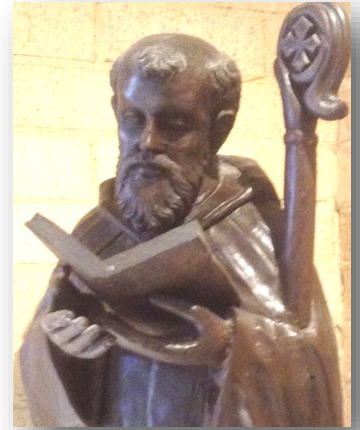


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

bring forth truth from the heart and from the mouth

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



Third Sunday of Advent

14 & 15 December 2019

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
God himself will come and save us.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:6-10
Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St James 5:7-10
You also must be patient;
do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.

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 Matthew 24:11:2-11
Are you the one who is to come,
or must we wait for someone else?

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.

Introduction

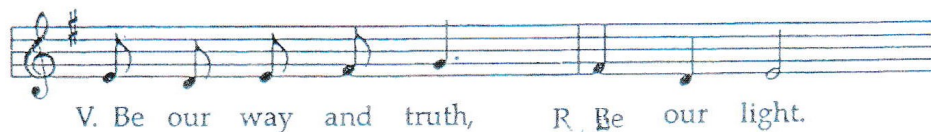
Lord Jesus Christ, you are our Saviour, the true light who has come into our world. As we continue this Advent Season, we ask you to bless this Advent wreath. We honour and remember your first coming at Bethlehem, You are coming, now, among us in grace. We recall your final coming in glory. Strengthen 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

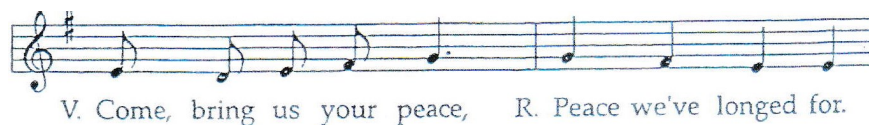
(The first, second and third (rose - joy) candle, *The Shepherd's Candle*, are now lit by the Acolyte. We recall that shepherds were the first to hear the news of the birth of the Messiah.)

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



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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.



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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 has been 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.

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.parish@bigpond.com.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 7pm

Midnight Mass: Can someone organise the supper after Midnight Mass?

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

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

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

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 **16th 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.

LOST KEYS: if you have found keys in the church please contact the office 9653 2312

2019 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Price \$10 please see Father Bernard if you would like to purchase a copy

MEETINGS this week

Monday	2.30pm	Italian Rosary
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

4th Sunday of Advent

Year A

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 1:18-24

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

A name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 21-22 December

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Mary Camilleri	Helen
R2	Margaret Bensley	Jo-Anne Mathyi
P	Mary Gambino	Judy Horton
TV		
EM	Lorna Boniel	Kiara Cianci
EM	Emilie De Leon	Trish Shipley
EM		Jim Shipley
EM		Marisa Quattrocchi
M		Melanie Hume
M		Theresa G & Marisa
M		Keith & Liz
CL1		School holidays
CL2		School holidays
MT		Sophie Rebula
CT		Lorraine & Peter G
WEL		Grace & Jessie

PLAYGROUP every Monday during school term

Contact p.9653 2312

10am-12noon

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.

Parish Office: 9653 2312

Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb

After hours: 0416 032 497

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm

Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883

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. All information will be well received.