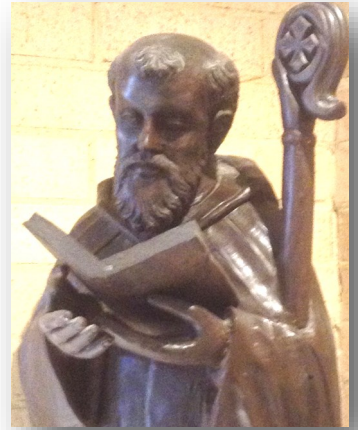


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



Do no wrong to anyone, and bear patiently wrongs done to oneself.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th and 14th January 2018

First Reading

A reading from the first book of Samuel 3:3-10
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 39:2, 4, 7-10.

Here am I, Lord;
I come to do your will.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20
Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 1:35-42
They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.

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.

Liturgy of the Hours

Seven times a day I will praise you
Psalm 119:164

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

LIFTED UP

The Diocese will provide us with Lenten booklets, *Lifted Up*, based on the practice of *lectio divina* as a way of reading the scriptures that is prayerful and transformative.

These booklets are available for all to use as a personal reflection during Lent.

If anyone is interested in being involved in a **parish Lenten group** please discuss with Father Bernard or contact the office on 9653 2312 or [E. arcadia.parish@bigpond.com](mailto:E.arcadia.parish@bigpond.com).

LENT - *The Light is On*

Lent this year begins on **14 February**, and is the season of the Church's year where we look to renew our relationship with God.

To help us do this, during Lent our Church will take part in *The Light is On*, an initiative where churches throughout the Diocese will be open on the following Friday evenings,

16 and 23 February

2, 9, 16 and 23 March from 7 to 8pm.

In our Parish this will coincide with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm.

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to drop in and visit for some quiet time, prayer, and a space to take time out to reflect on faith and life.

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will also be offered for the hour. Take time to experience God's light and peace in your life this coming Lent.

The light
is on for you!

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 ~ all who were 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) & Hannah (Leonie Miller's great granddaughter).

The **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME** will resume in February with an Information evening for parents followed by information sessions on Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Monday, 19 February 2018** at 7.30pm.

Dates for information sessions are as follows.

RECONCILIATION

Session 1	26 February
Session 2	5 March
Session 3	12 March
Session 4	19 March

Reconciliation will take place on **Saturday, 24 March** at 2pm.

FIRST EUCHARIST

Session 1	7 May
Session 2	14 May
Session 3	21 May
Session 4	28 May

First Eucharist will take place during the 9am mass on **Sunday, 3 June**, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

For any questions about the sacramental programme please contact the office on 9653 2312.

A notice will be placed in the bulletin mid year confirming date(s) and enrolment information for our next sacramental programme which will commence with **CONFIRMATION**. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Saturday, 4 August**.

Please pray for all children and their families as they continue their journey.

CATECHIST NEWS

Wishing everyone a very happy and blessed New Year!

Catechists (Scripture teachers) wanted on Wednesdays for Arcadia and Glenorie PS. If you are able to help please talk to Fr Bernard or myself.

God bless, Miriam Brown 9652 0558

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 6 February

When: 7.30pm

Where: The Parish Meeting Room

If you have any suggestions or comments please place them in the **SUGGESTION BOX** located at the front of the church.

MEETINGS 15 to 19 January

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary

Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community

Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

The **Charismatic Renewal Prayer Group** will resume on Tuesday, 6 February at 7.30pm

IRISH DANCE

Irish Dance lessons will begin again in February on Saturday mornings in the Parish Centre.

For more information, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Nerida on 0425 834 017.

FATHER BERNARD ON LEAVE

Father Bernard will be away from 1 February to 21 February.

Our **PARISH FETE** will be held on **11 March 2018**.

St Antony of the Desert (ca.251-356)

Feast Day Wednesday, 17 January

The hermit said, "This is the way to be strong: when temptations start to speak in your mind do not answer them but get up, pray, do penance, and say, 'Son of God, have mercy upon me.'"

The Desert Fathers: Sayings of the Early Christian Monks. (trans. Benedicta Ward)

ALPHA

We are planning to introduce ALPHA into our parish mid year.

Alpha is a series of talks that explore the Christian faith.

If you would like more information please talk to Father Bernard or contact Sandra on 0410 587 735.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 20 to 21 January 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
R1	Mary Cascun	Lorraine Dailey
R2	Jim O'Connor	Melanie Hume
P	Virginia Tanna	Margaret McKinley
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Liliana Nati
EM	Mary Camilleri	Angela Scotti
EM		Jim Shipley
EM		Margaret Florian
M		Mark Quirk
M		Keith & Sr Monica
M		Helen Facione
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Teresa Gambino
CT		Margaret & Peter
WEL		Peter & Grace

PLAYGROUP will resume on
Monday, 5 February from 10am to 12noon.

Gospel reading for Next Week

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Mark 1:14-20

Repent, and believe the Good News.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord

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.

OFFICE HOURS Please note the new office hours are: 10am to 2pm Thursday and Friday.

Parish Office: 9653 2312
Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb
After hours: 0416 032 497
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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety comments please write them in the OH&S book in the sacristy or phone Lorraine Dailey 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.