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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

All Saints Day



https://www.heraldmalaysia.com/news/all-saints-day/39108/2

Coming up:

All Saints Day	ALL Souls Day	Walk with Christ
1 Nov	2 Nov	22 Nov

cg.org.au/narrabundah

BUILDINGS &

MAINTENANCE

The buildings and grounds are an important part of our vision for St Benedict's. We hope to create a physical environment that is beautiful, encourages prayer and hospitality, and is both practical and functional. Our desire is to develop spaces that support worship, formation, ministry and community life. As we continue working towards this vision, a number of maintenance projects will be undertaken over the coming months. Each is a small but meaningful step towards creating an environment that better reflects who we are and the kind of parish we want to be at St Benedict's Narrabundah.

Shrubs and Trees Replanted



A number of shrubs surrounding the church will need to be removed from within two metres of the church's gutter line for insurance purposes. These are currently obscuring the windows and walls, and over time may cause damage to the building. They will be replaced with new plantings further away from the church, creating a visual screen while allowing more natural light into the church.

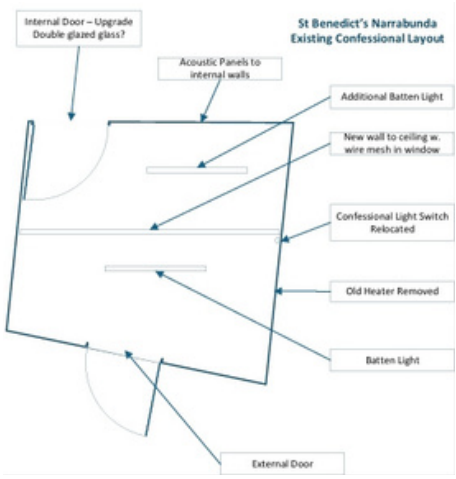


Church Electrical Work

Improvements will also be made to the church lighting, including the installation of new adjustable spotlights in the sanctuary and the replacement of the main tube lighting. Audio, power and networking cables throughout the church will also be tidied and properly installed, creating a safer, neater and more functional environment.

Restructured Confessional

The current confessional does not meet the required safeguarding standards, so modifications will be made to bring it into compliance. A new wall will be constructed across the middle of the room, creating a separate space for the priest. The existing external door will then serve as the priest's entrance to the confessional.





Church Exterior Repairs

There are several areas of the church exterior that have been damaged over time by exposure to the elements and require attention. The bargeboards will be repainted, while leaks around the steeple will be repaired and cleaned.

St Benedict's Catholic Parish acknowledge the **Ngunnawal People,** the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Events and Announcements

2 NOV

ALL SOULS DAY MASS - THIS MONDAY 5.30PM
There will be a mass on Monday 2 November at 5.30pm at St Benedict's Church for All Souls Day. Please come along to pray for our loved ones who have died and for all the faithful departed.

Kingdom Kids | NEW REGISTRATION FORM!
To formalise our processes and ensure safeguarding of our children, we have a new registration and parent consent form for Kingdom Kids. This is a one-time form. It is one form per family and should take no more than 5 mins to complete! Current families and new families of Kingdom kids, can we ensure you register your family via the QR Code!

22 NOV

Feast of Christ the King – Walk with Christ
Come and join us as we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King! Following the 6pm Charismatic Mass on Sunday, 22 November, we'll gather for a Eucharistic Procession around the grounds of St Benedict's Church. Everyone is warmly welcome to come along, pray together and walk with Christ!

28 NOV

WORKING BEE | Trees and Shrubs Removal around the Church
Saturday 28th November starting at 9am: We are having another working Bee to remove shrubs and trees around the church before mid Dec for insurance purposes. We need volunteers to assist in this process. If you have a trailer or Ute please bring it along. Please email the Parish office to let us know if you can assist.

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!

How to connect with our Parish?

Contact the Parish Office for any enquiries.

KINGDOM KIDS | PRE-YR 6
Sunday 9am Mass
(except school holidays & long weekends)
REGISTRATION & CONSENT FORM

FUSION YOUTH GROUP | YR 7-12
Friday Nights (Fortnightly)
7-9pm Collins Wing

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP | 18-25
Monday Nights Fortnightly
6-8pm, Outreach Centre

MOTHER'S PRAYERS
Each Monday (school term)
9.30am, Parish Centre

MEN'S SHARING GROUP
Tuesday Nights (Fortnightly)
7:30pm, Parish Centre

REST IN ME MEDITATIONS
Wednesdays (Fortnightly)
10am-12pm, Parish Centre

STREET MINISTRY
Friday Nights
After 5:30pm Mass, Civic

LEGION OF MARY
Weekly Saturday Mornings
10am-12pm, Outreach Centre

ALPHA COURSE
Weekly Thursday Nights*
6:30pm-9pm, Collin Wing
*(2 x 12 week program throughout year)

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: Maria Ransom, Ernestina Ballivian, Kay Juilette Honner, Nellie Cook, Bill McMaster (Bronwyn's father), Edward Oriel, Rita Reid, Gert Fletcher

Anniversaries:

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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 Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I saw an immense crowd ,beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. *(R.)*

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. *(R.)*

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(R.)*

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Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished

by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.
Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.
My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad,for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.
Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.
Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.
Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

How can those suffering grinding poverty such that their whole personality is impoverished – the poor in spirit – be 'Blessed'? How can those who hunger and thirst for justice be 'Blessed'? The answer lies in the new community which Our Lord is establishing under the reign of God. There are people within this new society who do everything possible to lift the poor out of poverty, to comfort those who are mourning, to make sure the gentle share in the earth's resources, to satisfy the craving for justice. These are 'saints' who are merciful, pure in heart, makers of peace.

The full measure of authentic humanity is Jesus Christ. But there are millions, only a few celebrated in the Church's calendar, who have tried to measure up to the challenge presented by the Teacher of the Beatitudes. These are saints, those who know that they cannot help create the Beatitude society out of some political ideology, but who wholeheartedly respond to the teaching of the One whose Holy Spirit can empower rising to the challenge. We might pause a moment to pray that God may deal with us mercifully as we fall short of the full stature of the One who embodied the Beatitudes, at the same time as we celebrate the lives of the countless many who have measured up superlatively, the saints whose feast day we celebrate.

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)

EUCHARISTIC 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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