

Community and Vision



Buildings Update

As many may be wondering why the Collins Wing has not yet been demolished; demolition has been delayed until further notice. A meeting with Catholic Education, the Archdiocese and representatives from the Parish occurred this past week, discussing the future of site. One of the key outcomes was that the master plan needs to be reworked to suit both the Parish and School needs.

We will have a working group with three representatives from Catholic Education and three representatives from the Parish to work through a master plan for the St Benedict's Site, encompassing the school and parish grounds. We ask for your prayers that the outcome of this will be mutually beneficial for both School and the Parish moving into the future.

Vision for Buildings and Grounds

Our vision for our buildings and grounds is that our physical environment will be beautiful, will encourage prayer and hospitality as well as being practical and functional—creating spaces that support worship, formation, ministry, and community life. Our buildings and grounds will inspire reverence, foster connection, and will create an atmosphere of welcome to all who come.

In order to make this vision a reality we want to know our people's gifts/skills/trades.

We are seeking out people who are or know:

Electricians

Plumbers

Painters

Builders

Landscapes

Any Trades in General

Maintenance

If anyone has any contacts in these areas/trades as we begin to act on the vision for our buildings and grounds, please make yourself/them known to the Parish Office!

Events and Announcements

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Alpha Course: WEEK 6-Why and how should I read the Bible?
Thursdays, in the Collins Wing at 6:30pm. Alpha is an 12-week series that creates a space for honest conversations in a warm, welcoming environment—no pressure, no judgment. Everyone is welcome. Come for the conversation, stay for the community. Interested? **Please register via the QR code or via this link: <https://forms.gle/nWAN56SRjXQx7jbq5>**

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Pentecost Rally | DOJ & CHARIS

Sunday 24th of May from 3pm-5pm at St Benedict's Church, DOJ and Charis are hosting a Pentecost Rally. The Rally will include praise and worship, preaching, testimony, and prayer teams. The day will be followed by a sausage sizzle, leading into the 6pm Charismatic Mass.

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Pentecost Flame Night with the MGL Sisters

Young Women aged 18-35 are invited to come and celebrate Pentecost with pizza, praise and a bonfire with the Missionaries of God's Love Sisters. Saturday 30th May 6pm. For more info & to register, scan the QR code.



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Commissioning Masses

On the weekend of 30th-31st of May, at all Sunday Masses, we will be commissioning our new Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion.



Want to receive an Online Bulletin + Additional Notices?

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. Each week in addition to emailing out with the weekly bulletin, we include Archdiocesan-Wide Notices that would not make it to our weekly bulletins.



Weekend Rosters | May-July: Print outs in the Sacristy

Thank you to all those who have volunteered for the upcoming roster. The roster has been finalised and put up in the sacristy or emailed to you if you are on the roster. There are multiple printed out copies in the sacristy as well.



Adoration Roster -Current hours to fill

- Monday 8-9am
- Tuesday 6-7pm
- Friday 7-8pm

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



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)

Sacrament Dates 2026

First Reconciliation: 25th of March

First Communion: 21st of June

Confirmation: Not happening next year.

RCIA begins TBD

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.

Praying for the sick

Jindalee & Mt View residents; Pamela Brown and family, Tony Evans, Caroline Evans, Jackie Carpenter, Mark Ransom, Gert Fletcher, Anna Pace, Rita Smith, Wendy Fisher-Hudson, Barry Murphy, Helen French, Sagar Julie O'Brien, Oscar.S, Michael and Rita, Peter Robinson, May Agnew and all those sick in our parish.

Recently Deceased: Veronica Smith (Sue Neimanis' Mother), June Pollard (Graham Pollard's Mother), Anthony Wright

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 Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 28:16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now! But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone. But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity. However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'. That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?' The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do. We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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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)



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

5pm - 5.30pm



SPIRITUAL DIRECTION & PERSONAL VOCATION

Adrian Wellspring

OUR PRIESTS

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