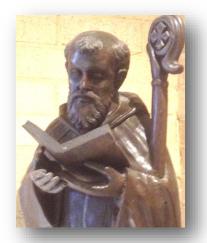
St Benedict's Parish

Arcadía

Listen readily to holy reading.



Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4

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 Chapel7:00amWednesday at Parish Church9:30am

Special Masses at the Parish

Monthly Mass1st Friday of the month7:00pmItalian Mass2nd Tuesday of the month7:00pmChildren's Mass1st Sunday of each month9:00amExposition of the Blessed SacramentEvery Friday7:00pm

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.

4th Sunday of Advent

23 and 24 December 2017

<u>First Reading</u> A reading from the second book of Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.

<u>Responsorial Psalm</u> Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29 For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 16:25-27 The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.

> <u>Gospel Acclamation</u> Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

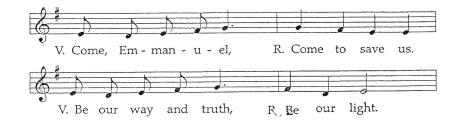
<u>Gospel</u> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:26-38 You will conceive and bear a son.

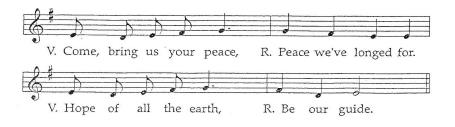
Year B

<u>PRIEST</u>: Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces His glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for His coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

<u>ALL:</u>

Amen





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ADVENT ALLELUIA

Alleluía, Alleluía, Alleluía, Christ is coming! Alleluía, Alleluía, Alleluía.

A woman will give birth to God's own son His name Emmanuel: God is with Us.

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Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Refraín:

Gentle woman, quiet light, Morning star, so strong and bright. Gentle mother, peaceful dove, Teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father, You were chosen for the Son. You were chosen from all women, And for woman, shining one.

Blessed are you among women. Blest in turn all women too. Blessed they with peaceful spirits. Blessed they with gentle hearts.

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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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED for

Christmas Day. If you are able to assist please see Liz or Mel after Sunday mass.

There will be **<u>SUPPER</u>** after MIDNIGHT MASS. Please bring a plate to share.

<u>CATECHIST NEWS:</u> Wishing everyone a safe and peaceful Christmas filled with God's blessings and love.

The CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PRAYER

<u>GROUP</u> will resume meetings after the Christmas break on **Tuesday, 6 February 2018** at 7.30pm.

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.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 7pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Monastery Chapel 7am Parish Church 9am

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 La Spina, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Jo-Ann Mathyi, Peter Mathyi & Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister).

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year from St Benedict's



St Vincent de Paul

That's it for 2017. Ten wonderful hampers packed and delivered and over \$2000 in financial contributions banked.

Well done, Arcadia Parish, and thank you!

May your Christmas be a blessed and a joyful one.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 30-31 January 2018

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	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Paul El-Chaar
R1	Mary Camilleri	Gebran Azzi
R2	Miriam Brown	Margaret McKinley
Р	Jim O'Connor	Sr Monica
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Jim Shipley
EM	Pip Gibian	Jessie Guiana
EM		Nigel Morgan
EM		Trish Shipley
м		Mark Quirk
Μ		Karen and Sr Monica
Μ		Teresa G and Theresa N
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
мт		Sandra Mawhinney
СТ		Lorraine & Rosie
WEL		Kath & Grace

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

Gospel reading for Next Week

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:22, 39-40

The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Gospel of the Lord

And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy; Glory to God in the highest, and they proclaim peace to people of good will as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all the nations of the world.

Pope Saint Leo the Great

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.

Office Hours: Monday & Friday 9.30am-2.30pm Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883 Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com Website: www.arcadia.dbb.org.au

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.