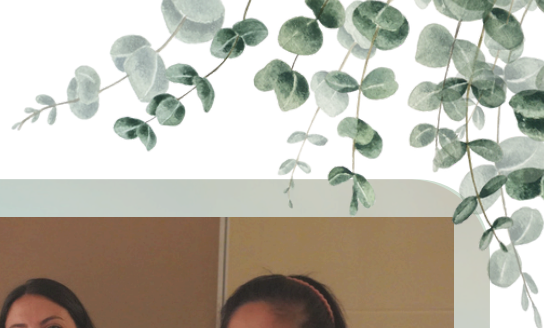
Men's Sharing Group
30 Sept

Explosion Youth Conference
8-11 Oct



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Community and Vision



STAGES OF EVANGELISATION

INITIAL PROCLAMATION & CONVERSION

The initial proclamation, or conversion stage, is the one of the most vital steps in the process of evangelisation within the Catholic Church. It is at this point that a person first hears and encounters the Good News of Jesus Christ in a way that touches the heart and stirs a response. This stage is not primarily about teaching doctrine or providing in-depth catechesis, but rather about awakening faith and calling a person to conversion.

The Church describes this as the moment of the kerygma—the joyful proclamation that God loves us, sent His Son to save us, and invites us into new life through His death and resurrection. This message is communicated through preaching, personal witness, prayer, and acts of love and mercy, allowing people to experience the living Christ through both word and action.

At this stage, the focus is on building relationships, meeting people where they are, and offering hope. It is often a time of curiosity, questioning, and openness, where a person may begin to sense God's presence and desire a deeper connection. The goal is to inspire a personal decision to follow Christ and begin a life of discipleship.

In many ways, this stage is like planting seeds. While it may be simple, it lays the foundation for everything that follows, preparing the person to enter into deeper catechesis, sacramental life, and full participation in the Church. It is a powerful moment of encounter where conversion begins and the journey of faith truly takes root.

UP NEXT: DISCIPLESHIP
WHAT DOES THIS STAGE
LOOK LIKE?



Events and Announcements

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Daylight Savings Starts: Sat Vigil Mass and Confession Time Change!

With Daylight Savings starting on October 5th, please note that the Saturday Vigil Mass and Confession times will shift by one hour.

Starting on Saturday, October 12th, the new times will be:

- **Saturday Vigil Mass: 6:00 PM**
- **Confessions: 5:00 PM**

This change is due to the time adjustment for Daylight Savings.

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SEP

St Benedict's Bible Study- NEW!

Join us for a weekly Bible Study, Tuesdays, 7:00–8:30pm in the Collins Wing. We'll begin with the Acts of the Apostles using the Little Rock Catholic Scripture Series, in an Alpha-style format of fellowship, video and sharing.

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SEP

Men's Sharing Group: Social Night!

This Tuesday evening, 30th of September will be a social night with a video, pizza, drinks and laughs. We will be meeting at John Fulop's place at 7.30pm. Please call John Murray on 0480257761 for further information.

8-11
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Explosion Youth Conference

EXPLOSION is a Catholic Youth Conference coordinated by the Disciples of Jesus Community in Canberra. Open to students in **years 7-12** who want to seek to answer the big questions about life and faith, form you in your faith intellectually and encourage you to deepen your relationship with God. This year we will be looking at the question that Jesus poses to His disciples in John 6, "Have I not chosen You?" **October 8-11, St. Clare's College, Canberra.** For more information - <https://www.explosionyouth.com/>

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Coffee at Gryphon

All parishioners are invited to meet at Gryphon's, Griffith shops at 10.30 am on the second Thursday of each month, the next catch up will be Thursday 9th of October.



Volunteer's Reminder: WWVP and Code of Conducts!

Just a reminder for **ALL volunteers if you haven't already**, to please send in to the Parish Office scanned copies of your WWVP card and signed the Code of Conduct. Thank you to those who have already!



Adoration Roster -Current hours to fill

1. Wednesday 4-5pm
 2. Thursday 4-5pm
 3. Friday Overnight: 11pm-12am, 12am-1am, 1am-2am, 2-3am
- If you can fill one of these, please sign up via the QR-Code!



2026

Parish Office and Collins Wing Relocation

The school has been in ongoing discussions with the parish regarding a potential building swap. The current plan is for the Collins Wing to be transformed into a new two-storey school facility. In turn, the parish offices — including the new Collins Wing — will move into the current school administration building on Tallara Parkway. This transition is scheduled to begin early next year. Details regarding interim temporary office and venue spaces are still being finalised and will be communicated once confirmed.

Notices Outside the Parish

JESUS HEALS THE WOUNDED HEART

25 October | 8:45am | Women's Retreat
@ Holy Spirit Parish, Amaroo
Women's Retreat day "Jesus heals the wounded heart" hosted by 'Call to Connect' and supported by the MGL Sisters. The day includes short talks, sharing in small groups, personal prayer and reflection, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry. Registration and morning tea 8.45-9.30am on: 25th October, at: Holy Spirit Parish Rooms and Church, Amaroo. More information and to register, go to <https://events.humanitix.com/jesushealsthewoundedheart>

ARCHBISHOP'S DAY OF TEACHING

8 November | 8:30am-4pm | All Welcome!
@ St Peter Chanel's, Yarralumla.
A day of inspiring talks, praise and worship, Holy Mass, prayer ministry, Reconciliation, and fellowship — plus our famous morning tea and sausage sizzle lunch (free, with a collection taken). Guest speaker: Brother Lalith Perera, alongside Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Register at [Trybooking: https://shorturl.at/6WK7C](https://shorturl.at/6WK7C), call Maida 0423 658 326, or email canberra.ccr@gmail.com.

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, Melissa Dixon, Tony Evans, Caroline Evans, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Wendy Fisher-Hudson, Barry Murphy Helen French, Sagar Julie O'Brien and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Sarah Liston, Bishop Pat Power

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, 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.



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First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like

David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not
care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers’ revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

- 1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
- 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
- 3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion’s God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim
to be saintly and religious, filled with faith
and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good
fight of the faith and win for yourself the
eternal life to which you were called when
you made your profession and spoke up for
the truth in front of many witnesses. Now,
before God the source of all life and before
Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for
the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to
you the duty of doing all that you have been
told, with no faults or failures, until the
Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,

the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is
able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things
came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you
are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: ‘There was a rich
man who used to dress in purple and fine
linen and feast magnificently every day. And
at his gate there lay a poor man called
Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed
to fill himself with the scraps that fell from
the rich man’s table. Dogs even came and
licked his sores. Now the poor man died and
was carried away by angels to the bosom
of Abraham. The rich man also died and was
buried.

‘In his torment in Hades he looked up and
saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus
in his bosom. So he cried out, “Father
Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip
the tip of his finger in water and cool my
tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.”
“My son,” Abraham replied “remember that
during your life good things came your way,
just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.
Now he is being comforted here while you
are in agony. But that is not all: between us
and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop
anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our
side to yours, and to stop any crossing from
your side to ours.”

‘The rich man replied, “Father, I beg you
then to send Lazarus to my father’s house,
since I have five brothers, to give them
warning, so that they do not come to this
place of torment too.” “They have Moses
and the prophets,” said Abraham “let them
listen to them.” “Ah no, father Abraham,”
said the rich man “but if someone comes to
them from the dead, they will repent.” Then
Abraham said to him, “If they will not listen
either to Moses or to the prophets, they will
not be convinced even if someone should
rise from the dead.”’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The rich man (‘Dives’) is so totally
self -absorbed in the self
indulgence of his wealth that he
does not even notice poor Lazarus
at his gate. He created such a huge
chasm between himself and the
poor that not one crumb of food or
companionship could cross over to
Lazarus.

This chasm, created by Dives, was
fixed at the moment of his death
so that not one part of the life of
Paradise could cross over to him –
not even a drop of water. Hell is
not a punishment sent by God. It is
simply the continuation of the
Divide which some have chosen as
that which defines who they are.
Hell is of our own making.

We could pause for a moment to

check that we are making such
choices that we become amongst
those ‘carried gently by the angels
into Paradise’.

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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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