

11th January 2026

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

The Baptism of the Lord



Coming up:

First Reconciliation Info
19 Feb

2026 Alpha Course
16 Apr

2026 Parish Assembly
2 May



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Community and Vision



Liturgical Training

SATURDAYS IN MARCH 2026
(TBD SPECIFIC DATE)

DAY 1 TRAINING FOR:

Readers
Eucharistic Ministers
Adorers Training

DAY 2 TRAINING FOR:

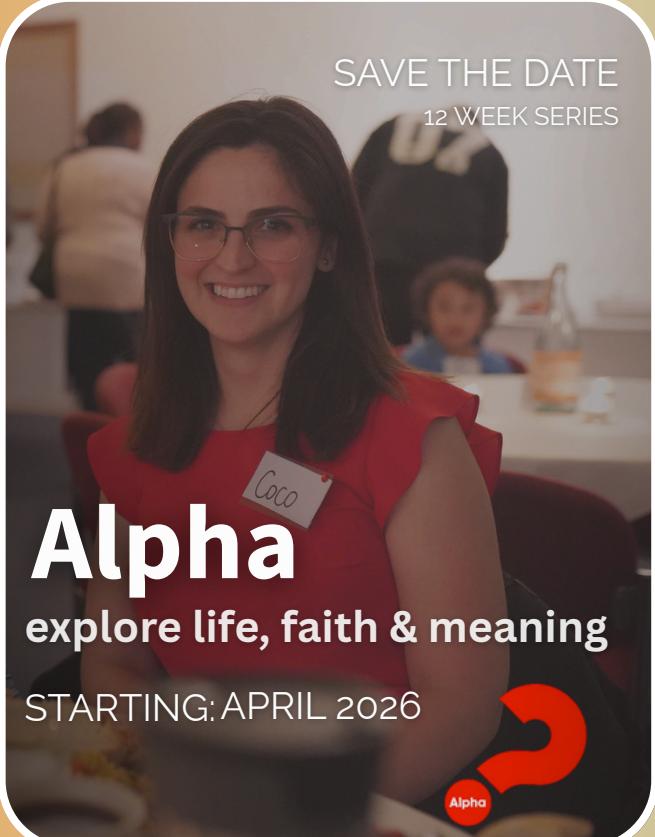
Liturgical Music Training



Parish Assembly

SAVE THE DATE
2 MAY 2026

*The Presenting our
Parish Vision
Spiritual Conversations and
Roundtables*



SAVE THE DATE
12 WEEK SERIES

Alpha
explore life, faith & meaning

STARTING: APRIL 2026



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!

2
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!

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

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.

Giving / Stewardship

Give now using QKR!



Priests:



Parish:

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 Is 42:1-4. 6-7

Here is my servant, my chosen one in whom I am well pleased.

Thus says the Lord:

Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.
I have endowed him with my spirit
that he may bring true justice to the
nations.

He does not cry out or shout aloud, or
make his voice heard in the streets. He
does not break the crushed reed, nor
quench the wavering flame.

Faithfully he brings true justice;
he will neither waver, nor be crushed
until true justice is established on earth
for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the
cause of right;

I have taken you by the hand and formed
you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the
people and light of the nations,
to open the eyes of the blind,
to free captives from prison,
and those who live in darkness from the
dungeon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 28:1-4. 9-10. R. v.11

**(R.) The Lord will bless his people
with peace.**

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Adore the Lord in his holy court. (R.)
2. The Lord's voice resounding on the
waters,
the Lord on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the Lord, full of power,
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. (R.)
3. The God of glory thunders.
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits as king for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Acts 10:34-38

God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power.

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him. 'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

Gospel Acclamation See Mk 9:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the

Father's voice was heard:

this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Let us focus on Jesus' mystical experience as he emerged from the waters of the River Jordan. 'Suddenly the heavens opened.' Heaven and earth are communicating again! If heaven appeared closed to humankind it is now open again. 'And he saw the spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him.' Jesus experienced a sense of being hovered over by the Divine presence 'in dove-like fashion'. 'And a voice spoke from Heaven: "This is my Son, the beloved, my favour rests on him".' In the Jewish tradition this sort of intuitive sensation is called the bat qol, the daughter of a voice, a whisper echoing heaven. Each of us has shared in the baptism of Our Lord, been incorporated into His baptism. Divine love and power streamed from heaven to earth into each one of you; the Holy Spirit hovered gently over you; and deep down, at the intimate wellspring of your life, the Divine voice was heard whispering: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son,' 'My favour rests on you.' We could pause for a moment to resolve to recall each morning the heavenly whisper at our baptism and then re-echo it in our lives.

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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)



EUCARISTIC 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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Fr Tony Schick MGL

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