8th November 2026

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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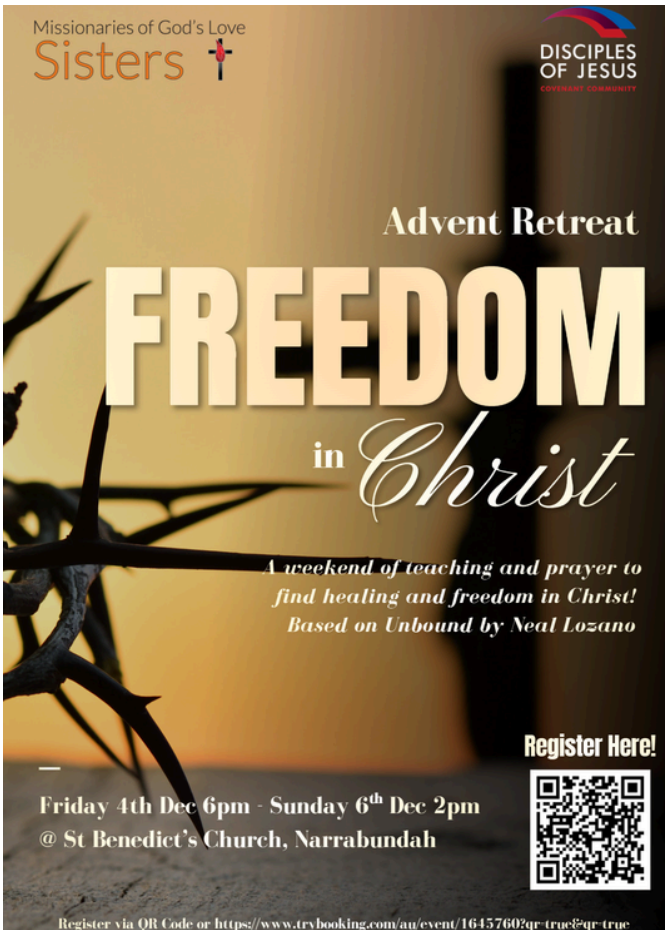
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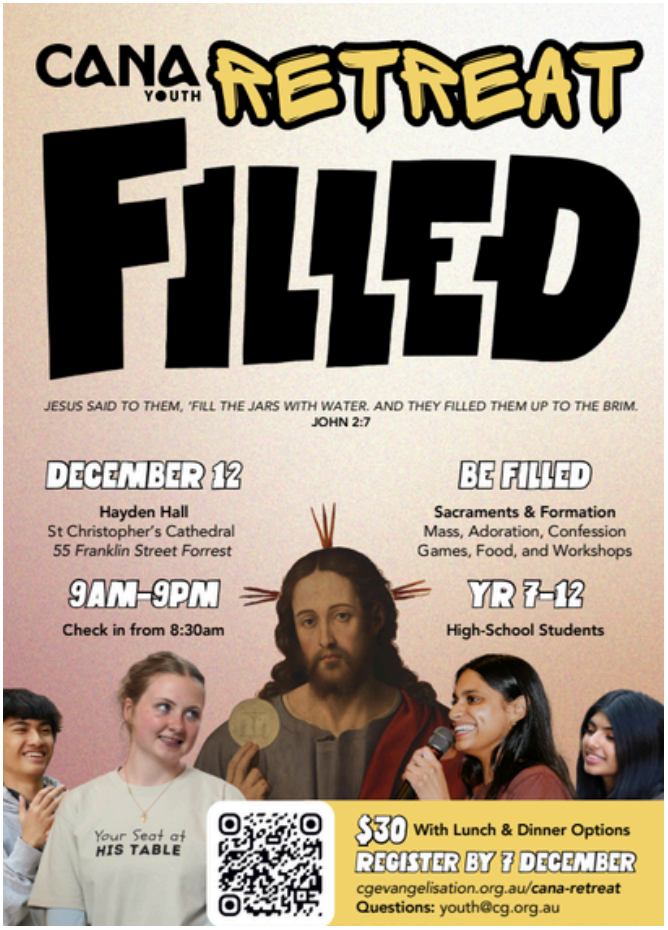
Walk with Christ	1st Sunday of Advent	Freedom in Christ
22 Nov	29 Nov	4-6 Dec

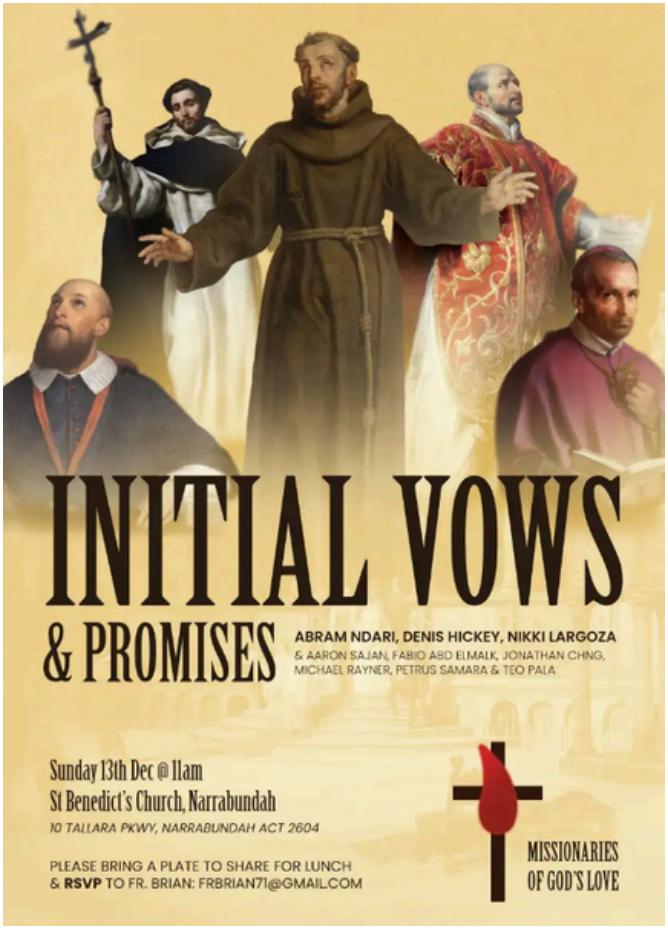
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Upcoming Events...









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

12 NOV

Coffee at Barker St, Griffith Shops
All parishioners are invited to meet at Gryphon's which has been renamed as **Barker St Social**, at Griffith shops at 10.30 am on the second Thursday of each month, the next catch up will be Thursday 12th of November!

21 NOV

Volunteer's Thank you Dinner
With grateful hearts, we warmly invite all our parish volunteers to a special evening of celebration and thanksgiving! Thank you for your generosity, commitment and faithful service throughout the year. Join us for a wonderful evening of food, friendship and fellowship as we celebrate all that God has done in our community.
Saturday 21 November | 6:00pm | Collins Wing
Dinner provided. Please RSVP by 15 November to the Parish Office at Narrabundah@cg.org.au. We look forward to celebrating with you!

22 NOV

Walk with Christ- Feast of Christ the King
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. We need mainly hands for putting leaves and branches in trailers. If you have a trailer or Ute please bring it along. Please email the Parish office to let us know if you can assist.

4-6 DEC

Freedom in Christ – Advent Retreat
Join us for the Freedom in Christ Advent Retreat, a weekend of teaching and prayer for healing and freedom in Christ. Explore keys to freedom, forgiveness, renouncing the enemy's lies, and listening to the Father's voice. The retreat runs Friday 4 December, 6pm, to Sunday 6 December, 2pm, at St Benedict's Church, Narrabundah. Lunch and dinners provided. Early bird prices end 15 November; registrations close 26 November. Register at trybooking.com/DPQOM.

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 Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching. We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

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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Fr Samson Ezemuokwe MGL (APP)
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