

28th December 2025

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Coming up:

First Reconciliation Info
19 Feb

2026 Alpha Course
16 Apr

2026 Parish Assembly
2 May



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Community and Vision



SAVE THE DATE
12 WEEK SERIES



Alpha

explore life, faith & meaning

STARTING: APRIL 2026



Kingdom Kids

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

*How might you **connect** with our Parish?*



Mothers Prayers

Each Monday
(school term)
9.30am, Parish Centre
Rachael Nano
(via Parish Office)



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Starts again 2nd Feb 2026

Mon-Tue: 7am - 9pm
Wed-Thurs: 1pm - 9pm
Friday 7am - Sat 8am

Events and Announcements



Adoration ON BREAK over the Summer

The Adoration roster for 2025 will end for 2025. Adoration will recommence on **February 2 (Monday)**. Thanks to all Adorers who have kept our dear Lord company in 2025. May your Christmas break be blessed. Hope to see you back again in 2026.



Parish Office Closed Over the New Year + Priest Movements

During the Holiday period, the Parish Office will be closed from the 25th of December and will reopen on the 20th of January, 2026. Phones and emails will not be monitored regularly during this time. If it is urgent and you require a priest, please call the parish office and listen to the prompts to be directed to the emergency number. Wishing all our parishioners a blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Fr Chris will be away on break from the 4th of January until the 1st of February (Summer School 4-11th of Jan, then 3-week break in New Zealand).

Fr Samson will be away on break in Nigeria from 25th of December until the 10th of February.

All Sunday and Weekday masses will be as normal during the Holiday Period.

19
FEB

First Reconciliation 2026: SAVE THE DATE!

This is initial key information regarding First Reconciliation 2026. The Reconciliation Information Night will be happening on the **Thursday 19th of February in the Collins Wing from 6pm-7pm**. There will be a sacramental program (more details to come) and the date of the Sacrament itself will be **Wednesday 25th of March at 5pm at St Benedict's Church**. Contact the Parish office for more details and registration.

APR
2026

2026 Alpha Course: SAVE THE DATE!

Curious about life, faith, and meaning? St Benedict's is running the Alpha course next year starting in April 2026 (details to be confirmed). Alpha is an 12-week series that creates a space for honest conversations in a warm, welcoming environment—no pressure, no judgment. Everyone is welcome. Come for the conversation, stay for the community. Interested? Stay tuned for more details to come in the new year!

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MAY

2026 Parish Assembly: SAVE THE DATE!

All parishioners are invited to our Parish Assembly happening next year on Saturday 2nd of May. This will be a whole day event where we will be sharing the vision of the Parish, you won't want to miss it!

How to connect with our Parish?

KINGDOM KIDS

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

FUSION YOUTH GROUP

Friday Nights (Fortnightly)
7-9pm Collins Wing
Axel Healey (Contact Parish Office)

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Each Monday (school term)
9.30am, Parish Centre
Rachael Nano (Contact Parish Office)

MEN'S SHARING GROUP

Tuesday Nights (Fortnightly)
7:30pm, Parish Centre
John Murray (Contact Parish Office)

REST IN ME MEDITATIONS

Each Wednesday
10am-12pm, Parish Centre
Ayanthi Perera

STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights
After 5:30pm Mass, Civic

Sacrament Dates 2026

First Reconciliation: 25th of March

First Communion: 21st of June

Confirmation: Not happening next year.

RCIA begins TBD

Marriage and Baptisms by request.

Before each sacrament there is an information evening, a sacramental program, a retreat then the date of the sacrament itself.

If you would like your child to receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information.

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents; Pamela Brown and family, 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: Josephine Jurse

Anniversaries: Victor Martin, John Martin

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.

First Reading Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. see v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R.)
- Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)
- Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other,

and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:13-15.19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. Here he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Herod is seeking to annihilate all the male children in Bethlehem. The child Jesus is in mortal danger. 'Arise, take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.' And Joseph did so. That night and by night, such was the urgency. Have you ever thought: What if Egyptian border guards had turned back this refugee family? What if, instead of finding safe haven and sanctuary, this desperate family had been denied entry? The Divine plan to rescue Jesus from a murderous tyrant depended not only on Joseph but, also, on the Egyptian people. And so we discover two Holy Families in this Gospel episode. One is the little Holy Family with Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The other is the larger Holy Family of humanity embodied in those Egyptians who provided sanctuary, who opened their land to allow Joseph, Mary and Jesus to settle out of danger. We might pause for a moment to ask: Can we be as hospitable and open as the Egyptians of today's Gospel? Another baby in another family of refugees may depend on our answer!

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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
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

5pm - 5.30pm



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION & PERSONAL VOCATION

Adrian Wellspring

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