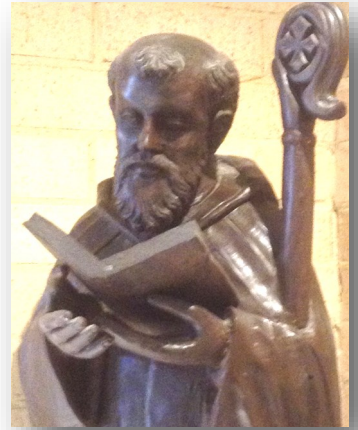


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

*To deny oneself, in order to follow Christ.
Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



All public Masses have been suspended
until further notice

Weekend Mass

Weekday Mass

Special Masses at the Parish

Monthly Mass

Children's Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word

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 Lent Year A

21 & 22 March 2020

First Reading

A reading from the first
book of Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
*In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David
king of Israel*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22 R.v.1
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of
St Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14
Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John 9:1-41
*The blind man went off and washed himself
and came away with his sight restored.*

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel every day:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6.00pm	Evening prayer
8.00pm	Night prayer

ALL are welcome to attend

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Parish. We are hoping to organise a Mass and function with the Bishop. More details to come later.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BIBLE

Fr Bernard will be presenting "Reflections on Community's Religious Experiences throughout the Bible - Old and New Testaments" during Lent.

Every Wednesday in Lent from 4th of March 7.30pm in the Parish meeting room.

"We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found the answer is community."

Dorothy Day

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday night during Lent at 6.30pm followed by

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH
Catholics in China

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



An extract from a letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

The historic and momentous times in which we live have impelled the Australian Government to issue today new preventive measures to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 coronavirus as a matter of public health emergency.

A public health emergency of the kind that we are experiencing is a rare event. Today the Prime Minister reminded us that an event such as the COVID-19 outbreak has not been seen for 100 years. Given the directions provided by the Government and after a most careful consideration of the circumstances of our own Diocese and its various parish communities, it is with great regret and a heaviness of heart, that I share with you the following:

- ◆ **All public Masses are hereby suspended until further notice.**
- ◆ The faithful are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy and celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household.
- ◆ Forthcoming Holy Week and Easter Liturgies yet to be decided.
- ◆ As the community of the church of Broken Bay, I urge you to pray. I commend to you in a particular way the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ◆ It is important that our churches do not close and they remain open for prayer and personal devotion.

To read the entire letter from Bishop Anthony, see the diocesan website

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS

Continuing during Lent - everyone welcome

Tuesdays 7pm

726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house)
Contact ~ 0450 311 951
Led by Gebran Azzi

Wednesdays 1pm

St Benedict's Parish meeting room
Led by Miriam Brown

Each year small groups meet in homes or at church for about an hour of reading and discussing the readings for 6 weeks. This year the discussion will be focusing on Lenten Listening 2020 in discernment on the six Plenary Council 2020 themes.

In Our Parish

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

We welcome into God's family - to all who were recently baptised.

We pray for the sick of our Parish - Terri Butler, David Todd, John Poole, Maria Jasser, Annabelle Twyford and her grandma June Payne, Freya Sunderland, & Sarah Gatt.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

For Parents whose child received the Sacrament of Confirmation in August 2019 please note the Sacramental program will resume in **March** with information sessions on Reconciliation and then First Eucharist.

In respect to current health emergency, parents have been asked to complete preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation with their children at home.

Reconciliation will take place on **Saturday, 28 March.**

Our celebration of First Eucharist is scheduled to take place at the **9am Mass** on **Sunday, 14 June 2020**, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ - this will be confirmed closer to the date.

For further information please contact:

Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

We would like to invite youth from years 6 and above (or aged 12-17 years) to join us for our Youth Group sessions held monthly on Fridays 5-7.30pm during the school term.

Please note due to the coronavirus situation, our Youth Group will be suspended until further notice,

For more information please contact
Nerida on: 0425 834 017.

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD AT MT SCHOENSTATT

20th to 21st March commencing with 6 pm Mass, and finishing with a Vigil Mass at 5 pm.

Contact mensbranch@schoenstatt.org.au or phone 4773 8338.

Address: 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

New rosters are now available from the sacristy.

Available - motorised wheelchair - see Fr Bernard.

MEETINGS this week

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

CATECHIST NEWS

All training has been postponed currently, however, our SRE classes continue.

Please keep our Catechists and their students in your prayers at this difficult time.

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Coordinator

FETE POSTPONED To Sunday, 3rd MAY 2020 10am

Please bring in your raffle tickets and collect more tickets.

<i>1st prize</i>	<i>One week in 3 bedroom apartment opposite beach at Hawkes Nest</i>
<i>2nd prize</i>	<i>Calf from Monastery herd</i>
<i>3rd prize</i>	<i>Bike</i>
<i>4th prize</i>	<i>PlayStation 4</i>

We urgently need **NEW GIFTS** to be donated for the Chocolate Wheel please. If you can leave them in the sacristy would be very appreciative.

For Trash & Treasure it's been requested only sellable items to be brought.

For any questions please contact Robin 0405 482 222

PROJECT COMPASSION

Project compassion boxes are available for you to take home. Here is the weekly story highlighting the positive impact our community is making:

As an unmarried woman with a disability, Sakun was isolated and unable to earn a living until Caritas Australia helped he set up a thriving kiosk. Now involved in village decision-making, Sakun's income is growing, along with her confidence.

PRAISE

fest

Unfortunately Catholic Youth Broken Bay PRAISEFEST has been cancelled. May we continue to pray for healing of all those who are affected by this illness as well as others and for the healthcare workers who are treating them at this time.

Remember to be kind to one another and spread joy when you can at a socially acceptable distance!

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards:

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards: Leadership, monitoring & Improvement.

Standard 9 – The Parish regularly reviews and improves systems for keeping children safe

Key Elements of Standard 9:

- * Regularly reviews and improves practices
- * Analyses concerns and complaints to identify causes and potential system failures
- * Reports of the findings of relevant reviews

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**

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 28 & 29 March Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

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PLAYGROUP

Children all ages up to 5 years.
Every Monday during school term from 10am to 12pm at the Parish. Craft, stories, games, picnics and occasional fun outings.
Come along for a cuppa, morning tea and a chat.
Enquires phone Lisa 0405 305 393

Gospel reading for Next Week Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will not end in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he learned that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother,' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb; it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer, I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all those who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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