

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

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Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



2nd Sunday of Advent Year C

8 & 9 December 2018

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
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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

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.

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Baruch 5:1-9
Jerusalem - God will show you splendour.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul
to the Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11
Show yourselves sinless and
without blame in the day of Christ.

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 Luke 3:1-6
All people shall see the salvation of God.

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. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we 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

(The second purple candle, 'The Bethlehem Candle', is now lit by the Acolyte. We recall the place of the birth of the Messiah)

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 are the one who leads the faithful remnant of Israel to the fulfilment of the promise made throughout the Old Testament.

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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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 ~ Mia Millie Saliba who was recently baptised and Iolandah Tereza Fonsdituri who will be baptised this weekend.
We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister), Sr Monica, Freya Sunderland & Guy Guiana.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2018

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

For our Christmas Appeal, we are asking for goods what we can make up into Christmas Hampers and/or for financial donations to the Society.

Food items can be left in the boxes at the doors of the church and financial donations placed in the envelopes provided. Christmas Hampers will be packed and distributed early in the week beginning 17 December.

We hope that you will support us as you have done, most generously, in previous years.



Spirit of Christmas Dinner - can you help?

Date: Tuesday, 25 December

Time: 6- 9 pm

We have hosted a Christmas Dinner in our parish for the past 9 years. This is a special time to come and celebrate Christmas together.

Everyone is welcome - in particular those who may not have family or friends to celebrate Christmas with.

Could you let us know if you are interested in coming to this dinner or are able to help, in particular with food, gifts or entertainment? There will be a **meeting** after Mass **this Sunday, 9 December** for those interested in getting involved.

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

PARISH BULLETINS AND PHOTOS: The Diocese suggests that we move in the direction of publishing photos of our parish community and our stories in the parish bulletin.

If you would like to comment or have any strong objections can you let Fr Bernard know.

Christmas Mass Times *Tuesday, 25 December*

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 7pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Monastery Chapel 7am

Parish Church 9am

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 Delel Touma's place. Thanks to Delel 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

PEWS IN THE CHURCH SATURDAY 15 DECEMBER

We need your help!

If you are available on Saturday, 15 December, we will need your help to install the pews in the Church.

From 9am onwards.

Contact Guido Scotti 0418 219 827

If you would like to be involved with the Christmas Liturgies, please write your name on the **DRAFT CHRISTMAS ROSTER** outside the sacristy.

MEETINGS this week 10 to 14 December

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

Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

During this Advent Season let us be reminded that every child is held in God's infinite tenderness, and God is present in each of their lives.
(*Evangelii Gaudium*)

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Gospel reading for Next Week 3rd Sunday in Advent Year C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 3:10-18

What, then, must we do?

When all the people asked John. 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 15 & 16 December

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vaccarella	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Miriam Brown	Judy Horton
R2	Mary Cascun	Nigel Morgan
P	Teresa Gambino	Peter Goodwin
AS		
EM	Margaret Bensley	Catherine Colman
EM	Mary Camilleri	Jessie Guiana
EM		Jim Shipley
EM		Kiara Cianci
M		Melanie Hume
M		Karen & Theresa N
M		Helen Facione
CL1		Gebran Azzi
CL2		Teresa Gambino
MT		Sophie Rebula
CT		Rosie & Peter G
WEL		Jessie & Bernadette

PLAYGROUP Mondays during school term(s)

Last Playgroup for the year **Monday, 17 December**.
Please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 if you would like to join us. 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.

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