

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

*As we progress ... our hearts will be enlarged,
and we shall run with unspeakable sweetness of love.*

Rule of St Benedict, Prologue



Second Sunday of Easter

7 and 8 April 2018

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:32-35
The whole group was united, heart and soul.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John
*Anyone begotten by God has
already overcome the world.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You believe in me, Thomas,
because you have seen me;
happy those who have not seen me,
but still believe!
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 20:19-31
After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday - 8 April

How many are the expressions of mercy with which God encounters us? They are numerous and it is impossible to describe them all, for the mercy of God continually increases. God never tires of showing us mercy and we should never take for granted the opportunity to receive, seek and desire this mercy. It is something always new, which inspires awe and wonder as we see God's immense creativity in the ways he comes to meet us.

Pope Francis, Prayer Vigil, Divine Mercy Sunday 2016

Jesus, I trust in you



Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. This gathering of all the local churches or dioceses of the nation will invite us to reflect on the question:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?"

Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au and in the upcoming April *Broken Bay News* with a message from Bishop Peter and a special four page guide highlighting our local plans here in the Diocese of Broken Bay, to play our part in this national conversation.

Through its listening and dialogue sessions, the Plenary Council will give all people the opportunity to say what is on their mind and in their heart. It is a chance to speak boldly but also listen with an open and humble heart. The official launch of the Plenary Council will be at Pentecost this year, 20 May. This gives us time to prepare, to "Listen to what the Spirit is saying" and to consider how we can take part in this important process.

ALPHA: commencing with morning tea after mass on

Sunday, 6 May.

Followed by Monday nights from 6.30–8.30pm:

7, 14, 21 and 28 May

4, 11, 18 and 25 June, 2 July.

- An attendance sheet will be placed near the bulletins—please complete if you would like to attend
- Please let me know if you are able to assist with a meal

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CATHOLIC YOUTH—TWILIGHT TALKS

Did God create the Universe, or was there a Big Bang? Find out why we say 'yes' to both and how the glory of the Maker of the Stars can be found in understanding the science behind how he did it.

Date: Tuesday, 24 April 6.30pm-9pm

Venue: Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

RSVP: youth@dbb.org.au

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 Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister), Howard Batchelor & Sr Monica.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Please see Father Bernard if you are interested in assisting as an Eucharistic minister.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME The programme will resume in May for preparation before 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.

Information regarding the next sacramental programme will be available mid May.

MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE

247 St Andrews Road, Varroville p.8795 3400
Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus: Time to reflect with two 'insignificant disciples' as they return (from Emmaus) to Jerusalem after meeting the Risen Lord.

Presenter Bishop Greg Homeming OCD
April 13: 6pm to April 15: 1.30pm Cost: \$250

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE

Conversations with the Wisdom of Benedictine Women.
Date: Friday evening 18 May–Sunday 20 May
Cost: \$300. Bookings by Friday 11 May p.8752 5390
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Venue: 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

PROCLAIM 2018

National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation in Brisbane 12-14 July.
www.proclaimconference.com.au

Next **Parish Pastoral Council** meeting:
Tuesday, 1 May

CATECHIST NEWS This week is the final week for Term 1.

Arcadia, Galston, Glenorie and Hillside schools will be enjoying their Combined Scripture Assemblies this week.

Wishing all families an enjoyable holiday break! Term 2 commences on Tuesday 1 May.

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

NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE

“Forming Missionary Disciples”: Organised by Catholic Ministries Network NSW, the day will include networking with ministry leaders, ministers and volunteers around NSW. Keynote: Fr Paul Roberts, Director of Institute for Mission and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Parramatta, “Renewing our Baptismal Call and Enabling our Gifts in Parish and School Life”.

Date: Tuesday, 1 May 9.30am-4.30pm
Venue: Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe
Cost: \$65

To register visit trybooking.com/twad
Enquiries: tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

THE FATHER FACTOR Addressing the important role of fathers in society, providing practical information on being an intentional father and recovering from absent fathering.

Date: Tuesday, 8 May
Time: 7.30pm- 9.30pm
Venue: The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara
RSVP: faith.formatio@dbb.org.au
Cristina Gomez 9847 0428 by 4 May

MEETINGS this week

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

For those who have responsibility in Economic Matters
That economists may have the courage to reject any
economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for April

Office of Safeguarding~ Broken Bay

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.

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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 14 & 15 April 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Mary Cascun	Kath Moran
R2	Margaret Bensley	Bernadette Watt
P	Virginia Tanna	Margaret McKinley
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Marissa Quattrocchi
EM	Mary Camilleri	Angela Scotti
EM		Jim Shipley
EM		Margaret Florian
M		Melanie Hume
M		Karen & Theresa N
M		Teresa Gambino
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Teresa Gambino
CT		Margaret & Peter
WEL		Peter & Grace

PLAYGROUP Each Monday 10am to 12noon
Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

All carers and children welcome!

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Gospel reading for Next Week

3rd Sunday of Easter

Year B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

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.

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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.