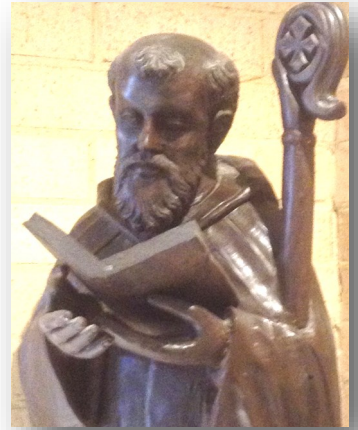


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

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



## Third Sunday of Lent

14 & 15 March 2020

### First Reading

A reading from the  
book of Exodus 17:3-7  
*Give us water to drink.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 R.v.8  
If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to the Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
*The love of God has been poured out into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;  
Give me living water, that I may never thirst again.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John 4:5-42  
*The water that I shall give will turn into  
a spring of eternal life..*

### 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 in Lent from 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au)  
<http://www.trybooking.com/BIJFM>  
*guided by Fr Edmond Travers msc*

**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD AT MT SCHOENSTATT**

20th to 21st March commencing with 6 pm Mass, and finishing with a Vigil Mass at 5 pm.

Contact [mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au](mailto:mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au) or phone 4773 8338.

Address: 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things, with great love."

St Teresa of Calcutta

**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.

## 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.

Next session: **Friday March 3rd 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

Free training continues at Pennant Hills for all Catechists – Level 1 training on Fridays 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> March 9:30am - 2:30pm. Also a Lenten Spirituality morning with Mark's Gospel on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 9:30am – 12:30pm. RSVP 8379 1643

Please keep our Catechists and their students in your prayers at this time.

*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.

<i>1st prize</i>	<i>One week in 3 bedroom apartment opposite beach at Hawkes Nest</i>
<i>2nd prize</i>	<i>Calf from Monastery herd</i>
<i>3rd prize</i>	<i>Bike</i>
<i>4th prize</i>	<i>PlayStation 4</i>

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 Trash & Treasure it's been requested only sellable items to be brought.

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:

Barry, father of four, grew up in a tough environment. With the support of a program from Caritas Australia's partner, Red Dust Healing, Barry has overcome many of life's challenges. He is now an inspirational father to his four girls and leader in his community.

## 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**

### Gospel reading for Next Week Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

*The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with this sight restored.*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put it over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means sent). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only look like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This may cannot be from God; he does not keep the Sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet,' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied, 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 21 & 22 March Fourth Sunday of Lent - Year A

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Jim Shipley
R1	Maria Gambino	Kiara Cianci
R2	Mary Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
P	Miriam Brown	Margaret Florian
TV		Cali Family
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
EM	N/A	N/A
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi family
M		
MT		Teresa Gambino
CT		Robin & Rosie
Wel		Kath

### 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

**Parish Office:** 9653 2312  
**Parish Priest:** Fr. Bernard McGrath osb  
**After hours:** 0416 032 497  
**Good Samaritan Sisters:** 9653 1231  
**Facebook:** stbenedictscaradia

**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.**