



# Community and Vision



# ≡ Welcome ≡ ANH!

## OUR NEW INITIAL EVANGELISATION COORDINATOR

“Hi my name is Anh, you may have seen me around at a 5:30pm Mass on a weekday. I'm so excited and honored to step into this new role of Initial Evangelisation Coordinator at St Benedict's Parish. This role encompasses all initial entry points into the Catholic Church, from Baptism, Sacramental program (in collaboration with St Benedict's Primary School), and RCIA. Alpha will be a key responsibility of this role as another entry point to the Church and exploring it as a tool to build leaders and grow community. I can't wait to walk with people to encounter Christ, and to see them know, love and serve him in their own unique ways.

My background is in Youth Ministry. I have a passion for authentic and sustainable ministry and creative evangelisation. I love spending time in nature, having chats with family, friends and Jesus, and listening to music! Currently loving, "Been So Good" by Elevation Worship. I hope I'm a face and not just a name! Please pray for me, I am praying for you.

-Anh



## KEY AREAS

- Alpha
- Sacramental Program
- Assisting RCIA
- Building Leaders

## A BIT ABOUT ANH..

- Loves Nature & Music
- Youth Ministry
- Creative Evangelisation
- People person!

# Events and Announcements

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## Alpha Course: ONLY WEEK 2- ITS NOT TOO LATE!!!

**Thursdays, 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.

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MAY

## 2026 Parish Assembly- RSVP via link!

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 this link: <https://forms.gle/nDo7QYrWtBjZESW98> or **the physical forms in the foyer!**

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MAY

## Women's Alive Retreat

Women are warmly invited to Women Alive – A Spiritual Retreat for Women on Sunday, 10 May 2026, in the Collins Wing. Inspired by the theme “The joy of the Lord is my strength” (Nehemiah 8:10), this day offers an opportunity to pause, pray, and be renewed through Holy Mass, inspiring talks, testimonies, and a healing service.  
9:00am – 4:00pm | Meals provided | Free entry  
RSVP: Winnie – via Parish Office or this link for free registration  
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/XUGfRKcuk9>

24-26  
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## MGL Brothers Vocations Weekend

For men wanting to discern religious life with the MGLs, come to the MGL Vocations Weekend 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> of April. Scan the QR code for more details and to register or email [vocations@mglpriestsandbrothers.org](mailto:vocations@mglpriestsandbrothers.org)



## 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!



## 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

**Anniversaries:** Keith Crowley

## 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.

### 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 Acts 2:14, 22-33

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11**

**(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

## Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in

silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

## Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

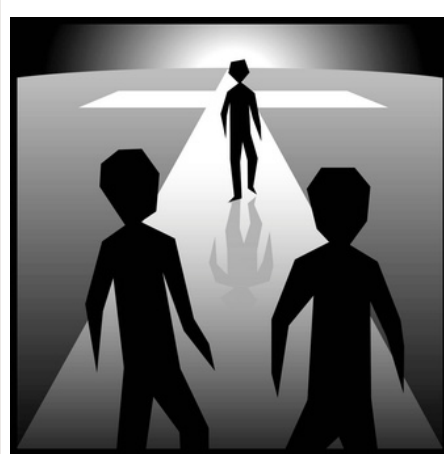
**Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when  
you speak.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Lk 24:13-35

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue. Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course. The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home. The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life. We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread. Alleluia!

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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

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