

11th October 2026

in the care of the Missionaries of God's Love

St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Coming up:

Young Adults Group
12 Oct

Kingdom Kids
18 Oct

World Mission Sunday
18 Oct



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A NEW MODERATOR ELECTED

The Missionaries of God's Love priests and brothers have elected Fr David Callaghan as their new leader, Moderator, for the next four years. Originally from Perth, Fr David has been a member of the MGL for 26 years. He is currently the Parish Priest at Holy Spirit Parish in Darwin.

This transition of leadership has been gratefully accepted by Fr Stephen Fletcher, who is very confident that Fr David is well equipped to take the congregation forward for the next four years.



OUR AWESOME MGL PRIESTS



"I have come to bring fire to the earth..." Lk. 12:49



2026 MGL CONVOCATION

The priests and brothers of the MGL now continue in their time together as they seek to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit as they live out their particular charism in the Church and the world today. Now in their 40th year, the MGL have missions in Canberra, Melbourne, Darwin and Sydney, The Philippines and Indonesia. Dedicated to preaching the Love of God expressed through the Cross of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, they have a particular focus on ministry to the young, the marginalised, and to building and forming faith communities as missionary disciples. With over 40 priests and perpetually vowed brothers and over 30 young men in formation, Fr David steps into the role of Moderator at a time of great promise for the MGL and the Church as a whole.

Breaking News

Events and Announcements

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St Benedict's Young Adults Group

Our next Young Adults Gathering is on Monday 12 October, from 6–8pm at St Bens Outreach Centre. We meet fortnightly for fellowship, prayer, sharing and faith-based input. If you're aged 18–35 and have graduated from high school, you're welcome to join us and bring a friend! If you'd like to find out more or get connected, please contact the Parish Office for details.

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

With the MGL Convocation occurring, 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.

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Parish Office Closed due to Southern Deanery Meeting

Thursday 15th of October, the Parish office will be closed due to a meeting of all Parish staff and Priests in the Southern Deanery of the Archdiocese having a meeting day. Again, apologies for the inconvenience.

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WORKING BEE | Trees and Shrubs Removal around the Church

NEXT Saturday 17th of October starting at 9am: Some trees and shrubs will be removed from around the church for insurance purposes. We need volunteers to assist in this process. If you can assist, please email the Parish office to let us know.



St Vincent De Paul | Blessed Ozanam Appeal 2026

Many of you will know that St Vincent de Paul works to support people in need—both here in our local community and overseas. One way we do this internationally is through twinning. Twinning is where one local area (Conference) directly supports another somewhere in the world walking alongside our fellow members in developing countries—offering spiritual support, financial assistance, and mutual encouragement. Here in the Canberra/Goulburn region, we have 57 “twin” Conferences in Indonesia, India, Thailand, and the Solomon Islands. Your support and financial assistance is paramount to the ongoing of this part of the work of SVdP. Donations may be via the web link <https://www.vinnies.org.au/act-surrounds> - reference 1423Twinning. There are also envelopes available in the Church. Of course, as always, we ask for your prayers to give strength and assistance to those working in these under resourced areas.



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**
- **Friday: 2-3pm**

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



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.

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: Kay Juliette Honner, Nellie Cook, Bill McMaster (Bronwyn's father), Edward Oriol, Rita Reid, Gert Fletcher

Anniversaries: Sarah Liston

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 Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people’s shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

- 1. 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.)
- 2. 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.)
- 3. 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.)
- 4. 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.)

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14.19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The servants of the king went out and gathered in ‘all whom they found, good and evil alike’. They respond, drawn by the attractive prospect of sharing in the life of the Lord of the Feast, and they are welcomed, whether good or evil. What about the king’s (God’s) question to the wedding guest? ‘My friend, how come you are here without a wedding garment?’ The guest might have replied: ‘Because of dire poverty’, or ‘Lack of time’, but the story goes on, ‘But the guest was silent’. The guest was tongue-tied because he was caught out having decided not to enter into the spirit of the occasion. That is why, at every baptism, we look for a signal of commitment to respond to the spirit of the occasion, by the wearing of a white garment. This anticipates the later receiving of Holy Communion which is a foretaste of the Feast of Heaven. We could pause for a moment at this Mass to enter into the Spirit of the occasion wearing the garment of our baptismal commitment.

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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

4pm - 4.30pm



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION & PERSONAL VOCATION

Adrian Wellspring

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