

5th October 2025

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Coming up:

Bible Study
7 Oct

Explosion Youth Conference
8-11 Oct

St Benedict's School 70th
17 Oct



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Community and Vision

ST BENEDICT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



ANNIVERSARY

Celebration

**We're celebrating 70 years of faith, learning, and community
— and you're invited!**

- 🏛️ Anniversary Mass – Friday 17 October, 2025 at 10:00am
- ✨ Open School & Walk Through the Stories – Celebrate our history and share the memories. 11:00am - 1:30pm
- 🍽️ Anniversary Dinner – Friday 17 October, 2025

All past and present students, families, staff, and friends are welcome.

Come and celebrate the story of St Benedict's with us!

Support our wonderful school!

St Benedict's Primary School is an integral part of our parish family. Together, parish and school share the mission of forming young people in faith, knowledge, and love of God. The school provides a nurturing environment where children are encouraged to grow in their learning and in their relationship with Jesus, supported by the values of St Benedict: prayer, community, and service. As a parish, we value our close partnership with the school, working together in liturgies, sacramental preparation, and community events. This collaboration helps ensure that families experience a living connection between faith, learning, and parish life, building a strong foundation for the future of our Church.

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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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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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-1am, 1am-3am

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



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Celebrating 70 Years of St Benedict's Primary School

Since 1955, St Benedict's Primary School has been a place of excellent learning, faith, and community. This year, we celebrate 70 years of history and tradition — a wonderful milestone for our school community. You are warmly invited to join us for our anniversary celebrations: **Whole School Anniversary Mass - Friday 17 October @ 10am, St Benedict's Church. Open School & Walk Through the Stories - 11:00am - 1:30pm:** Revisit the past, explore photo displays, and walk through the history that has shaped St Benedict's. Also experience a digital walk-thru of our building project that will commence in December. **Anniversary Dinner - Friday 17 October, 2025 @ Southern Cross Club at 6pm.** Please see the below link to purchase tickets. Please book your ticket/s here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DEQFP> This is a special time for past and present students, families, staff, and friends to come together and celebrate the story of our school. Please spread the word to anyone who has been part of the St Benedict's journey!

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



[stbenedicts.canberra](https://www.instagram.com/stbenedicts.canberra)



[St. Benedict's Church and Mission Centre, Canberra](https://www.facebook.com/StBenedictsChurchandMissionCentreCanberra)

Priests:



Parish:



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)

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.

First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R.v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
- 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
- 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)

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Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The loving gaze of a mother towards her newborn simply gives rise to the obligation to feed the baby. There is no special reward for doing her motherly duty. This is how Jesus sees ‘good works’. If we perceive our relationships with people correctly, then so-called ‘good works’ are no more than our duty and don’t deserve special congratulatory access to Heaven. If we saw human beings as ‘formed from the dust of the earth, . . . a manifestation of God in the world, a sign of his presence, a trace of his glory’ (St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae 34.2), then that perception leads to certain ways of relating which are obliging. Like the servant in the story, we will have done no more than our duty. Nevertheless, doing that sort of duty you and I are becoming the sort of creature who can love unreservedly. We are being readied to receive the free gift of heavenly life. We might take a moment to pause to get our perception of human beings correct so that our response may prepare us for the free gift of heavenly life.

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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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