



THE Anointing

There are moments in life when we carry more than we let others see—illness, grief, exhaustion, or quiet struggles of the heart. Lent has a way of gently uncovering these places and inviting us to bring them to God.

In the readings this Sunday, we see how deeply God notices us. When Samuel is sent to anoint a new king, God reminds him: “The Lord does not see as mortals see... the Lord looks on the heart.” And in the Gospel, Jesus heals the man born blind—drawing close, touching what is broken, and bringing him into the light.

This is the heart of anointing. Throughout Scripture, anointing with oil is a sign of God’s healing and strengthening presence. It reminds us that God meets us in our weakness and pours out grace where we need it most.

Each Friday at 5:30pm, our parish celebrates a Healing Mass — a simple and prayerful moment where the Church asks God to bring healing, peace, and strength to those who are sick, struggling, or carrying heavy burdens.

Lenten reflection:

What is the place in your life right now that needs God’s healing touch? It may be physical, emotional, or spiritual. This week, take a moment in prayer and place that burden in God’s hands.

Lenten challenge:

If you or someone you love is carrying illness or hardship, consider coming to the Healing Mass this Friday. Let the Church pray with you. Sometimes the first step toward healing is simply allowing God to meet us where we are.

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Events and Announcements



Holy Week Mass Times

- Holy Thursday (2 April) – 7:00pm
- Good Friday - Stations of the Cross (3 April) – 10:30am
- Good Friday - Passion of Our Lord (3 April) – 3:00pm
- Easter Vigil (4 April) – 7:30pm
- Easter Sunday (5 April) – 9:00am, 6:00pm



13 Tuesday Novena of St. Anthony of Padua

For the next 13 Tuesdays, after our 5:30pm Mass, we will be starting the St. Anthony of Padua 13 Tuesday Novena, with the first date **starting on 17 March 2026** after the Rosary. This will be happening weekly until St Anthony's Feast day on the 13th of June. All are most welcome to join!



Liturgical Music Training and Formation: PLEASE RSVP!

Keynote: Stephen Kirk

Saturday 21 March | 10am–4pm in the Collins Wing

Morning Tea and Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP for registration and catering purposes!



Stations of the Cross

At 5pm on Fridays during Lent, we will be doing the Stations of the Cross in the Church before the 5:30pm Healing Mass.



Adoration Roster - Current hours to fill

- Tuesday 9-10am
- Wednesday 3-4pm
- Friday 8-9am

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



Alpha Course: STARTING IN A MONTH!

Curious about life, faith, and meaning? St Benedict's is running the Alpha course this year starting **Thursday 16 April 2026, in the Parish Centre**. 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.



2026 Parish Assembly

All parishioners are invited to our Parish Assembly 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! You will have an opportunity to engage with the vision of the Parish and be part of shaping 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)

MOTHER'S 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

Wednesdays (Fortnightly)

10am-12pm, Parish Centre

Ayanthi Perera (Contact Parish Office)

STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights

After 5:30pm Mass, Civic

(Contact Parish Office)

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, Oscar.S, Michael and Rita, Peter Robinson and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Lorraine Davis

Anniversaries: Luis Eduardo Mendoza, Michael Slee, Mike Parer, Lorna Evans, Wal "Harry" Stuchbury

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 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22R. v.1

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

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)
- You have prepared a banquet for me In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; My cup is overflowing. (R.)
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

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Second Reading Eph 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

**Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel Jn 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord, by the power of his word alone, could have healed the disease of this man, blind since birth. Yet, he made a paste with spittle and put it over the eyes of the blind man. Just as God would have moistened the dust of the earth to shape the first human being, for the blind man, it was as though he had been created anew. God rarely works by telepathy but has a preferred way of working through the elements of creation, especially in the Sacraments. So, with the Anointing of the Sick, pressing olive oil onto the forehead and hands of the sick or dying symbolises the Holy Spirit entering the very pores of the sick person, relieving that person of undue anxiety and giving strength for the next stage of life. This sacrament is a formal ritual of healing by the Church. But there are a million informal ways, such as putting one's arm around someone who is lonely or unwell, which are sacramental to the world. We could pause for a moment that we might go into the world like the man healed by Jesus, eyes wide open to see where we might exercise the healing power of the Lord of the Gospel.

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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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