

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*prefer nothing whatever to Christ*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 72*



## 1st Sunday of Advent Year B

2 and 3 December 2017

### First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8  
*Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm: 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19  
Lord, make us turn to you;  
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to Corinthians 1:3-9  
*The revelation we looked for,  
Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark 13:33-37  
*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

### Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church 7:00pm  
Sunday at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Sunday at Parish Church 9:00am

### Weekday Mass

Daily at Monastery Chapel 7:00am  
Wednesday at Parish Church 9:30am

### Special Masses at the Parish

#### Monthly Mass

1st Friday of the month 7:00pm

#### Italian Mass

2nd Tuesday of the month 7:00pm

#### Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month 9:00am

#### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word invites all children to attend during 9:00am Mass.

Baptisms are celebrated at 11.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month. Please see Father Bernard.

Reconciliation is on every Friday evening at the Parish Church from 7.00pm to 7.45pm and available by appointment.

For the sick who require a priest, please call Father Bernard.

Marriages by appointment, please see Father Bernard.

Funerals to be arranged through Father Bernard.

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

PRIEST: Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. As we begin this Advent Season, we ask you to bless this Advent wreath. We honour and remember your first coming at Bethlehem, You are coming, now, among us in grace. We recall your final coming in glory.

Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that they may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as universal king for ever and ever.

ALL: Amen

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

PRIEST: May this sprinkling with waters of Baptism remind us of our first sharing in the life of grace that we may prepare for the Lord's coming now and always.

ALL: Amen

(The first purple candle, 'The Prophet's Candle', is now lit by the Acolyte.  
We recall the Old Testament prophecies of the birth of the messiah)

READER: Lord Jesus, light of the world, sign of salvation, come that we may have life in its fullness.



V. Come, Em - man - u - el, R. Come to save us.



V. Be our way and truth, R, Be our light.

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READER: Lord Jesus, you were heralded by all the prophets as the one who would save the people from their sins



V. Come, bring us your peace, R. Peace we've longed for.



V. Hope of all the earth, R. Be our guide.

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# Advent Alleluia

Michael Mangan

Em D Em B7

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is com - ing!

Em D Em D Em D Em D

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Em D Em D Em

1. Show us your mer - cy, Lord, show us your love. Grant us sal -  
 2. Pre - pare the Lord's way, - make straight His paths. All - peo - ple  
 3. The Spi - rit of the Lord is now on me, send - ing me to  
 4. A wom - an will give birth. to God's own Son, His name Em -

D Em B7

vat - ion, Lord, show us your love. \_\_\_\_\_  
 then shall see our God's sal - vat - tion.  
 bring Good News, Good News to all. \_\_\_\_\_  
 man - u - el: God is with us. \_\_\_\_\_

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**PIETY STALL**

Please note the Piety stall will be open  
 THIS WEEKEND.

**ROSTER**

Please check the draft roster outside the  
 sacristy THIS WEEKEND.

Final version will be prepared next week.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meeting**

Date Tuesday, 5 December  
 Time 7.30pm  
 Venue The Parish Meeting Room

**OTHER MEETINGS FOR 4 to 8 December**

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary  
 Tuesday 7.30pm Catholic Charismatic Renewal  
 Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community  
 Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died. May they Rest in Peace.  
 We welcome into God's family ~ Laura who was recently baptised.  
 We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria La Spina, Maria Jasser,  
 Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi & Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister).

## Christmas Appeal—St Vincent de Paul

This week we are continuing with our launch of the 2017 Appeal, both for financial donations and/or goods for the Christmas Hampers. Conference members will speak at the Mass at the Monastery this Sunday.

The theme of this year's Appeal is "Your donation can make wishes come true." We remember with gratitude how generous you were last year and hope that you will help us again on this occasion.

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 9-10 December

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vaccarella	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Teresa Gambino	Kath Moran
R2	Miriam Brown	Gebran Azzi
P	Mary Cascun	Margaret McKinley
AS		
EM	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
EM	Angela Scotti	Jessie Guiana
EM		Lilian Nati
EM		Kath Moran
M		Mark Quirk
M		Theresa Neely & Keith
M		Melanie & Helen
CL1		Peter Bellew
CL2		Lyla Abood
MT		Karen DeSouza
CT		Margaret & Bernadette
WEL		Grace & Jessie

### Playgroup Christmas Party

We will be having our Christmas party at my house this coming **Monday, 4 December**.  
Sandra 0410 587 735

## Gospel reading for Next Week

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT      YEAR B**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8**

*Make straight the paths of the Lord*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

### The Gospel of the Lord

**REMINDER:** Parents please keep children out of the garden.

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