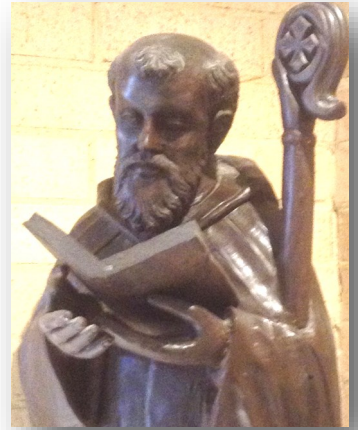


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*bring forth truth from the heart and from the mouth*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



### 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.

## Second Sunday of Advent

7 & 8 December 2019

### First Reading

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah 11:1-10**

*He judges the poor with justice.*

### Responsorial Psalm

**Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17**

Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace for ever.

### Second Reading

**A reading from the letter of St Paul  
to the Romans 15:4-9**

*Christ, the hope of all people.*

### 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 Matthew 3:1-12**

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

## 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.

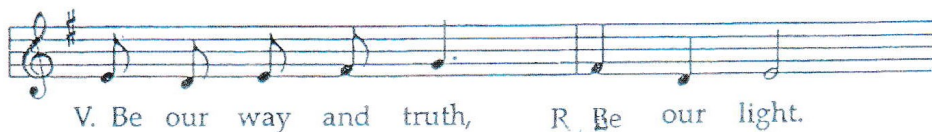
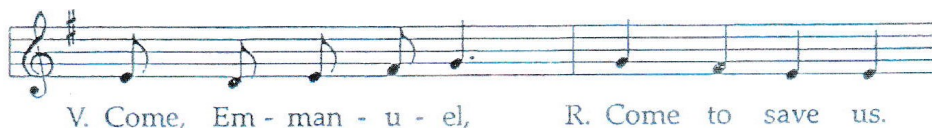
We recall your final coming in glory. Strengthen our hearts with the example of your love that we may receive you with joy and gladness on the day of our redemption, when you will come to reign as universal king for ever and ever.

**All:** Amen

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

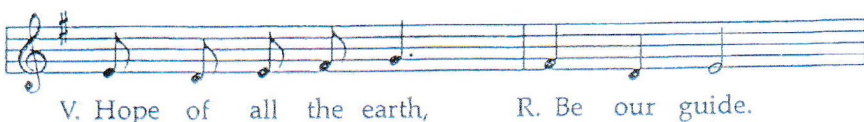
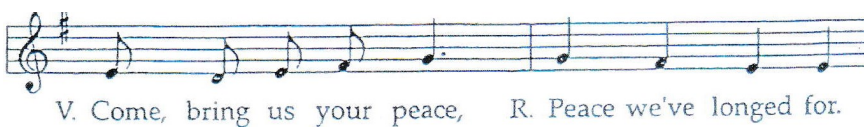
(The second purple candle, 'The Bethlehem Candle', is now lit by the Acolyte. We recall the place of the birth of the Messiah)

**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.



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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.



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## 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, & Sarah Gatt.

We are celebrating the **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH** on 1 July 2020!

An invitation will be sent to Bishop Anthony Randazzo to attend Mass and afterwards for dinner at Glenorie RSL.

We will keep you posted on the actual date for our celebration and all other further details

### **NEW MINISTERS NEEDED**

**Music:** Is anyone available to play piano and/or sing? Melanie Hume has been doing so for over 30 years and will be taking a well-earned break.

**Roster Team:** Liz Wallace and Melanie Hume have been creating the roster for the last 20 years and are ready to hand it over. (We will explain the easiest way that we have found to do it).

**Liturgy Team:** 2 new members required to mainly co-ordinate the Easter and Christmas liturgies, to work with Theresa Neely.

Please consider the above positions and discuss with Father Bernard or contact the parish office on 9653 2312.

We would like to thank Mel and Liz for their many years of service to the parish.

**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

**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](mailto:arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com).

### *Christmas Mass Times*

#### Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 7pm

Midnight Mass

Can someone organise the supper after Midnight Mass? Please discuss with Fr Bernard or contact the office on 9653 2312.

Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25 December

Monastery Chapel 7am

Parish Church 9am

Latin Mass in Parish Church 11am

The **DRAFT ROSTER** is available outside the sacristy. Please check your name and make any necessary changes. If you would like to be involved with the Christmas Liturgies, please write your name on the **DRAFT CHRISTMAS ROSTER** outside the sacristy.

### CATECHIST NEWS

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

Our final Combined Christmas Assembly will be held at Galston this week.

We celebrated with a beautiful Mass and Christmas Dinner at Paula and Paul El-Chaar's place. Thanks to Paula and Paul for hosting our dinner this year! Thanks to all our Catechists for their time and commitment throughout the year. Also thanks to Joe Pulis and Sharon da Roza from the CCD office for attending the dinner 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 9652 0558,  
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

### *Fete - Sunday, 8 March 2020*

Save the Date! If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact Robin on 0405 482 222. Please note there will be no craft stall at the Fete next year

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

### **CHRISTMAS 2019**

#### VINNIES HAMPER AND FINANCIAL APPEAL

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 **16<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 2019 COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR

Calendars are now available.

Please see Fr Bernard or contact the office if you would like to purchase a copy. Price \$10 p.9653 2312

#### 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

### 3rd Sunday of Advent

Year A

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 11:2-11

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 14 - 15 December

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vaccarella	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Mary Cascun	Gebran Azzi
R2	Mary Gambino	Teresa Gambino
P	Miriam Brown	Karen DeSouza
TV		
EM	Angela Scotti	Robin Barbara
EM	Margaret Bensley	Pam Galbraith
EM		Liliana Nati
EM		Jessie Guiana
M		Melanie Hume
M		Theresa N and Helen
M		Marisa
CL1		Peter Goodwin
CL2		Rosie Sakkal
MT		Mary Abood
CT		Margaret & Peter
WEL		Grace

### 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.

**PLAYGROUP** every Monday during school term

Contact p.9653 2312

10am-12noon

**9 December** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**12 December** Our Lady of Guadalupe

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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.