

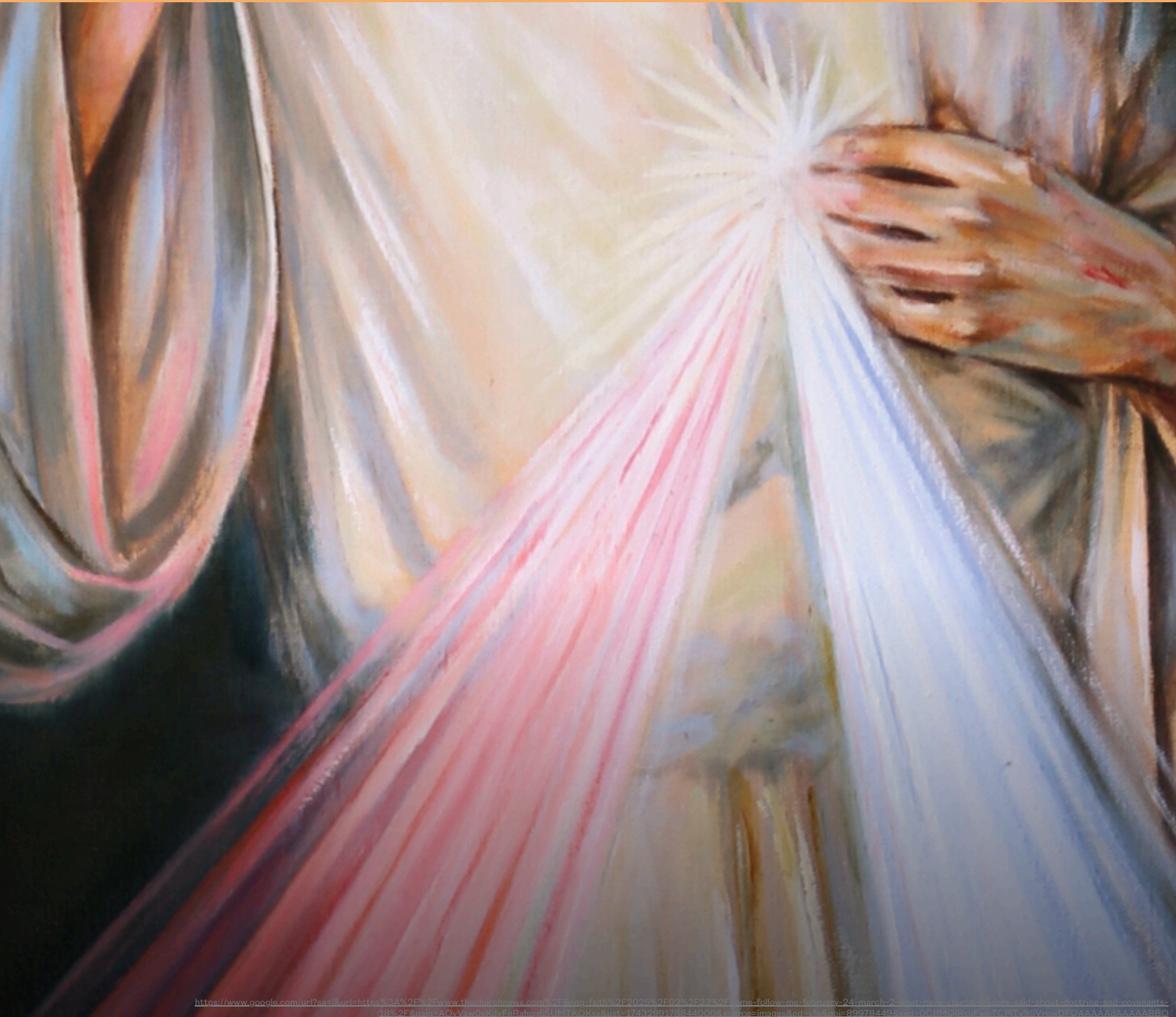
12<sup>th</sup> April 2026

in the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

# St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter | Divine Mercy Sunday



<https://www.google.com/url?sa=i&url=https://www.thechurchinews.com/2022/02/24/what-have-church-leaders-said-about-doctrine-and-covenants-18-2022/amp>

Coming up:

**2026 Alpha Course**  
16 Apr

**2026 Parish Assembly**  
2 May

**First Holy Communion Info**  
6 May



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# Community and Vision



## Alpha



Explore life, faith & meaning

**BUILDING A CULTURE OF  
EVANGELISATION**

**12 WEEK SERIES | THURSDAYS**

**STARTING: THIS WEEK!!**

**16 APRIL 2026 | 6:30PM | COLLINS WING**

**Register here!**



## EVENTS YOU DON'T WANNA MISS...

## Parish Assembly

**Register here!**

**SATURDAY 2 MAY 2026**

**10AM-4PM**

**SCHOOL HALL**

*The Presenting our  
Parish Vision*

*Spiritual Conversations and  
Roundtables*

*Morning Tea and Afternoon Tea  
Provided*

*BYO your own lunch*



# Events and Announcements

16  
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## Alpha Course: STARTING THIS WEEK!

Curious about life, faith, and meaning? St Benedict's is running the Alpha course this year starting **Thursday 16 April 2026, in the Collins Wing at 6:30pm**. 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? **Please register via the QR code or** via this link: <https://forms.gle/nWAn56SRjXQx7jbq5>

13-26  
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## Kingdom Kids: On Break due to School Holidays!

Kingdom Kids will be on break for **4 weeks** over the Easter school holidays from **5 April-26 April** and will resume again on **Sunday 3 May**. If you are feeling called to bring your talents to this important ministry in 2026, please reach out to discuss ways you can join us.

2  
MAY

## 2026 Parish Assembly

All parishioners are invited to our Parish Assembly on **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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! Morning and Afternoon tea provided, just bring your own lunch! **Please RSVP via the QR code or** via this link: <https://forms.gle/nDo7QYrWtBjZESW98>



## Adoration Roster - Current hours to fill

- Tuesday 10-11am
- Thursday 7-8pm
- Friday 8-9am, 11am-12pm

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



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## Prayer for Upcoming St Benedict's Parish Assembly

Lord, King of the universe, we hear your call to gather in your name, so that we may listen and respond as your adopted children. Through our sharing, help us to discern the movements of the Holy Spirit for our parish as we gather for our Parish Assembly.

Open our ears so that we may hear you speak to us. Open our hearts and help us to listen to each other with humility and empathy.

Guide and shape us so that our minds and hearts reflect your will. Help us to continue to build a parish that is vibrant and evangelising.

Enable us to share God's love with one another, with our families, our workplaces, and our community. Amen.

## 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

## Priests:



## Parish:



## 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.

## 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 Acts 2:42-47

*The faithful lived together and owned everything in common.*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24. R. v.1

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. (R.)
- The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9

*He has given us a new birth as his children, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then

you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;**  
**happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.' Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.' Pope Francis used to say we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways. We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds. Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith. We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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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  
5pm (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

### OUR PRIESTS

Fr Chris Eaton MGL (PP)  
Fr Samson Ezemuokwe MGL (APP)  
Fr Joseph Nivakaran MGL (APP)  
Fr Tony Schick MGL

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