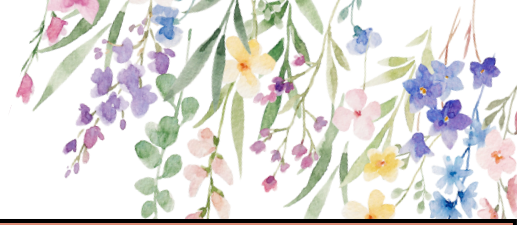


Weekend Rosters



THIS WEEKEND (26-27 Divine Mercy Sunday)

	Sat 5pm	Sun 9am	Sun 6pm
Welcomers	Volunteer	Robert H	Volunteer
Readers	Robert B & BA	Christopher R & Volunteer	Anne S & Brian W
Readings	1st: Acts 5:12-16 2nd: Rev 1:9-13, 17-19		
Offertory	Volunteer	Ruzario Family	Volunteer
Eucharistic Minister	Sue	Brendan	Volunteer
Musicians	Melissa & Grace	Family Choir	MGL Sister
Flowers & Altar Cleaning	—		
Church Cleaning	Santhosh		
Visitations	Mt View: Carmel Henry Jindalee: Prakash & Santhosh		

From Next weekend:

Rosters will be sent to volunteers via email, as this page of the bulletin will become the

“Community and Vision”

page! This is so we can communicate what’s happening in the Parish Community!

-St Benedict’s Parish Team

Follow us on social media:



stbenedicts.canberra



St. Benedict's Mission Centre



St. Benedict's Church and Mission Centre, Canberra



New website coming soon....

Try Alpha
THIS WEEK!



<https://alphastbenedictscanberra2025.eventbrite.com/>
Contact: alphanarrabundah@gmail.com

Details:

11 Week Series
Starting from Thursday 1st May | 06:30pm
Collins Wing - St Benedicts Church



REGISTER NOW!

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

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MAY

Weekend Rosters will no longer be in the Weekly Bulletins

As of next weekend, rosters will be sent to volunteers via email and will no longer be in the bulletin as there will be a "Community and Vision Page"!

Seeking New Weekend Rosters Volunteers!

We're reaching out to invite you to be a part of the beautiful work happening in our parish. We are eager to put some new names and faces on our ministry rosters—and there are plenty of ways you can get involved: **Readers (for all masses), Welcomers, Eucharistic Ministers, Offertory Procession, Church Cleaning, Music Ministry, Mass Setup Flowers and Altar Cleaning.** If you feel called to contribute in any of these areas, we'd love to hear from you. Whether you're a familiar face or new to volunteering, your time and talents will be a blessing to our community. To express your interest or find out more, please contact the Parish Office at narrabundah@cg.org.au or call 02 6295 7879 during office hours.

Requesting Chaplains in Hospitals

If you go hospital and want to be visited by a priest or deacon or chaplain; you will need to make a request to be visited.

ALPHA Course - GET READY! THIS WEEK!

St Benedict's is conducting an Alpha course starting this Thursday 6:30pm in the Collins Wing! Alpha is a 11 week course that gives people an opportunity to explore questions around life, faith and meaning in a non-threatening environment; ask questions and experience hospitality and welcome. Want to come along? **Please register at:** <https://alphastbenedictscanberra2025.eventbrite.com/>

Open RCIA Course - WANTING TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

Interested in becoming Catholic or want to know more about the Catholic faith? St Benedict's is running an RCIA Program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) in 2025. RCIA is an opportunity to come together to learn more about the Catholic faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season.

For more information contact the parish office: (02) 6295 7879

Kingdom Kids: On Break due to School Holidays!

Kingdom Kids will be on break for 3 weeks over the Easter school holidays from 13 April-27 April and will resume again on Sunday 4 May.

If you are feeling called to bring your talents to this important ministry in 2025, please reach out to discuss ways you can join us. Contact Sherice 0408259502

Volunteers wanted! Flowers and Altar Cleaning

Each week volunteers prepare St Benedict's church for the weekend Masses and ceremonies. A roster of two people is set up for the arrangement of flowers and a little cleaning, not vacuuming the church. Could you please consider helping the Parish in this way, it would involve giving an hour every 4-5 weeks usually on a Saturday morning around 9.00. If you think you could help and would like to know what is involved please feel free to call the Parish office or text Sue on 0407 269 193.

Want to receive an Online Bulletin?

If you are wanting to receive an online bulletin and join the mailing list, please contact Parish Office at narrabundah@cg.org.au or call 02 6295 7879. They are also uploaded to the Parish Website each week.

Notices Outside the Parish

DOJ YOUNG ADULTS: LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

7th MAY | St John Vianney's, Waramanga
Wanting to enrich and deepen your faith, and journey with some fellow young Catholics? This is 6-week course for you! Starting at 7:00pm on Wednesday Nights beginning 7th of May, come listen to personal testimonies, sharing and encounter what it means to be live a life on fire from the Holy Spirit!

For more information:

Contact: Claire Smart 0429164845 or claire-smart@outlook.com

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT SILENT RETREAT

3-5 MAY | St Clement's Galong NSW
For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. Two days of insightful input within a retreat centre of noted deep spiritual ambience. To RSVP please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

Sacrament Dates 2025

First Reconciliation: 19th of March

First Communion: 22nd of June

Confirmation: 30th of August

RCIA begins 14th of August
Marriage and Baptisms by request.

Before each sacrament there is an information evening, a sacramental program, a retreat then the date of the sacrament itself.

If you would like your child to receive the sacraments, please contact the parish office for more information and register through the Qkr app on the Parish Website.

Regular Parish Groups

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Each Monday (school term)
9.30am, Parish Centre
Rachael Nano 0412472243

KINGDOM KIDS

Sun 9am Mass
Contact Sherice 0408 259 502.

STREET MINISTRY

Friday Nights
After 5:30pm Mass, Civic

FUSION YOUTH GROUP

Friday Nights (Fortnightly)
7-9pm (Contact Axel Healey)

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents: Pamela Brown and family, Sarah Lisbon, Melissa Dixon, retired Bishop Pat Power, Tony Evans, Caroline Evans, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Mary Smith, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Mattia Wellspring, Wendy Fisher-Hudson, Barry Murphy and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Fr Kevin Flynn (Previous Parish Priest before the MGLs), Mike Parer, Sergio Dalla Pozzo, Luis Eduardo Mendoza (Maria Mendoza's Father)

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, loan, 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 Acts 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4. 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,his love is everlasting.

- 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)
- 2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
- 3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord grant success. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 1:9-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever. My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said,

'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 20:19-31

After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them. In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Doubt and questioning are a normal and proper part of being human. We should allow for this within the community of the Church. A point may come where a person may no longer remain in the Church with any integrity. But a dismissive, excluding Church is not the Church of this gospel story. Within the companionship of the Church a doubter may hear the words: 'Peace be with you.' What sort of peace? It is that inner assurance that, in the midst of all the tribulations and the turmoil and the myriad precursor deaths which we suffer on all sorts of levels, the Conqueror of Death wants to be with us.

How can the Risen Lord be with us? In Holy Communion, and in those counted at least in the world. According to Matthew 25, He is those without the necessities of life: food, shelter, medical care, comfort in distress.

We could pause for a moment to savour that Peace which comes from faith in the Conqueror of Death and in his Real Presence in Holy Communion and in those in dire need.

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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 - 10pm

Wed - Thurs:

1pm - 10pm

Friday

7am - Sat 8am



ROSARY

After each weekday mass except Fridays. After Sat 8am Mass.

RECONCILIATION

Friday

6:15pm - 7pm

Saturday

4pm - 4.30pm



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