

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For Parents whose child received the Sacrament of Confirmation in August 2019 please note the Sacramental program will resume in **March** with information sessions on Reconciliation and then First Eucharist.

Information sessions will be held at 4.15pm in the Parish on the following Mondays. They are to be attended by each child and at least one parent.

Session 1	Monday, 2 March
Session 2	Monday, 9 March
Session 3	Monday, 16 March
Session 4	Monday, 23 March

Reconciliation will take place on **Saturday, 28 March.**

Our celebration of First Eucharist will take place at the **9am Mass on Sunday, 14 June 2020**, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

For further information please contact:
Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

We would like to invite youth from years 6 and above (or aged 12-17 years) to join us for our Youth Group sessions held monthly on Fridays 5-7.30pm during the school term.

Dates March 13th and April 3rd.

Next session: **Friday March 13th 2020**

5pm Dinner (\$2 donation for pizza)

5.30pm Chosen program

7pm Adoration in the church
(confessions available) –

Families welcome to join!

For more information please contact
Nerida on: 0425 834 017.

CATECHIST NEWS

A big thanks all those who prepared, helped, read and served last weekend with the Children's Mass, Catechist Commissioning and celebrating, including 2 baptisms, with Fr Bernard! So much to celebrate and be thankful for!

As we move into Lent please keep our Catechists and the children they teach in your prayers, that this may be a time of renewal and remembering others in need.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Coordinator

FETE POSTPONED To Sunday, 3rd MAY 2020 10am

Please bring in your raffle tickets and collect more tickets.

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

We urgently need **NEW GIFTS** to be donated for the Chocolate Wheel please. If you can leave them in the sacristy would be very appreciative.

For any questions please contact Robin 0405 482 222

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project compassion boxes are available for you to take home. Here is the weekly story highlighting the positive impact our community is making:

27 year old Phany was a struggling farmer and was forced to leave her daughter to take up construction work in the city. Her life has been transformed since joining Caritas supported program, learning crop growing skills and better water management, to combat drought.

PRAISE

Fest

Catholic Youth Broken Bay are hosting their first PRAISEFEST of the year! Come and join us for an evening of fun, a free BBQ, fellowship, and an experience of energetic worship with a life-giving message.

Date: Friday 20 March 2020
Time: 6:00pm – 9:00pm
Venue: MacKillop Catholic College,
91 Sparks Rd, Warnervale

Available - motorised wheelchair - see Fr Bernard.

MEETINGS this week

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

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards:

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & Improvement.

Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe

Key Elements of Standard 9:

- * Regularly reviews and improves practices
- * Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures
- * Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

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**

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 14 & 15 March

Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
R1	Mary Cascun	Judy Horton
R2	Margaret Bensley	Jo-Anne Mathyi
P	Teresa Gambino	Lorraine Dailey
TV		Cali Family
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
M		Mark Quirk
M		Theresa G, Marisa
M		Keith, Liz
MT		Silvana Calvi
CT		Lorraine & Mary A
Wel		Grace & Jessie

PLAYGROUP

Children all ages up to 5 years.

Every Monday during school term from 10am to 12pm at the Parish. Craft, stories, games, picnics and occasional fun outings.

Come along for a cuppa, morning tea and a chat.

Enquires phone Lisa 0405 305 393

Gospel reading for Next Week Third Sunday of Lent - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' - Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvations comes from the Jews. But the hour will come—in fact it is here already—when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah—that is, the Christ—is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything,' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus "I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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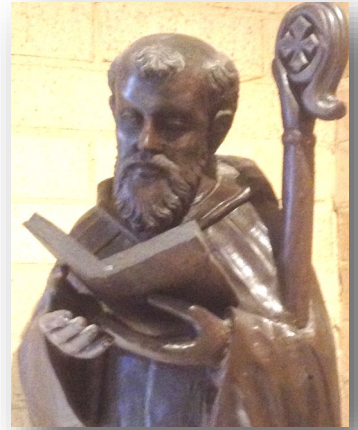
Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays 10.30am to 3pm
Monastery: 9653 1159
Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com
Website: www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.

St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

*To deny oneself, in order to follow Christ.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



Second Sunday of Lent

7 & 8 March 2020

First Reading

A reading from the
book of Genesis 12:1-4
The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 32:4-22
Lord, let your mercy be on us,
As we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Timothy 1:8-10
*God has saved us,
And called us to be holy.*

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard;
This is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 17:1-9
His face shone like the sun.

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.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel every day:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6.00pm	Evening prayer
8.00pm	Night prayer

ALL are welcome to attend

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Parish. We are hoping to organise a Mass and function with the Bishop. More details to come later.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE

Fr Bernard will be presenting "Reflections on Community's Religious Experiences throughout the Bible - Old and New Testaments" during Lent.

Come with passages in mind with which you have particular difficulty.

Every Wednesday 4th of March 7.30pm in the Parish meeting room.

Everyone welcome.

✝ STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday night during Lent at 6.30pm followed by Adoration and Benediction. Everyone welcome.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH
Catholics in China**

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



**PARISH LENTEN GROUPS
During Lent - everyone welcome**

Tuesdays 7pm

726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house)
Contact ~ 0450 311 951
Led by Gebran Azzi

Wednesdays 1pm

St Benedict's Parish meeting room
Led by Miriam Brown

Each year small groups meet in homes or at church for about an hour of reading and discussing the readings for 6 weeks. This year the discussion will be focusing on Lenten Listening 2020 in discernment on the six Plenary Council 2020 themes. If you would like to host a group please contact Fr Bernard or the office on 9653 2312.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY
with Trent Horn**

Hosted by Parousia Media

Date: Monday 9th March 2020
Time: 9.30am to 2.30pm
Cost: Free entry (donations welcome)
Venue: St Benedict's Parish Arcadia
Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

Registration online: www.parousiamedia.com

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Notre Dame Chaplaincy
invites men of all ages to the

Date: Saturday, April 4 2020
Time: 9am to 4pm
Cost: Free - Booking is essential
Venue: St Benedict's - Broadway
Contact us at 02 8204 4189
sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au
<http://www.trybooking.com/BIJFM>
guided by Fr Edmond Travers msc

OPEN DAYS

Oakhill College, Sunday 8 March
St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga, Tuesday 10 March

GCEA PRAYER MEETING

Galston Christian Education Association

When: Monday 9th March, 7.30pm
Where: Galston Uniting Church

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers - all our dearly beloved who have died..

We welcome into God's family - to all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish - Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford and her grandma June Payne, Freya Sunderland, & Sarah Gatt.