

27th September 2026

in the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



<https://readingacts.com/2022/03/29/the-parable-of-the-two-sons-matthew-2128-32/>

Coming up:

Coffee at Gryphon's
8 Oct

Explosion Youth Conference
30 Sept- 3 Oct

MGL 40th Anniversary
11 Oct



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World Day of
Migrants and
Refugees

27-IX-2026



"Even just one of these children"



Even just one
of these children.

*"Whoever welcomes one
such child in my name
welcomes me"*
(Mt 18:5)

Sunday,
27 September 2026



AUSTRALIAN
CATHOLIC MIGRANT
& REFUGEE OFFICE



Events and Announcements



Saturday Vigil Mass Time - To stay at 5pm!

The Saturday Vigil Mass will remain at 5pm throughout the year, (No change in time during daylight savings will occur), with the note it will be reviewed in 12-months time.



Adoration Roster - Call to fill ALL the hours!

ALL Adoration Hours need at least two people at all times!
In particular, we are looking to fill:

- **Tuesday - 10am-12pm**
- **Wednesday - 2pm-4pm**

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



CARPARK CLOSED ON THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER

On Monday the 28th of September, there will be major works on the potholes in the carpark, therefore the carpark will be closed for the full day (weather permitting). Apologies for the inconvenience.



Kingdom Kids is on break over school holidays

Our Children's Ministry program runs during school term and breaks over school holidays and long weekends. **Kingdom Kids will return on Sunday 18 October.** We are seeking new volunteer leaders who can assist with our growing program for the upcoming semester. Leadership volunteers must be aged 18yrs + and hold a current WWVP card. Please contact Sherice via the Parish Office to learn more.



Parish Office Closed | Friday 2nd of October

This Friday, 2nd of October, the Parish office will be **closed** due to a Divine Renovation Conference in Sydney for Professional Development. Apologies for the inconvenience! If you need to contact the Parish Office, please do so via our email: narrabundah@cg.org.au and we will get back to you as soon as we can.



MGL Convocation - Please keep in your prayers

Every 4 years, the MGL priests and brothers meet as a community for their MGL Convocation. This is an opportunity for them as a community to gather and reflect on their life and mission and elect a moderator for the next four years. Please keep the MGL Priests and Brothers in your prayers during this important time.



12th-14th of October | Bookings Cancellations due to MGL Convocation

With the MGL Convocation occurring in a few weeks, 3 days will be taking place here at St Benedict's, **Mon 12th - Wed 14th of October.** During this time, all regular groups such as **Mothers Prayers, Men's Sharing Group,** and external bookings will be cancelled. Adoration hours will be limited to during this time, **starting from 9am** on the Monday and Tuesday. Additionally, there will be no rosary after the 5:30pm Tuesday Mass. Sincere apologies for the inconvenience this may cause.



MGL 40th Anniversary Mass Invitation!

To celebrate 40 years of Missionaries of God's Love Priests and Brothers, there will be an 11am Mass on the 11th of October here at St Benedict's Church followed by lunch in the School Hall. All are welcome, come along and bring a plate!

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)

LEGION OF MARY

Weekly Saturday Mornings
10am-12pm, Outreach Centre
(Contact Parish Office)

Complaint / Concern Form

We take safeguarding our community very seriously here at St Benedict's.

This is a QR-code to an Archdiocesan Form of any safeguarding complaints and concerns that goes straight to the IPSS Manager of the Archdiocese.



SCAN ME!

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents; Pamela Brown and family, Caroline Evans, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Wendy Fisher-Hudson, Helen French, Deirdre O'Brien, Sagar Julie O'Brien, Oscar S, Luke S, Michael Reid, Peter Robinson, George Stosic, and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Nellie Cook, Bill McMaster (Bronwyn's father), Maria Soudis, Edward Oriel, Rita Reid, Gert Fletcher

Anniversaries:

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 Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

- 1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour (R.)
- 2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth. In
your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord.(R.)
- 3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own

interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said ‘Yes’, but never did anything. The other said ‘No’, but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said ‘Yes’ but did not ‘walk the talk’. That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart. We may have said ‘No’ to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear ‘No’ many times in the hope of hearing ‘Yes’. God’s patience never runs out. But our time to say ‘Yes’ does run out. We only have a relatively short life span! At the end of Mass, I will say ‘Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.’ As St Francis of Assisi put it, ‘Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.’ Walk the talk.

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

4pm - 4.30pm



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
& PERSONAL VOCATION

Adrian Wellspring

OUR PRIESTS

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