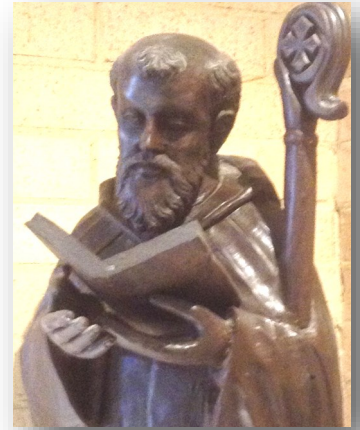


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

Listen readily to holy reading

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



Fourth Sunday of Advent

21 & 22 December 2019

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 7:10-14
The virgin will conceive.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6
Let the Lord enter;
he is king of glory.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Romans 1:1-7
Jesus Christ, a descendent of David,
is the Son of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 1:18-24
Jesus was born of Mary,
the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

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
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Children's Mass

1st Sunday of each month	9:00am
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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday	7:00pm
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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.

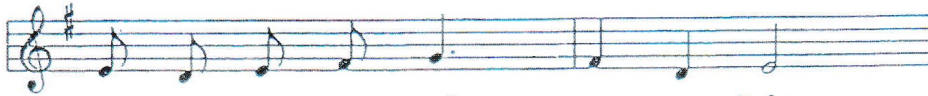
Funerals to be arranged through Father Bernard.

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.

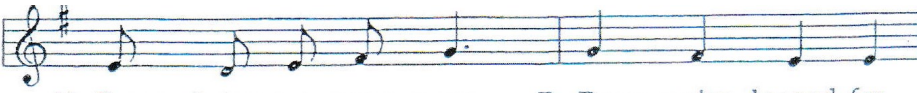
All: Amen



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.

Composed by Father Stephen List,
Tarrawarra Abbey.
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The **ROSTER** is now available
in the sacristy.

The roster is also located on
our website
[www.bbcatholic.org.au/
arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia)

IN THANKSGIVING

To dear Fr David and to All the dear Benedictine Community, as well as to many in our Community and Congregation who have helped us to see it through, in this quite difficult time.

We therefore offer Our Most Heartfelt Thank You for Your Kind Support, Prayers and/or Deeds.

We are Most Thankful to Our Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to have been with us every step of Our Journey, and have held us in the Palm of Their Hands, leading us gently on Our Way towards Healing.

So We Wish Each and Everyone a Very Blessed Christmas and a Healthier and Graceful Year 2020.

May Our Lord Jesus, we pray, reward you All for Your Caring and Kindness.

With Love, Nora and Marco Pupilli

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

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died.

We welcome into God's family ~ Ethan James Pearson who was recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish ~ Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford, Freya Sunderland, & Sarah Gatt.

NEW MINISTERS NEEDED

Music: Is anyone available to play piano and/or sing?

Roster Team: We need two people to help with the roster.

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: Would you like to 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 in the parish office or email to arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com.

“ and we are filled with joy.”

Five wonderful elves helped us to pack Christmas hampers during the past week and Vinnies Conference members then delivered these to those whom we are currently helping. You excelled yourselves this year, Arcadia Parish, donating a plethora of Christmas food, pantry goodies, presents and vouchers. You were so generous that the hampers spilled over into bags as well and the recipients were delighted and quite overcome. You have indeed brought joy to your neighbours this Christmas and relief to Conference members who will have lots in reserve for emergencies throughout 2020. Thanks so much to all of you.

The face of God has been revealed in a human face. It did not appear in an angel, but in one man, born in a specific time and place. By his incarnation, the Son of God tells us that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages, and cultures. Yet all of us are brothers and sisters in humanity!

Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness. As when an artist is about to make a mosaic: it is better to have tiles of many colours available, rather than just a few!

The experience of families teaches us this: as brothers and sisters, we are all different from each other. We do not always agree, but there is an unbreakable bond uniting us, and the love of our parents helps us to love one another. The same is true for the larger human family, but here, God is our “parent”, the foundation and strength of our fraternity.

Pope Francis, Christmas Message, 2018

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



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 - Christ Catholic Community recommences 8 January

Friday - Christ Catholic Community recommences 10 January

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 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Year A

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 28 & 29 December

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Jim Shipley
R1	Miriam Brown	Melanie Hume
R2	Mary Cascun	Karen DeSouza
P	Mary Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
TV		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Sophie Rebula
EM	Pip Gibian	Kath Moran
EM		Jessie Guiana
EM		Angela Scotti
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
CL1		School holidays
CL2		School holidays
MT		Silvana Calvi
CT		Margaret & Rose
WEL		Kath

PLAYGROUP every Monday during school term

Contact p.9653 2312

10am-12noon

Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas
and a peaceful New Year

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.

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Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb

After hours: 0416 032 497

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

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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.