

16th November 2025

in the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Coming up:

Feast Day: Christ the King
23 Nov

Alive Praise and Worship

27 Nov

1st Sunday of Advent
30 Nov



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Community and Vision



The Charism of Hospitality

Empowers a Christian to be a generous channel of God's love by warmly welcoming and caring for those in need of food, shelter, and friendship.

Throughout Christian history, hospitality has been regarded as a *sacred responsibility*. Whoever welcomes the stranger, *welcomes Jesus*. The charism of hospitality is one of the important communal charisms, along with **leadership, administration, pastoring** and **teaching**. These gifts are critical to the health of any Christian Community. Hospitality can be a powerful source of communal healing and an effective means by which those outside the Church can first experience the love of God.

All Christians have a role of welcoming the stranger, but some among us are empowered to do so in a special way. Christians with this charism are unusually sensitive to the presence and needs of the stranger or newcomer among us. They are energized rather than put out by the appearance of unexpected company-nor will they worry because the house isn't tidy enough. They are delighted to welcome total strangers and wouldn't dream of limiting the guest list to just family and close friends. Guests feel unusually comfortable in the home or community of those with a gift of hospitality and tend to "vote with their feet" by dropping by frequently.

But a Christian with this charisms doesn't need a home of his or her own in which to practice it. Our parish community is a wonderful place to exercise this gift. From ushering to healing teams, from small Christian communities to parish-wide social events, so much of the human warmth through which human beings experience God's love is dependent upon the exercise of this charism. Studies have shown that people are first attracted to a church because of the preaching and worship, but they stay because of the friendships they have built there.

Discover your
CHARISMS

FOR REFLECTION

When have I experienced Christ through someone else's hospitality?

How did that shape my understanding of God's love?

Events and Announcements

21-22
NOV

40-hour Adoration Vigil for Christ the King!

Join Canberra Adoration at St Benedict's for a 40-hour Adoration Vigil in honour of Christ the King, from **6am Friday 21 November to 10pm Saturday 22 November**. On Saturday night (7-10pm), all are invited for a special time of Rosary, worship, and Benediction. Come and spend time in the presence of the Lord!



Volunteer's Reminder: WWVP Cards 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!



Want to receive an Online Bulletin?

If you are wanting to receive an online bulletin and join the mailing list, please contact Parish Office at narrabundah@cg.org.au or call 02 6295 7879. They are also uploaded to the Parish Website each week.



Adoration Roster -Current hours to fill

1. Monday 9-10am
2. Tuesday 9-10pm
3. Wednesday 3-4pm

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



Mass Offerings at St Benedict's

Our normal practice for Mass offerings at St Benedict's is to use a Mass offering envelope, which can be found at the back of the church, and give them directly to one of our priests. We always honour these requests, though not always on the exact requested date, as only one intention can be offered per Mass. Requests for specific dates and anniversaries are prioritised whenever possible. Please note that Mass offerings are not always announced publicly unless specifically requested. Any donations given for Mass offerings are not used for the parish or clergy, but are directly given to those in need.

27
NOV

ALIVE Praise Night | 7:00pm

Join us for our Final ALIVE Praise Night for the year- a time 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 27th November 2025 Time: 7pm - 9pm Location: Collins Wing, St Benedict's Narrabundah (10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah ACT 2604)

Notices Outside the Parish

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER

20 November | 6:00pm | Men only
Vocations Discernment Dinner at Gungahlin Presbytery: Thursday 20 Nov 6pm. For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer.
To RSVP please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au

BUS PILGRIMAGE TO ST CLEMENS RETREAT CENTRE, GALONG

6 December | 7:45am-5:30pm
Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish invites you to travel with us to the beautiful St Clements Retreat & Conference Centre in Galong, which has been named as a pilgrim site this "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee year. Avoid the hassle of driving and enjoy the fellowship! Departs 7.45AM from Waramanga and returns approx. 5.30PM. Cost is \$65 per person. Registrations, full itinerary and enquiries: westoncreek@cg.org.au. Or register via Qkr! app (under Our Lady of the Annunciation Parish)

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 (Contact Parish Office)

KINGDOM KIDS

Sun 9am Mass (except school holidays & long weekends)
Contact Sherice (Contact Parish Office)

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, Peter Robinson and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: John Hurley

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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St. Benedict's Church and Mission
Centre, Canberra

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.
The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. seev.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

- 1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
- 2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
- 3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone’s table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else’s. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, ‘All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.’ And they put to him this question: ‘Master,’ they said, ‘when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?’

‘Take care not to be deceived,’ he said, ‘because many will come using my name and saying, “I am he” and, “The time is near at hand.” Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.’ Then he said to them, ‘Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

‘But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our prayer can tell us a lot about the image of God we really have – holding a parking spot for us, or stopping rain on the second day of the Australian Open. But, if you were in Syria, your prayerful image of God would be as a Liberator from warfare, of a Saviour from Crimes against Humanity, of a Strengtheners in time of torture and impending death.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus promises his persecuted followers of every age, ‘Your endurance will win your lives’. As Malachi prophesied: ‘the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays’. It is our faith that, out of the darkness of the tomb, the Son of righteousness did rise with healing in His rays, bathing the world with that light which makes the world habitable for human beings.

We could take a moment to pray for contemporary persecuted Christians that their faithful endurance will win their lives.

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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
6pm (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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