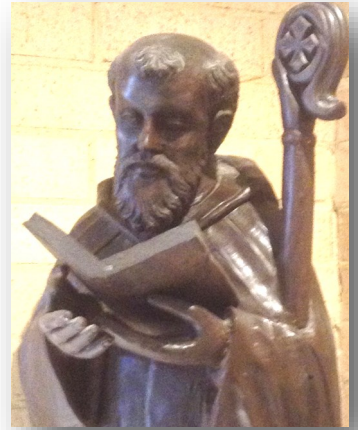


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

Listen readily to holy reading

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



4th Sunday of Advent Year C

22 & 23 December 2018

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Micah 5:1-4

Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you;

let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

**A reading from the letter
to the Hebrews 10:5-10**

I am coming to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.**

Alleluia!

Gospel

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke 1:39-44**

*Why should it happen that I am honoured
with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

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.

Priest: 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.

All: Amen



V. Come, Em - man - u - el, R. Come to save us.



V. Be our way and truth, R. Be our light.



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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Christmas Mass Times

Tuesday, 25 December

Christmas Eve

Children's Mass 7pm

- Would children like to dress in costume? -

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Monastery Chapel 7am

Parish Church 9am

Latin Mass in Parish Church 11am

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

Refrain:
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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In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Marek Faracik. May He Rest in Peace.

We welcome into God's family ~ Micaela Monique Shankland who will be baptised this weekend.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Rita (Lorraine Dailey's sister), Freya Sunderland & Guy Guiana.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Your St Vincent de Paul Conference packed and distributed Christmas Hampers during the week. We were assisted in the packing by some wonderful "junior elves," related to one of the members. The hampers were filled to overflowing with your donations and also included a generous amount of gift vouchers. They were accompanied by delightful Christmas gingerbread trees, lovingly made by a parishioner. Recipients were in awe. They cried; they hugged; they were lost for words!

At last count, your financial contributions to the Christmas Appeal have amounted to over \$3000!

Thank you, members of Arcadia Parish, for your wonderful generosity. You have brought so much joy to your neighbours. May you experience joy yourselves during this Christmas time.



PEWS BEFORE THE STORM !

A tremendous thanks to all involved in installing the pews last Saturday, in particular the Fatima Committee - and just before the storm!

And a special thank you to Fr Pat Hurley and Good Shepherd Catholic Parish Hoxton Park - and all their parishioners who helped load up the trucks!



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 for inclusion? 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 items in the parish office or email to arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com.

Could **PRAYER GROUP** leaders please advise the office whether you will be continuing your groups over the Christmas and New Year period.

MEETINGS this week 24 to 28 December

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary
Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community
Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

Spirit of Christmas Dinner

Date Tuesday, 25 December

Time: 6- 9 pm

All are welcome!

Are you able to help on the night or provide a plate to share such as a casserole, pasta dish, dessert, drinks or a fruit platter?

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

RSVP by Monday, 24 December

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time. Pope Francis' Prayer Intention December 2018

PLEASE NOTE: the Parish Meeting room is out of bounds until further notice

Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

During this Advent Season let us be reminded that childhood itself has a direct relationship with God. In their openness to God, children communicate that divine love to all whose hearts and minds are open.

(Karl Rahner)

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au

Gospel reading for Next Week The Holy Family Year C

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the learned men listening to them.

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 29 to 30 December

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Jim Shipley
R1	Mary Cascun	Jo-Ann Mathyi
R2	Miriam Brown	Helen Facione
P	Teresa Gambino	Karen DeSouza
AS		
EM	Angela Scotti	Sophie Rebula
EM	Margaret Bensley	Trish Shipley
EM		Robin Barbara
EM		Lorraine Dailey
M		Mark Quirk
M		Nigel Morgan
M		Keith, Marisa
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Teresa Gambino
CT		Lorraine & Margaret
WEL		Kath & Jessie

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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882. All information will be well received.