

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For Parents whose child received the Sacrament of Confirmation in August 2019 please note the Sacramental program will resume in **March** with information sessions on Reconciliation and then First Eucharist.

Information sessions will be held at 4.15pm in the Parish on the following Mondays. They are to be attended by each child and at least one parent.

Session 1	Monday, 2 March
Session 2	Monday, 9 March
Session 3	Monday, 16 March
Session 4	Monday, 23 March

Reconciliation will take place on **Saturday, 28 March.**

Our celebration of First Eucharist will take place at the **9am Mass on Sunday, 14 June 2020**, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

For further information please contact the office on 9653 2312 or Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

## ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

We would like to invite youth from years 6 and above (or aged 12-17 years) to join us for our Youth Group sessions held monthly on Fridays 5-7.30pm during the school term.

Dates March 13th and April 3rd.

Next session: **Friday March 13th 2020**

5pm	Dinner (\$2 donation for pizza)
5.30pm	Chosen program
7pm	Adoration in the church (confessions available) –
Families welcome to join!	

For more information please contact Nerida on: 0425 834 017.

**Available** - motorised wheelchair - see Fr Bernard.

## MEETINGS this week

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
Tuesday	7.30pm	Parish Council
Wednesday	10.45am	Christ Catholic Community
Friday	7.30pm	Christ Catholic Community

## CATECHIST NEWS

There will be a catechists meeting this Wednesday 12.30pm in the meeting room.

Training available:

### Ministry Induction Training

Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – 6<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am – 2:30pm at Pennant Hills. This training is for all wanting to become a Catechist.

**Level 1 training** is also available from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – 27<sup>th</sup> March 9:30 – 2:30pm at Pennant Hills for all Catechists. This training is provided free by the Diocese.

Please continue to keep our Catechists and students in your prayers. *God bless,*

*Miriam Brown 9652 0558*

## FETE

**Sunday, 8 March 2020 10am**

Please bring in your raffle tickets and collect more tickets.

1st prize	One week in 3 bedroom apartment opposite beach at Hawkes Nest
2nd prize	Calf from Monastery herd
3rd prize	Bike
4th prize	PlayStation 4

We urgently need **NEW GIFTS** to be donated for the Chocolate Wheel please. If you can leave them in the sacristy would be very appreciative.

For any questions please contact Robin 0405 482 222

## PROJECT COMPASSION

Project compassion boxes are available for you to take home.

Indigenous minorities in the Philippines face regular discrimination and disadvantage. Manide woman, Shirley faced challenges supporting her children and sending them to school. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley's life has been transformed.

## SATURDAY SESSIONS WITH KATIE

All welcome to attend an introductory session to FertilityCare on

Saturday 7 March, 10.30am - 11.30am

at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills.

Natural medical approach to managing infertility, family planning and reproductive issues.

For further information or to RSVP, please email Katie at [katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:katie.fullilove@bbcatholic.org.au)

### National Catholic Safeguarding Standards:

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & Improvement.

**Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe**

**Key Elements of Standard 9:**

- \* Regularly reviews and improves practices
- \* Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures
- \* Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

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 - Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 17:1-9

***His face shone like the sun.***

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'. When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 7 & 8 March

Second Sunday of Lent - Year A

	7pm	9am FETE
A	Caterina Vacarella	Paul El-Chaar
R1	Mary Camilleri	Helen Facione
R2	Miriam Brown	Kiara Cianci
P	Mary Gambino	Peter Bellew
TV		Cali Family
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
M		Mark Quirk
M		Karen, Lisa
M		Helen Ochert
MT		FETE
CT		FETE
Wel		Grace

### PLAYGROUP

Children all ages up to 5 years.

Every Monday during school term from 10am to 12pm at the Parish. Craft, stories, games, picnics and occasional fun outings.

Come along for a cuppa, morning tea and a chat.

Enquires phone Lisa 0405 305 393

### RELICS OF ST THERESE AT CORPUS CHRISTI ON THURSDAY 5 MARCH 2020.



Bishop Anthony Randazzo will celebrate a special mass of St Therese at 7:30pm on Thursday 5 March 2020. St Therese in the last year of her life said multiple times: 'I feel my ministry is soon to begin, my mission is to make others love the good God as I love Him, to give to souls my little way of trust and self-surrender. I will spend my heaven in doing good upon earth.' In other words, Therese is very active in heaven now to meet your needs and bring you closer to Jesus.

**Where:** Corpus Christi, St Ives (263 Mona Vale Road)

**When:** Thursday 5 March at 7:30pm

**Celebrant:** Bishop Anthony Randazzo

A special blessed memento will be given to each person along with a small booklet expressing her approach to God. A light supper will be available after the mass.

Parish Office: 9653 2312

Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath OSB

After hours: 0416 032 497

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

Facebook: stbenedict sarcadia

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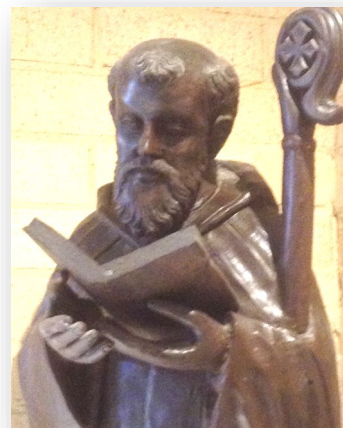
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# *St Benedict's Parish*

## *Arcadia*

*Put one's hope in God*  
*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



## First Sunday of Lent

29 February & 1 March 2020

### First Reading

A reading from the  
book of Genesis 2:7-9 3:1-7  
*Creation of our first parents, and sin.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50:3-17  
Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to the Romans 5:12-19  
*Where sin increased,  
there grace abounded all the more.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew 4:1-11  
*Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.*

### 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 every day:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6.00pm	Evening prayer
8.00pm	Night prayer

ALL are welcome to attend

This year we are celebrating the

### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

We are hoping to organise a Mass and function with the Bishop. More details to come later.

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE

Fr Bernard will be presenting "Reflections on Community's Religious Experiences

Throughout the Bible - Old and New Testaments" during Lent.

Come with passages in mind with which you have particular difficulty.

Starting this Wednesday 4th of March 7.30pm in the Parish meeting room. Everyone welcome.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday night during Lent at 6.30pm followed by Adoration and Benediction. Everyone welcome.

### Open Days

Oakhill College Sunday, 8 March

Mount St Benedict Sunday, 1 March

### Positions Vacant

There are three positions available in Broken Bay Diocese parishes at the moment.

For more information see:

[www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant)

## PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

During Lent - everyone welcome

### Tuesdays 7pm

726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house)

Contact ~ 0450 311 951

Led by Gebran Azzi

### Wednesdays 1pm

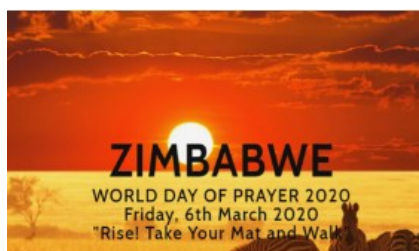
St Benedict's Parish meeting room

Led by Miriam Brown

Each year small groups meet in homes or at church for about an hour of reading and discussing the readings for 6 weeks.

This year the discussion will be focusing on Lenten Listening 2020 in discernment on the six Plenary Council 2020 themes.

If you would like to host a group please contact Fr Bernard or the office on 9653 2312.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 6th 2020

1pm to 2.30pm

Dural Baptist Church

Celebrated annually on the first Friday in March, this global ecumenical movement is led by Christian women who come together in prayer and action, for justice and peace. The movement aims to bring together people of all races, cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer.

## Fighting for Life Conference

A two day conference hosted by Parousia Media in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, addressing pro-life issues with keynote presenters Trent Horn, Bishop Richard Umbers and Raymond de Souza.

**Date:** Friday 6 March & Saturday 7 March 2020

**Time:** 9.00am to 4.00pm (both days)

**Venue:** The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping.

**Cost:** Free entry, donations appreciated.

**Registration:** Contact Parousia Media on 96510375.

## In Our Parish

**We remember in our prayers** ~ all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Iolanda Belmonte.

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

**We pray for the sick of our Parish** ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford and her grandma June Payne, Freya Sunderland, & Sarah Gatt.