15th November 2026

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St Benedict's

St Benedict's Catholic Church, Narrabundah

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Coming up:

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

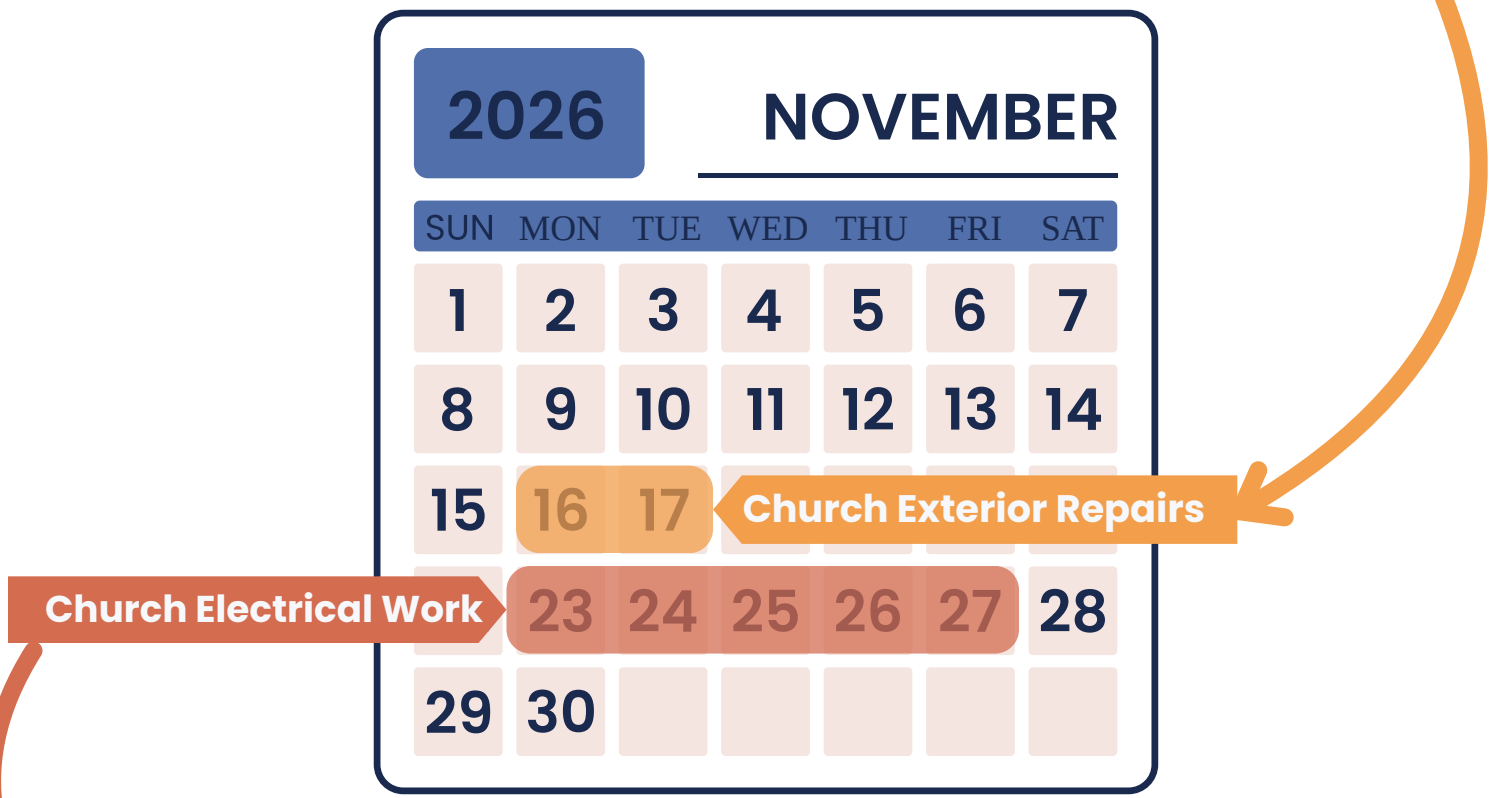
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UPCOMING NOVEMBER

MAINTENANCE

Over the next two weeks, we have major maintenance works happening in the Church. This will mean regular church activities such as Weekday Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation will be in the Collins Wing for some of these times. See tables below!

Monday 16th Nov	Tuesday 17th Nov
7am-5pm Adoration in **COLLINS WING**	7am-5pm Adoration in the **COLLINS WING**
5pm- 9pm Adoration in the **CHURCH**	5:30pm Weekday Mass in the **CHURCH** follow by Adoration as normal for remainder of the week



Mon 23rd	Tues 24th	Wed 25th	Thur 26th	Fri 27th
7am-9pm Adoration in **COLLINS WING**	7am-9pm Adoration + Weekday Mass 5:30pm in **COLLINS WING**	1pm-9pm Adoration + Weekday Mass 12:30pm in **COLLINS WING**	1pm-9pm Adoration + Weekday Mass 5:30pm in **COLLINS WING**	7am - Overnight Adoration + Weekday Mass 5:30pm in **COLLINS WING**

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

16-17 NOV

Maintenance works on the Exterior of Church - THIS WEEK!
This week, we will be having work done on the spire and exterior of the Church. This will mean Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th of November, 7am-5pm Adoration will be in the Collins Wing. Tuesday's 5:30pm Mass to be back in the church and evening Adoration will be in the church. See schedule on previous page.

23-27 NOV

Major electrical work in the Church and Parish Centre - NEXT WEEK!
As mentioned a few weeks ago, we will be doing some major electrical works in the Church and Parish Centre. The week of the 23rd-27th of November, the church will be out of action. Therefore, Adoration and all weekday masses will be in the Collins Wing. See schedule on previous page.

13 DEC

Morning Tea & Kingdom Kids – Final Date for 2026
Our final Morning Tea after the 9.00am Mass and Kingdom Kids session for the year will be held on Sunday 13 December 2026.
Both Morning Tea and Kingdom Kids will take a break over the Christmas holidays, returning on Sunday 7 February 2027.

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: Joseph Smith (Sue's Father)

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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 Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.(R.)

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life(R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No,you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 15:4. 5

Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 25:14-30

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

God's plan for human happiness is mostly frustrated by a good person burying his or her personality traits, what one might call one's talents, which is really to bury oneself and to become invisible. In the old language of my schoolboy catechism, we should be concerned not just with sins of commission, but with sins of omission – failure of courage, failure to take risks, failure to put everything on the line with the personality and the moment in time given to you and to me. As Shakespeare says in Julius Caesar: 'There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune; omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in stillness and in miseries.' The Divine Tide is flowing through human history. We should trust ourselves to that tide which can carry us to the shores of Heaven. Failure to take risks leads to Hellish stillness and miseries. We could pause for a moment to pray that we might use our talents so as to hear: 'Well done, good and faithful servant … come and join in your Master's happiness.'

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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)

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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