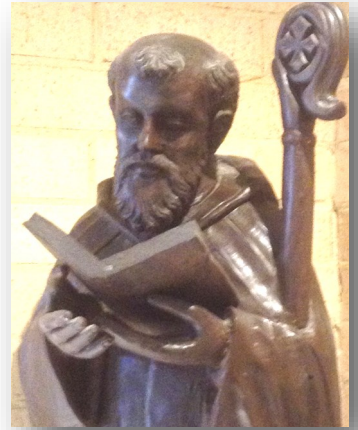


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



*Lay our petitions before the Lord God of all things
with the utmost humility and sincere devotion.*

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 20

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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 and 22 April 2018

First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12
This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29
The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2
We shall see God as he is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 10:11-18
The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Charitable Works Fund



Next week we will be holding our CWF Appeal. When you make your donation to the Charitable Works Fund your donation helps 5 charities that help the people in the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay:

- **CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD)** Donations go towards training catechists and developing curriculum materials for up to 21,000 Catholic students in public schools in the Diocese.
- **CATHOLIC CARE CHAPLAINCY AND PASTORAL CARE PROGRAM** Donations provide training and Pastoral Care Practitioners to support staff, patients, and their families in seven hospitals in our Diocese.
- **ST LUCY'S SCHOOL** Donations go to providing resources for primary school students with special needs.
- **ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE** Donations go to providing resources for high school students with special needs.
- **EPHPHETA CENTRE** Donations go to support advocacy and sacramental programs for deaf and hard of hearing people.

Every dollar helps and 100% of your donation is tax deductible. When you provide to the Charitable Works Fund, you are providing for the people of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

Good Shepherd Sunday - Sunday, 22 April - World Day of Vocations

Pope Francis tells us, "We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things ... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us".

God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

ALPHA



starting with an introductory talk after morning tea on **Sunday, 6 May**.

Come and see!

Followed by Monday nights from 6.30 - 8.30pm for dinner, a talk and group discussion

7, 14, 21 and 28 May
4, 11, 18 and 25 June, 2 July.

If you would like to attend please complete the **ATTENDANCE SHEET** in the foyer of the church.

If you are unable to attend, could you please consider providing a meal? We would be very grateful for your support. A **MEAL ROSTER** for this purpose has been placed next to the attendance sheet.
Sandra M.0410 587 735

ANZAC Day

Wednesday, 25 April

Mass times

7am	Monastery Chapel
9.30am	Parish

Plenary Council 2020

This gathering of all the local churches or dioceses of the nation will invite us to reflect on the question:

"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?"

The official launch of the Plenary Council will be at Pentecost this year, 20 May.

CATHOLIC YOUTH—TWILIGHT TALKS

Did God create the Universe, or was there a Big Bang? Find out why we say 'yes' to both and how the glory of the Maker of the Stars can be found in understanding the science behind how he did it. **Date Tuesday, 24 April 6.30pm-9pm Venue Hotel Pennant Hills, 352 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills**
RSVP: youth@dbb.org.au

Vatican Astronomer Br Guy Consolmagno SJ: The Diocese of Broken Bay welcomes Br Guy Consolmagno SJ, the Director of the Vatican Observatory, for a series of presentations in April exploring the fascinating topic of faith and science. Be enriched by this stimulating conversation. Saturday, 28 April "In Awe of the Universe: Connecting Science and Faith" 10am-12.30pm, The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara www.trybooking.com/UCJJ and Monday, 30 April "Looking Up at the Stars: We're all Connected" 7-9.30pm, Tuggerah www.trybooking.com/UCJL. RSVP essential by 20 April. Enquiries faith.formation@dbb.org.au

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), Howard Batchelor & Sr Monica.

◇ **PARISH CENSUS FORMS** In the next few weeks, new **PARISH CENSUS FORMS** will be made available during Mass. Please take a moment to update your details. Please also complete the form if you are new to the parish. Extra copies will be kept at the back of the Church.

◇ **DIOCESAN COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE** The **2018 DIOCESAN COUNT** will take place over the following four weekends

5 & 6 May **12 & 13 May**
19 & 20 May **26 & 27 May**

The count consists of a simple headcount of all people attending Sunday masses (beginning with the Vigil).

Please let Fr Bernard know if you can assist with counting.

◇ **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** If you volunteer in a child-related ministry in this parish you **must have** a current **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**. Please ensure that the Office of the Children's Guardian AND the parish office have your **up to date contact details**.

You can update your details with the Office of the Children's Guardian by following the 'update my details' link in the 'I'm an applicant' panel on the right hand side of the website.

When it is time to renew your **WWC NUMBER** the Office of the Children's Guardian will contact you **three months** before its expiry. You must therefore ensure that the Office of the Children's Guardian has your up to date contact details. The **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** **lasts for five years** so that renewals begin from March 2018 for those who first applied in 2013.

Office of the Children's Guardian p. 9286 7219
www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au

◇ **COLLECTIONS AT MASS** A reminder that the **FIRST COLLECTION** supports parish clergy. The **SECOND COLLECTION** provides for the maintenance and growth of our parish such as the payment of insurance, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to discuss donation methods. If you are part of planned giving, and give by credit card, please ensure we have up to date card numbers. The opportunity to update donation methods and credit card details will also be made available at the time the new **PARISH CENSUS FORMS** are completed.

We are grateful for your continued support.

◇ **PRIVACY**

The Diocese of Broken Bay has updated its Privacy Policy. The new **PRIVACY POLICY** and **PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE** can be found on the diocesan website and will be uploaded onto our parish website.

The **PRIVACY COLLECTION NOTICE** will be attached to all forms that collect information in our parish or the form will be made available at the time information is collected in person.

OUTBACK OUTREACH

The **ARCADIA VINNIES CONFERENCE** are planning an outreach to an Aboriginal community in country NSW and need your help! We are requesting that you hang on to any clothing and bedding which you might want to donate to a clothing bin, and we will take it to a needy community. We will shortly advise where you can bring any donations. This will be similar to the Brewarrina Project of recent years. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

THE FATHER FACTOR Tuesday, 8 May 7.30pm- 9.30pm

Venue The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

Further Date Wednesday 9 May, Chatswood

RSVP faith.formation@dbb.org.au

Cristina Gomez 9847 0428 by 4 May

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN SAYING YES TO GOD'S

WILL Saturday 12 May

Venue Caroline Chisholm Centre

Building 2, 423 Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills p.9847 0486

RSVP Thursday 10 May e. Katie.fullilove@dbb.org.au

CONVERSATIONS WITH THE WISDOM OF BENEDICTINE

WOMEN Friday evening 18 May–Sunday 20 May

Cost \$300. Bookings by Friday 11 May p.8752 5390

e. mtsbenedict@goodsams.org.au

Venue Mount St Benedict Centre Pennant Hills

MOUNT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE, VARROVILLE

"FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD" (JAMES 2:17)

May 5 10am - 4.30pm

Cost \$30

Presenter Deacon Peter Presdee

ST TERESA OF AVILA SPEAKS TO US TODAY May 18 - 20

Presenter Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD Cost \$250

p. 8795 3400 www.carmelites.com.au

Next **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting
Tuesday, 1 May

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY AND

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN Please note Lorraine Dailey's contact number on the back page of this bulletin for any matters arising in the parish with regard to **OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY** and **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN**.

MEETINGS this week

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary

Tuesday 7.30pm Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community

Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

Office of Safeguarding~ Broken Bay

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.

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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 28 & 29 April 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Jim Shipley
R1	Margaret Bensley	Karen DeSouza
R2	Miriam Brown	Nigel Morgan
P	Teresa Gambino	Margaret Florian
AS		
EM	Mary Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Margaret Florian
EM		Nigel Morgan
EM		Pam Galbraith
M		Melanie Hume
M		Theresa & Helen
M		Marisa Quattrocchi
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Silvana Calvi
CT		Lyla & Peter
WEL		Peter & Margaret Mc

PLAYGROUP resumes Monday 7 May

Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

All children and their carers welcome!

Gospel reading for Next Week

5th Sunday of Easter

Year B

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel of the Lord

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.

We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

Pope Francis



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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.