

St Benedict's Catholic Church



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St Benedict's Catholic Parish aims to be a caring and prayerful community, committed to outreach & service, where each person is valued, and their gifts encouraged.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
25 & 26 November 2017**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues—Thurs from 9am to 3pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 9am

Sunday 7pm (Charismatic Mass)

Sunday 7pm Youth Mass

(every last Sun of the Month)

Saturday 8.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tuesday 5.30pm

Wednesday 12.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Friday 5.30pm (Healing Mass)

RECONCILIATION:

Friday following 6.15 –7.00pm after

(Healing Mass)

Saturday 5pm – 5.30pm or by

appointment

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Every 3rd Friday Padre Pio 5pm

Every Saturday 7.30am

ROSARY:

Saturdays after 8.00am Mass

Thursdays – 7.30pm (during May & October)

BAPTISMS: 11am, 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month

WEDDINGS: By appointment

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

During the 5.30pm Mass on first Fridays,

10.30am at Jindalee 1st Thursday of the month

10.30am at Mt View 3rd Thursday of the month

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Half hour before every weekday Mass as well as the following:

Monday 8am – 9pm

Tuesday 8am – 10pm

Wednesday 9am – 10pm

Thursday 9am – 10pm

Friday 6am – midnight

Saturday 12am – 8am

Hearing Loop is located in the right Centre rows of the church. Please ensure your hearing aid is tuned to make the best use of this facility.



Readings for this weekend:

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

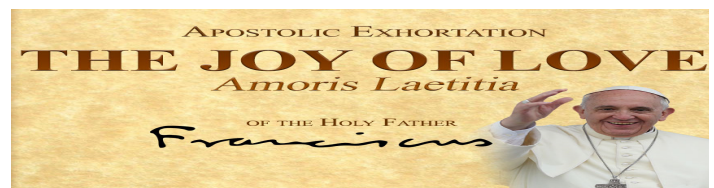
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! **Alleluia!**



A path of suffering and blood

Jesus himself was born into a modest family that soon had to flee to a foreign land. He visits the home of Peter, whose mother-in-law is ill (cf. *Mk* 1:30-31) and shows sympathy upon hearing of deaths in the homes of Jairus and Lazarus (cf. *Mk* 5:22-24, 35-43; *Jn* 11:1-44). He hears the desperate wailing of the widow of Nain for her dead son (cf. *Lk* 7:11-15) and heeds the plea of the father of an epileptic child in a small country town (cf. *Mk* 9:17-27). He goes to the homes of tax collectors like Matthew and Zacchaeus (cf. *Mt* 9:9-13; *Lk* 19:1-10), and speaks to sinners like the woman in the house of Simon the Pharisee (cf. *Lk* 7:36-50). Jesus knows the anxieties and tensions experienced by families and he weaves them into his parables: children who leave home to seek adventure (cf. *Lk* 15:11-32), or who prove troublesome (*Mt* 21:28-31) or fall prey to violence (*Mk* 12:1-9). He is also sensitive to the embarrassment caused by the lack of wine at a wedding feast (*Jn* 2:1-10), the failure of guests to come to a banquet (*Mt* 22:1-10), and the anxiety of a poor family over the loss of a coin (*Lk* 15:8-10).

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU!

Working Bee Thank you: A big thanks to all who assisted in making the Working Bee last Saturday such a huge success! We couldn't do it without Bob O'Heir who pre-organized everything including the sausage sizzles and spending two days earlier in making sure the hedges were all trimmed; Colin Roger for the use of his trailer, and his tireless work around the Presbytery as well as an ongoing commitment to maintain our machinery and garden equipment; Maurie Boland for the use of his trailer too and a solid afternoons work; Pat and Shelly Nash for a tremendous effort in everything. Claudia Kreb for tidying up the sacristy all day, and to the MGL Brothers and Fr Chris Eaton who together did a mammoth job cleaning up the whole church gardens. We filled three trailers and one 4 M skip with cuttings, rubbish and bricks etc - a great effort. Also many thanks to the musicians: Lauren Nihil, David Catanzariti, Luke Hyland, Donna & Ruth Dickinson, Leanne Welsh, Rachael Nano and Br John in updating our music cabinet and sorting all the big mess. Massive achievement and commitment! **Church Path Completed:** A big thank you to DOJ community and Mattia & Adrian for all their work in making the environment more safe for everyone. Thanks to you all!

St Benedict's Future Mission Meetings:

Last Sunday we had our second meeting on the future mission of St. Benedict's. This time of Community Reflection and Discernment is shaped by Pope Francis' Vision for the Parish to continue to be *'the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters'* and in all *'its activities the parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelisers'* ie share the faith. (Pope Francis Para 28 Evangelii Gaudium). At our first meeting the top four areas that people wanted to work on in the near future were identified (from the NCLS) broadly as Spiritual Growth, Ministry to Children and Youth, Liturgies that nurture faith, and Building a strong sense of Community. The discussion in these areas was focussed on: What to Keep; What to Try; What to Change. The Second meeting was working on what to do, how to do it and who would be able to action it. Mission Statements were presented and voted upon and these will go to the parish pastoral council for consideration. A full summary of that meeting will be distributed soon. We are looking for you to share your passion and commitment to mission and ministry from St Benedict's. You can email the St Benedict's office sharing your passion and commitment. Fr Steve

St Benedict's Social Group will host **morning tea** in the Parish Centre after the 9.00 am Mass next Sunday, 2 December.

PARISH LITURGICAL & NON LITURGICAL

ROSTERS: As people on the current roster are aware it will finish at the end of next month. If anyone on the current roster is unavailable for the new roster in 6 Jan—17 Jun 2018 please notify the Parish Office on 6295 7879.

Parishioners are needed to help in the preparation of the church each Saturday morning, ie arrangement of flowers, cleaning of the altar and sacristan duties. A roster system is in place so that each person's assistance is required only every 6-8 weeks for approx. an hour. A new roster will commence in January. Please consider making yourself available to contribute to St Benedict's Parish in this way. If you would like information about what the duties involve or to offer your assistance please call Sue Neimanis, 6295 0687.

ST BENEDICT'S PARISH FAMILY CHOIR: "He who sings prays twice" - St Augustine.

St Benedict's Parish Family Choir sings at the 9am Mass on the **third Sunday of each month**. Families from St Benedict's Primary School together with families from St Benedict's Parish and the community in general, are warmly invited and encouraged to participate, by taking the opportunity to lead music and ministry. Come and share your favourite songs and ideas. Choir practice is from 12-1pm on the **third Saturday of each month** at St Benedict's Church (i.e. the day before the Mass). Singing lifts the Spirit - all are most welcome. For more information please email Maria on Narrabundah@cg.org.au



St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Giving Tree

Each year the local conference of Vinnies delivers food and toy hampers to needy families in the Parish. Vinnies supplies a basic food hamper, however we request donations of extra items such as drinks, nuts, cakes and biscuits, confectionery to give the hampers the Christmas feel. These items can be placed under the Giving Tree which will be in the church during Advent. On The Giving Tree there will also be tags with Children's names on them, we are seeking appropriate age toys to be donated for families hampers. It is not necessary to have the presents wrapped. Thank you for your generosity.



Gowrie Court Christmas Fair - 17th December:

Gowrie Court Christmas Fair is on again this year. Do you have any toys, food (non-perishables), prizes, gift cards, presents, clothes (any size/age male or female) that you would like to donate to the fair? If so, please drop into the box in the foyer, at the Parish Office or ring Therese MGL Sisters on 0432228250.

Columban Fr George Hogarty has recently returned from Peru where he was parish priest in one of the poorest areas in Peru for 8 years. Fr George will be visiting and speaking at all Masses next weekend 26 November to promote subscriptions to 'The Far East' Magazine.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED: A father and young son looking for accommodation unit/flat to rent within the parish. Please contact George Wyer. 6295 7042.

The Knights of the Southern Cross invite all parishioners and members/former members of the Knights of the Southern Cross and the Catholic Women's League to join them on Wednesday, 29 Nov 2017 at 12.30pm at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah to commemorate those from the KSC and CWL who have died. Please bring a plate of food (sandwiches/cakes, etc) for a light lunch afterwards in the Parish Centre. For further information please contact Bob Perkins on 6247 2977.



Youth Retreat 2017: Ever wondered how to keep your faith going or how to be more led by the Holy Spirit in everyday life? Join us for games, praise and worship, main talk, and Q&A panel with questions submitted by you! Sunday 3rd December 4:00pm-8:30pm, high school students years 7-

12 retreat running 3.50 -6:30 @ Greg Collins wing, followed by free dinner and 7pm Charismatic Mass for more info contact Chiara: 0429699322 chiara.catanzariti@cg.org.au



YOUTH NEWS

Youth Mass is held every last Sunday of the month at 7pm Charismatic Mass **this Sunday**. Come and experience the liturgy run by the youth, for the youth.

Fusion Youth Group is held every 2nd Friday during the school term, from 7pm-9pm at the Collins Wing. This is for high school students to connect in fellowship and grow more in their faith. Like 'Fusion Youth Group' on Facebook to stay updated on our next gatherings. Like 'St Benedict's Youth' on Facebook. Keep updated on the latest events that involve the youth in this parish, the Archdiocese, and schools.

CHILDREN NEWS

Kingdom Kids Ministry:

Next Mass is Sunday 10 Dec (**second Sunday of each month**) Families are warmly invited to the 9am Mass and children are welcomed and encouraged to join in the activities of Kingdom Kids. For info email Anita on kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com. Remember the prayer wall for those intentions you want the children to pray for.

PRAYER WALL: The children from the 9am Mass continue to pray for the intentions of our parish community.

*St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledges the **Ngunnawal People**, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.*

New to St Benedict's Community? **Welcome**

Please see all the ways you can be part of this community by checking out the contact list in the foyer and see the back page of the bulletin. Please fill out a new parishioner form in the foyer or download it from the website.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Graham Pollard	Julie Douglas	Fr Mat Wuwu
Helen Bennet	Mattia Wellspring	Fr Steve Fletcher
Meaghan Younger	Claudia Krebs	
Pat Doyle	Anita Zinkel	
Next PPC meeting:	30 Nov 2017	

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEKEND 2 & 3 Dec 2017

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am
Welcomers	Louise Gaudry	Alma Burg
Readers	Moira Nadjecki & H Bramanathan	Louise O'Rance & Julie Douglas
Presentation of the Gifts	Bennet Family	Social Group
Eucharistic Ministers	R Parker & B Barron	M Stratford & J Kelly
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	Bernice Marris & Leonie Mayes	
Sacristan	Bernice Marris	
Church Cleaners	Julie Douglas & Rosemary Caldwell	
Mt View	Pat Doyle	
Jindalee	Louise Gaudry	

FEASTS & IMPORTANT DATES THIS WEEK

27 Nov Our Lady of Miraculous
 28 Nov St Catherine
 29 Nov Our Lady of Golden Heart
 30 Nov St Andrew, Apostle
 1 Dec St Edmund

Readings for next weekend:

1st Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8
 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Collections from the last weekend:

First Collection: \$ 1346.10
 Planned Giving Collection: \$ 425.00
 Loose Collection: \$ 358.00

The Catholic Weekly and *The Catholic Leader* are available at
 the Church foyer for **\$2**.
 Please place money in the Poor Box.

PARISH MINISTRIES CONTACT LIST

Parish Pastoral Council RCIA Coordinator Sacramental Coordinator	Fr Stephen Fletcher 6295 7879 Frs Mat & Baiju 62957879 Melanie Stratford Melanie.Stratford@cg.catholic.edu.au Wendy Fisher-Hudson 6295 8791 Bob O'Heir/GrahamTooth 0423 278 350
School of Iconography Parish Grounds/Maintenance	Parish Office 6295 7879
Liturgical Rosters	

Pastoral Groups

Young Men of God MenAlive Evenings for the Engaged Ministry to the Newly Married Healing/Prayer	Fr Ken Barker 6281 0132 Torrien Lau 0432 679 630 Mark & Kathy Haseler 6166 7634 Debbie & Brian Kensey 6231 3389 Mark and Maria Ransom 6286 5679
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Listening to Jesus/
 Called & Gifted
 Visitation Group
 Social Group
 Family Planning
 Adoration
 Adoration Roster

Adrian Wellspring 62958532/0421451412
 Parish Office 6295 78789
 Sue Neimanis 6295 0687
 Veronica & Pablo Jimenez 0406277365
 Frs Mat/ David 0424869539 /0435484608
 Sally FitzGerald 0422066080

Neighborhood Care

Gowrie Court Meals
 MGL Sisters

Parish Office 6295 7879
 Judy/Therese/Katherine 6166 6941

Bible Study & Prayer Groups

Marian Devotions
 Padre Pio Prayer Group
 Bible Study
 Mothers Prayers
 Cell Prayer Group
 Living Water Prayer Group

Pat Hannan 6156 3882
 Maria Ransom 6286 5679
 Parish Office
 Anne Hartwell 6282 0874
 Maria Michas 0427092149
 Gary & Zenka Taffe 0423-707-838

Youth & Children Ministries

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 Youth Minister

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 Chiara Catanzariti 0429699322
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 Anita Zinkel
kingdomkidsministry01@gmail.com

Kingdom Kids Ministry

St Benedict's Primary School 6295 8027
School First Friday Mass is at 10am in the Church

As A Parish Let Us Pray For...

Our Sick: Stan Marris, Sr Zita Barron, Pat Evans, Jan Baker, Betty O'Brien, Flora Arias, Phillip Cooney, Barrie Marshall, Brad Chalmers, Helen French, Jessica Rodriguez, Miguel Rodriguez, Wendy Gaudiosi-Logan, Rick Oxford, Ellen Brennan, Pauline Wilkie, Pat Atkins, Carol Rees, John Newlyn, George Durr, Jindalee & Mt View residents.

Recently Deceased & Anniversaries: Coby Fulop, Brian Kelly, Shirley Parsons Lorna Evans, Gerard Agnew, Alfred Zammit, Marie Bauer, Antonio Nardi, Joan Evans, Kevin Brogan, Ian Smith, Jane Evans, Bro Paul Nixon, Joseph O'Connor, Sam & Nina Aguis, Heather Daly, Ian Smith, Correy Browning, Barbara Jeffery, Edna Keir, Louise Agnew, Marea Brennan, Louis Camilleri.