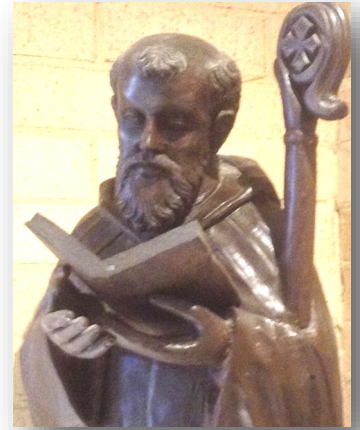


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

Desire eternal life with all spiritual longing.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



3rd Sunday of Advent

16 and 17 December 2017

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
I exult for joy in the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
My soul rejoices in my God.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24
*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

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.*

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.

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 ask you to bless this Advent wreath. 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 they 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

READER:

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You know your flock and call each by name.



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 Good Shepherd ready to search out and look for the lost sheep and lay down your life for them.



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.

The Spirit of the Lord

Is now on me,

Sending me to bring Good News,

Good News to all.

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 provide articles by **Friday, 22 December.**

Email: arcadia.parish@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

Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas filled with God's blessings and love.

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?

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS

St Mary's Cathedral—6 December to Christmas Day

Christmas Carols from 7.30pm with sound and light show at 8.30pm through to midnight. The show has three segments with the first inspired by St Mary's stained glass windows and terrazzo mosaics. The second is an animated story which will demonstrate the importance of putting down technology devices so as to appreciate your family and friends. The final segment will feature a series of beautiful Madonna and Child artworks.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MEETINGS FOR 18 to 22 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 ~ Edith, Archer, Hazel and Fergus who 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.

This is the LAST WEEKEND to donate 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 - 23-24 December

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
R1	Miriam Brown	Peter Bellew
R2	Teresa Gambino	Judy Horton
P	Margaret Bensley	Bernadette Watt
AS		
EM	Pip Gibian	Trish Shipley
EM	Mary Camilleri	Liliana Nati
EM		Angela Scotti
EM		Margaret Florian
M		Melanie Hume
M		Keith & Liz
M		Helen & Theresa
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Rosie Sakkal
CT		Peter Goodwin & Lyla
WEL		Jessie & Lyla

REMINDER Parents please keep children out of the garden.

Gospel reading for Next Week

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38

You will conceive and bear a son.

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

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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