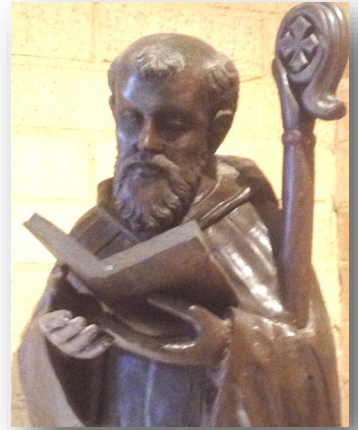


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

Desire eternal life with all spiritual longing.



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
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Italian Mass

2nd Tuesday of the month	7:00pm
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Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month	9:00am
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday	7:00pm
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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.

2nd Sunday of Advent Year B

9 and 10 December 2017

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
Prepare the way for the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm: 84:9-14

**Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**

Second Reading

**A reading from the second letter of
St Peter 3:8-14**

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!**

Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Mark 1:1-8**
Make straight the paths of the Lord.

Introduction

PRIEST:

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

ALL:

Amen

Lighting of the Advent Candles

READER:

Lord Jesus, Emmanuel, you are God with us—fulfilling the promise of Micah that out of Bethlehem of Judah would come the Saviour of the world.



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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,

Christ is coming!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prepare the Lord's way,

Make straight His paths:

All people then shall see

Our God's salvation.

Michael Mangan

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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 items in the parish office or email to arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com.

Spirit of Christmas Dinner

Date Monday, 25 December 2017
Time 6pm to 9pm
Venue St Benedict's Parish Arcadia
RSVP 23 December 2017

For the 8th year our parish will be hosting a Christmas Dinner for everyone to share this special time to celebrate Christmas on Christmas night.

Even if you are not religious it is enjoyable to spend time with other people. Christmas is all about giving, not just gifts, but giving of yourself to others.

Join in for fun, food and friendship. Everyone is welcome, singles, couples and families. You do not need to be part of the parish of St Benedict to attend. There will be music, violins and singing!

Come help us celebrate this special time of year!

Please inform your family and friends about this special occasion if they know anyone who is away from family or have nowhere to go on Christmas day or just want to join in the celebration, we will be happy to make them feel part of our community.

For any further information or if you need transport please do not hesitate to contact us.

Also if you are available to volunteer that night or help with food, gifts, music, entertainment, it would be greatly appreciated. After all, that's what Christmas is about!

Paul & Paula El-Chaar 0423 078 282
Jim & Trish Shipley 9654 2551

CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks to all those involved in organising and taking part in the Children's Mass last weekend.

This week saw the final SRE/Scripture classes and Combined Christmas Assemblies. We finished the year with a beautiful Mass and Christmas Dinner at Rose Granata's place. Thanks to Rose for hosting our dinner this year! Also thanks to Joe Pulis and Sharon da Roza from the CCD office for attending and supporting us all year. Wishing all our students and Catechists a blessed and holy Christmas holiday! Enjoy a well-deserved break!

God bless,
Miriam Brown
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator 9652 0558

ROSTER: The roster for the next 3 months is now available for collection.

If you would like to be involved with the **CHRISTMAS** liturgies, please write your name on the draft Christmas rosters outside the sacristy.

REQUEST: For the **7pm Mass** on Christmas Eve **Sunday, 24 December** can children please come in costume?

MEETINGS FOR 11 to 15 December

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

Please note **RECONCILIATION** during Advent will be on **Friday, 22 December** at 7pm.

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 whom 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).

Christmas Appeal—St Vincent de Paul

This week we are continuing with our 2017 Appeal, both for financial donations and/or goods for the Christmas Hampers.

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 - 16-17 December

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Margaret Bensley	Peter Goodwin
R2	Mary Cascun	Helen Facione
P	Mary Camilleri	Kath Moran
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Bernadette Watt
EM	Angela Scotti	Liliana Nati
EM		Nigel Morgan
EM		Jessie Guiana
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi family
M		Gregorian Chant
CL1		School holidays
CL2		School holidays
MT		Silvana Calvi
CT		Bernadette & Lyla
WEL		Jessie & Margaret M

Playgroup

Our last playgroup for the year is this coming **Monday, 11 December**. We are meeting at 10am at The Galston Club, Arcadia Road, Galston.

Gospel reading for Next Week

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8, 19-28

There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,

as a witness to speak for the light,

so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,

only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you unknown to you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord

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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.