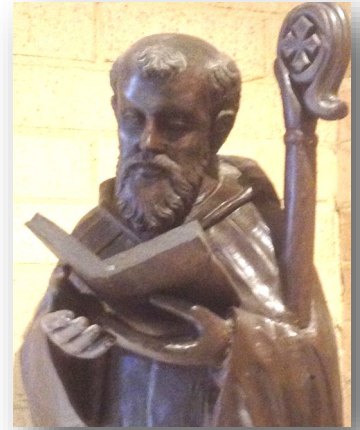


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

prefer nothing whatever to Christ
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 72



First Sunday of Advent

30 November & 1 December 2019

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5
*The Lord will gather all nations
in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading

**A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Romans 13:11-14**
The time has come, our salvation is near.

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 Matthew 24:37-44**
Stay awake, you must be ready.

Weekend Mass

Saturday at Parish Church 7:00pm
Sunday at Monastery Chapel 7:00am
Sunday at Parish Church 9:00am
Sunday Latin Mass at Church 4.30pm

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

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.

Liturgy of the Hours

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel at the following times:

| | |
|---------|--------------------|
| 5.45am | Office of Readings |
| 6.30am | Morning prayer |
| 12.45pm | Midday prayer |
| 6pm | Evening prayer |
| 8pm | Night prayer |

FUNERAL DETAILS

Fr Barry Nobbs - parish priest of the Diocese from 2005 to 2017

A Vigil Mass will take place at Our Lady of Dolours Church, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood on **Monday 2, December 2019** at 7.30pm. Supper will follow at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St Felix de Valois Church, 550 Chapel Rd, Bankstown on **Tuesday, 3 December 2019** at 11am. The cortege will then proceed to Rookwood Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him

BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE

As we move toward the end of the year, school graduation ceremonies will commence. A reminder that through the Fr Harry David Fund, the Diocese has bibles available at a subsidised cost.

To take advantage of the wonderful offers below please contact Tania Rimac at

tania.rimac@bbcatholic.org.au or 8379 1629 to place your order.

The NRSV Catholic Gift Bible \$14 (RRP \$32.99)

CEV Young Children's First Bible \$18 (RRP \$39.99)

The Piety Stall will be open this Sunday after Mass

PLEASE SUPPORT MARY MAC'S PLACE AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy is managed by CatholicCare, the social care agency of the Catholic Church in our Diocese.

Supporting anyone who is homeless, lonely or needing a helping hand, it costs over \$150,000 per year to run. Mary Mac provide more than 24,000 meals a year at a cost of \$6 per meal. They also provide a place to shower and to wash clothes, and access to outreach services such as Homeless Connector and Legal Aid. Most importantly they offer companionship and a friendly face to the vulnerable in our community. CatholicCare's Shout a Mate a Plate fundraiser went live in August and thanks to generous supporters they have been able to cover the cost of almost 2,200 meals to date. Their goal is to raise enough funds to provide 5,000 meals.

Can you spare \$6 per month. Or a one-off donation to help the less fortunate at Christmas time? Every plate helps and all donations are tax deductible. Mary Mac's Place relies 100% on the efforts of volunteers and donors—they do not receive any government funding. Please help!

BOONAH CREATIVE ARTS CENTRE: SUPPORTING ARTISTS LIVING WITH DISABILITY

Open Day Saturday 7 December 9-3pm

- Exhibition Dates:
- Monday, 9 Dec 9-3pm
 - Tuesday, 10 Dec 9-3pm
 - Wednesday, 11 Dec 9-3pm
 - Thursday, 12 Dec, 9-3pm
 - Friday, 13 Dec, 9-3pm
 - Saturday, 14 Dec, 9-3pm

www.catholiccareddb.org.au

Shop 27, The Philip Mall, Kendall Street, West Pymble 9499 5675
boonah@catholiccareddb.org.au



MARIAN CATHOLIC COLLEGE
Open Evening
Tuesday 18 February, 2020
4pm or 6pm

There will be two information sessions to showcase the students and the learning experiences offered at the College.

Enrolment packages will be available at the Open Evening, or for collection from the College Reception. Information about the College is available online at www.mariancollege.nsw.edu.au

EACH SESSION WILL:

- ☞ Commence in the College Hall, where the Principal and students from Year 7 and 12 will provide information about school life at Marian Catholic College.
- † Be followed by guided tours of the school. Visitors will be able to view activities that will be showcased at the various tour stops.
- ✂ Follow exactly the same format, so please come to the session time that best suits you (4pm or 6pm).

Applications for Year 7, 2021 close on Monday 2 March, 2020.

Please send enquiries to the Enrolment Officer: marianenrolment@parra.catholic.edu.au **9654 6700**

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died.

We welcome into God's family ~ all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Freya Sunderland, Carol Aviani & Sarah Gatt.

PLENARY COUNCIL:
HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE
A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH?



PlenaryCouncil2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

As the Catholic Church in Australia prepares for the first gathering of the Plenary Council in October 2020, we are all invited to discern how we are being called to be a Christ-centred Church.

To learn about the process of discernment, visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au or speak with your parish priest or local animator.

CHRISTMAS 2019

VINNIES HAMPER AND FINANCIAL APPEAL

Members of your local Conference will launch this year's Appeal at all Masses this weekend.

Once again, we are asking for donations of Christmas goods and other non perishable grocery items that can be made up into hampers for our local clients. Hampers will be packed and delivered in the week beginning **16th December**. Financial donations to the Appeal are also most welcome and envelopes will be available for this purpose.

We thank you for your ongoing support of Vinnies.

SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION ONLINE COURSE: Please note that any new parish worker (who commenced after 16 October) in a role that requires pre-screening (a **Working with Children Check** or a **National Police History Check**) will be required to undergo an online safeguarding induction course. For further information please discuss with Fr Bernard or contact the parish office on 9653 2312.

PARISH LOG BOOK: We will soon start compiling our annual record of life in the parish for the year. Could all the different groups in the parish please provide a short article? Could individual parishioners consider contributing an article as well, especially about an event you have attended over the year and would like to comment on, or maybe a funny story or poem! Please leave articles in the parish office or email to arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com.

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Pope Francis' prayer intention December 2019

CATECHIST NEWS Welcome to all families attending our December Children's Mass! We would like to particularly recognise our students in Year 6 as they complete Primary School and move on to High School. May God bless them in the years ahead!

This weekend we also recognise Lisa Welsman for 10 years of service as a Catechist and Lucia Sorbello for 5 years of service as a Catechist. Thanks and congratulations to Lisa and Lucy!

Dates for Combined Assemblies continue this week :

Wednesday 4th December - for Middle Dural

Friday 6th December - for Hillside

Wednesday 11th December - for Galston

Paul and Paula El-Chaar are hosting our Annual Catechist Christmas which will be held this **Friday, 6th December**, starting at 7pm. All past and present Catechists are invited. Please let me know if you are able to attend. We have a few Catechists who are unable to continue teaching, so if you are available to be a Catechist or a helper next year, please let Fr Bernard or myself know. Free training and a teacher's manual are provided to all. If you are not able to help yourself, please pray for Catechists to come forward.

God bless Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX RELICS
TO VISIT BROKEN BAY PARISHES IN MARCH 2020

Thursday 5 March: Corpus Christi, St Ives.

Arrive 8.00am

Friday 6 March: Corpus Christi, St Ives.

Depart 9.00am

St Rose, Collaroy Plateau. Arrive 10.00am,

Depart 1.00pm

St Joseph's, Narrabeen. Arrive 1.30pm

Saturday 7 March: St Joseph's, Narrabeen.

Depart 8.15am

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Arrive 9.15am

Sunday 8 March: Our Lady of the Rosary

Cathedral, Waitara. Depart 7.30am

St Patrick's, East Gosford. Arrive 8.00am. Depart

7.30pm

Our Lady of the Rosary, The Entrance. Arrive 8.00pm

Monday 9 March: Our Lady of the Rosary,
The Entrance. All day. Depart in the evening.

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relics-of-saint-therese-of-lisieux

MEETINGS this week

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary

Tuesday 7.30pm Parish Pastoral Council

Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community

Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

We the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay are committed to fostering communities of safety and care for all people, especially for children and others in the community who are vulnerable.

Our commitment is underscored by our faith in Jesus Christ.

If you have a concern for the safety and wellbeing of a child or young person or vulnerable adult, tell someone who can help.

These people in our Parish can help:

Fr Bernard 0416 032 497

Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882

Or contact the Office for Safeguarding on 8379 1605

Gospel reading for Next Week

2nd Sunday of Advent

Year A

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'
The Gospel of the Lord.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 7 to 8 December

| | 7pm | 9am |
|-----|---------------------|--------------------|
| A | Paul Camilleri | Paul El Char |
| R1 | Margaret Bensley | Melanie Hume |
| R2 | Teresa Gambino | Peter Goodwin |
| P | Mary Cascun | Lorraine Dailey |
| TV | | |
| EM | Pip Gibian | Jim Shipley |
| EM | Caterina Vaccarella | Trish Shipley |
| EM | | Catherine Colman |
| EM | | Emilie DeLeon |
| M | | Mark Quirk |
| M | | Nigel, Theresa |
| M | | Keith, Liz |
| CL1 | | Gebran Azzi |
| CL2 | | Teresa Gambino |
| MT | | Teresa Gambino |
| CT | | Rosie & Lyla Basha |
| WEL | | Jessie |

PLAYGROUP every Monday during school term

Contact p.9653 2312

10am-12noon

TRADITIONAL OWNERS

St Benedict's Parish, Arcadia, acknowledges the Darug and Guringai 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 people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
7.30pm Tuesday, 3 December 2019

Parish Office: 9653 2312

Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb

After hours: 0416 032 497

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm

Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883

Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.