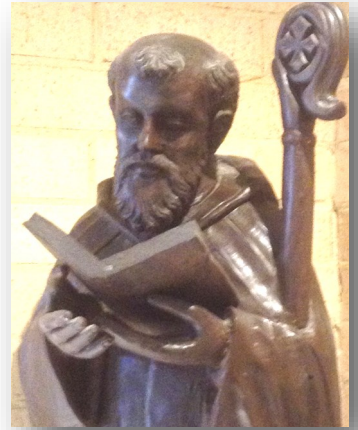


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



Wash away during these holy days all the negligences of other times.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 49

Third Sunday of Lent

3rd and 4th March 2018

First Reading

A reading from the book of
Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 18:8-11

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

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.

CATECHIST NEWS

Welcome to all families attending our first Children's Mass for the year! All are welcome to remain for morning tea after Mass.

As our Catechists begin another year of teaching Special Religious Education (Scripture) in public schools in the parish, let us give thanks for their ministry and pray for their work that it will bear fruit in the hearts and minds of the children and their families.

This year our Catechists and helpers are:

At **Arcadia PS** - Lyla Abood, Bernadette Watt, Miriam Brown and Luke Neely and Virginia Tanna.

At **Galston PS** - Rose Granata, Lucy Sorbello, Bernadette Watt, Pauline Honor, Gebran Azzi, Paula El-Chaar, Paul El-Chaar and Tony Jasprizza.

At **Glenorie PS** - Mary Abood, Leonie Miller, Margaret Long, Gebran Azzi, Natalie Kazzi, Rita Sarkis, Nancy Kazzi, Colleen Appino and Luke Neely.

At **Hillside PS** - Lyla Abood, Marinka Marinov and Therese Jasser.

At **Middle Dural PS** - Josephine Letteri and Delel Touma.

Our Reserve Catechists are Margaret Florian, Lisa Welsman, Mary Hackett, Noelle Takchi and Teresa Gambino.

Our next Catechist meeting is next **Wednesday 7 March** at 12:30pm. All are welcome!

God Bless Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

This coming Thursday 8 March is **International Women's Day**. To celebrate a special event will be held on **Saturday, 10 March** 10am to 3pm at the Caroline Chisholm Centre, Pennant Hills.

Bookings Joan Pavitt 0408 165 014
joan.pavitt@dbb.org.au

Parish Lenten Groups : each Wednesday during lent

- 1.30pm** PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR THIS WEEK ONLY
Parish Meeting Room
Contact Miriam 9652 0558
- 7.30pm** 726A Old Northern Road, Dural
Contact Margaret 9653 3377

Chrism Mass Tuesday, 27 March 7.30pm

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 27 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Could we have **two parish representatives** to attend Mass and receive the Oils? Please let Father Bernard know by 14 March if you are able to attend.

CHOIR: All singers and choirs from parishes across the Diocese are warmly invited to join together to form a Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass.

Please contact Bella Jakubek at the Cathedral for further details.

Bella.Jakubek@dbb.org.au

Stational Mass

All parishioners are invited to gather and pray as one body on this graced journey to Easter. Please join us at one or all of the following Masses celebrated at 7.30pm by Bishop Peter:

- 6 March St Agatha's Church, Pennant Hills
- 13 March Our Lady of the Rosary Church, The Entrance
- 22 March St Philip Neri Church, Northbridge

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) and Sr Monica.

St Benedict's Parish Fete 11 March 2018

Are you fit young(ish) healthy and strong(ish)? Can you spare an hour or so on **Saturday 10 March about 2pm** to assist setting up the marquees and stalls and/or at the end of the fete to dismantle and clear up? WE NEED YOU!

We still need goods for the **FANCY GOODS** stall such as hanging tea towels (tea towels with crocheted tops) and fabric plastic bag holders.

We will need **CAKES** on the day for the Cake Stall. Please label all ingredients. There are cake boxes available in the parish office if needed.

PLEASE NOTE the front gate will be open between 9am and 5pm all next week leading up to the fete for people to drop off trash and treasure and books. Everything is to be left inside the catechist room which will also be left open.

Lorraine
m. 0416 081 882
e. lorraine.dailey@aarminique.com.au

CHILDREN'S MASS: We welcome everyone to Children's Mass this Sunday.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: next meeting Tuesday, 6 March at 7.30pm

NEW ROSTER AVAILABLE: for collection in the sacristy.

EASTER ROSTER: The draft roster is available outside the sacristy. Please complete if you are able to assist with the Easter liturgy.

EASTER MUSIC: Music practice for Easter will take place on Sunday, 18 March after mass.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please see Father Bernard if you are interested in assisting as an Eucharistic minister. Training will be available in this ministry after Easter.

Volunteer Stall Holders

Main Raffle	Jim Shipley Margaret Florian Peter Goodwin	9885 7039 9653 3377 9652 2952
Stall (on the day)	Theresa Neely Joe West	9653 3473 9653 2521 0478 803 341
Counters	Grace & Rita	0431 289 847
Chocolate Wheel	David Camilleri	0407 466 244
Greengrocery	Kazzi Family	Daniel 0418 295 597
Cake Stall	Bernadette Watt	9653 2616
Flower Stall	Jessie Guina Peter Goodwin	9651 1136 9652 2952
Devonshire Tea	Rosie Sakkal	9652 0121
Barbeque Stall	Sally Sakkal & Family	9653 2627
Fancy Goods/craft	Helen Facione	9653 1203
Kids Activities	Andrew Sakkal	0419 333 134
Gelato	Silvana	0434 001 572
Treasure Hunt	Jo & girls	
Plants	Judy Horton	0419 604 701
General Assistance	Eamon Julianne	0404 173 757 0415 448 797
Advertising	Paula El Chaar Kath	
Books/Trash & Treasure	Theresa Neely	9653 3473

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:

The next Information Sessions on **Reconciliation** are as follows:

- Session 2 **Monday, 5 March** at 4.15pm
- Session 3 **Monday, 12 March** at 4.15pm
- Session 4 **Monday, 19 March** at 4.15pm.

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

ALPHA

We are planning to introduce ALPHA into our parish in **May**. Further details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Alpha is a series of talks that explore the Christian faith.

If you would like more information please talk to Father Bernard or contact Sandra on 0410 587 735.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 10 & 11 March 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Paul El Chaar
R1	Margaret Bensley	
R2	Mary Cascun	Virginia Tanna
P	Mary Camilleri	Kath Moran
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Kath Moran
EM	Angela Scotti	Liliana Nati
EM		Pam Galbraith
EM		Jessie Guiana
M		Melanie Hume
M		Marisa Quattrochi
M		Karen DeSouza
CL1		N/A
CL2		
MT		N/A
CT		
WEL		Jessie & Margaret M

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

All carers and children welcome!

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.arcadia.dbb.org.au

Gospel reading for Next Week

4th Sunday of Lent

YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 3:14-21

God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,

because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil.

And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed;

but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light,

so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

The Gospel of the Lord

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.