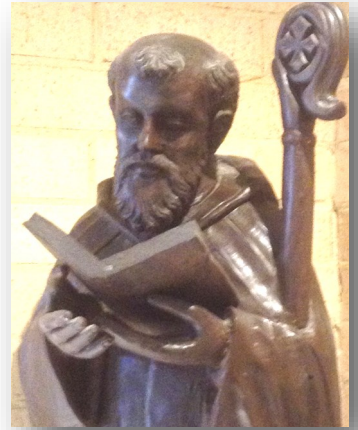


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia



*During these days, therefore, we will add to the usual measure of our service something by way of private prayer and abstinence from food or drink.*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 49*

### 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 Lent

10th and 11th March 2018

### First Reading

A reading from the second book of  
Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

*The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 136

**Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!**

### Second Reading

A reading from the letter of  
St Paul to the Ephesians 2:4-10

*When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to John 3:14-21  
*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.*

**ALPHA**

We are introducing Alpha into our parish, starting with morning tea after mass on

**Sunday, 6 May.**

To be followed by regular Monday nights from 6.30–8.30pm:

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

Please come and join us for dinner, a talk and a chat!

Each talk looks at a different aspect of faith such as,

Who is Jesus?                      Why did Jesus die?  
 How can I have Faith?        Why and how do I pray?  
 Why and how do I read the Bible?

I am currently attending an Alpha program at St Bernard's Berowra. Let me know if you would like to join me on a Monday night to see what Alpha is like before we start our program.

Come and see!

Sandra  
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 M. 0410 587 735

**Parish Lenten Groups : each Wednesday**  
 during lent

**1pm**                      Parish Meeting Room  
 Contact Miriam 9652 0558

**7.30pm**                726A Old Northern Road, Dural  
 Contact Margaret 9653 3377

*Chrism Mass Tuesday, 27 March 7.30pm*

The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 27 March at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara.

Could we have **two parish representatives** to attend Mass and receive the Oils? Please let Father Bernard know **by 14 March** if you are able to attend.

**CHOIR:** All singers and choirs from parishes across the Diocese are warmly invited to join together to form a Diocesan Choir for the Chrism Mass.

Please contact Bella Jakubek at the Cathedral for further details.  
 Bella.Jakubek@dbb.org.au

- ◇ **Catholic Schools Guide 2018** available at the front of the Church
- ◇ **Oakhill College**  
**Open Day, Sunday, 11 March 11am-3pm**  
[www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au](http://www.oakhill.nsw.edu.au)
- ◇ **Tangara**  
**Open Day, Wednesday 21 March 10am-12.30pm**  
[www.tangara.nsw.edu.au](http://www.tangara.nsw.edu.au) • 9680 4844
- ◇ **Redfield College**  
**Open Day, Wednesday, 21 March 12-2.30pm**  
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*Office of Safeguarding- Broken Bay*

Australia's biggest minority group is the elderly. Discrimination against the elderly is know as ageism. We must protect the rights of the older person.

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## 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) and Sr Monica.

## St Benedict's Parish Fete

Sunday 11 March 2018

**THIS SUNDAY after Mass come and join us for our Parish Fete!**

Raffle drawn at 3pm. Major Prizes:  
1st: A week's holiday in a luxury holiday unit at Hawks Nest  
2nd: A Limousin Steer  
3rd: Bunnings Warehouse voucher \$400



Again we look forward to your most generous support.

Lorraine m. 0416 081 882  
e. lorraine.dailey@aarminique.com.au

**FETE—CHOCOLATE WHEEL:** For those who have organised donations to the chocolate wheel please provide **contact details** as soon as you can of all individuals or businesses who have made donations.

A **Certificate of Appreciation** will be issued in gratitude for their support.  
E. arcadia.parish@bigpond.com  
P. 9653 2312

**EASTER ROSTER:** The draft roster is available outside the sacristy. Please complete if you are able to assist with the Easter liturgy.

**EASTER MUSIC:** Music practice for Easter will take place on **Sunday, 18 March** after mass.

### Volunteer Stall Holders

Main Raffle	Jim Shipley Margaret Florian Peter Goodwin	9885 7039 9653 3377 9652 2952
Stall (on the day)	Theresa Neely Joe West	9653 3473 9653 2521 0478 803 341
Counters	Grace & Rita	0431 289 847
Chocolate	David Camilleri	0407 466 244
Greengrocery	Kazzi Family	Daniel 0418 295 597
Cake Stall	Bernadette Watt	9653 2616
Flower Stall	Jessie Guina Peter Goodwin	9651 1136 9652 2952
Devonshire Tea	Rosie Sakkal	9652 0121
Barbeque Stall	Sally Sakkal & Family	9653 2627
Fancy Goods/craft	Helen Facione	9653 1203
Kids Activities	Andrew Sakkal	0419 333 134
Gelato	Silvana	0434 001 572
Treasure Hunt	Jo & girls	
Plants	Judy Horton	0419 604 701
General Assistance	Eamon Julianne	0404 173 757 0415 448 797
Advertising	Paula El Chaar Kath	
Books/Trash &	Theresa Neely	9653 3473

### **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:**

The next Information Sessions on **Reconciliation** are as follows:  
Session 3 **Monday, 12 March** at 4.15pm  
Session 4 **Monday, 19 March** at 4.15pm.

Children will be presented to the parish at mass next **Sunday, 18 March**. Please continue to pray for all children and their families as they continue their journey.

### Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for March

**CATECHIST NEWS:** A big thanks to all those involved in the Children's Mass and Commissioning of our Catechists, last weekend! We are blessed with a very supportive community! Also thanks to those who were able to attend our Catechist meeting on Wednesday. We were well-nourished by Mary and Colleen, thanks ladies!

God bless, Miriam Brown 9652 0558  
Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

## Gospel reading for Next Week

5th Sunday of Lent

YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 12:20-30

*If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.*

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!

A voice from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.'

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.'

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 17 & 18 March 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Mary Cascun	Peter Goodwin
R2	Teresa Gambino	Judy Horton
P	Margaret Bensley	Bernadette Watt
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Trish Shipley
EM	Mary Camilleri	Liliana Nati
EM		Angela Scotti
EM		Margaret Florian
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
CL1		Gebzan Azzi
CL2		Lyla Abood
MT		Sandra Mawhinney
CT		Peter Goodwin & Lyla
WEL		Jessie & Lyla

**PLAYGROUP** Each Monday 10am to 12noon  
Contact Sandra 0410 587 735

All carers and children welcome!

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

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm  
Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883  
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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.