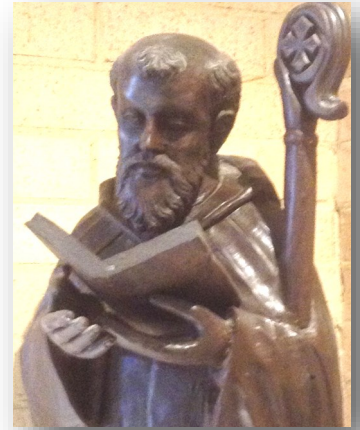


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*put one's hope in God*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4*



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 & 9 February 2020

### First Reading

A reading from the  
prophet Isaiah 58: 7-10  
*Your light will shine like the dawn.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 111:4-9  
A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of  
St Paul to the Corinthians 2:1-5  
*I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
the man who follows me  
will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Luke 2:22-40  
*My eyes have seen your saving power.*

### 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.

## Liturgy of the Hours

The liturgy of the hours is recited in the Monastery Chapel at the following times:

5.45am	Office of Readings
6.30am	Morning prayer
12.45pm	Midday prayer
6pm	Evening prayer
8pm	Night prayer

ALL are welcome to attend

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.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO 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.

Come with passages in mind with which you have particular difficulty.

Dates to be advised

### Rest in Peace - Fr Denis Callahan

Mass of Christian Burial  
11.30am Thursday 6 February 2020  
St Agatha's Catholic Church, Pennant Hills  
Light refreshments will be served at the parish following the Mass

## Ash Wednesday 26 February 2020

Mass and distribution of ashes will take place at the following times

7am	Monastery Chapel
9.30am	Parish Church
7pm	Parish Church

Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat.

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and is the season of the Church's year where we look to renew our relationship with God.

### Parish Lenten Groups During Lent

Tuesdays commencing 3 March

7pm 726A Old Northern Road, Dural (Benigna's house)  
Contact - 0450 311 951  
Led by Gebran Azzi

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 Plenary Council 2020 Theme in conjunction with the Lenten Year A Scripture texts.

If you would like to host a group please contact Fr Bernard or the office on 9653 2312

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAYS

Date Sunday, 16 February

Venue St Benedict's Monastery

Time 10am for 10.30am start. Concludes 3pm.

Future dates: 17 May, 16 August and 15 November

### 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREGORIAN SCHOLA OF SYDNEY

For those interested in Catholic music and it's history.

Thurs 13th Feb 6:30pm at St Bede's Church, 43 Pymont Rd, Pymont. Enquiries 0418 230 322

**Available** - motorised wheelchair - see Fr Bernard.

## 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.

**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.

The Parent Information Evening will be held on **Monday, 24 February 2020** at 7pm.

Information sessions will be held at 4.15pm in the Parish on the following Mondays.  
Information sessions are to be attended by each child and at least one parent.

Session 1            Monday, 2 March  
Session 2            Monday, 9 March  
Session 3            Monday, 16 March  
Session 4            Monday, 23 March

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

Our celebration of First Eucharist will take place at the **9am Mass on Sunday, 14 June 2020**, the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ.

For further information please contact the office on 9653 2312 or Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

**NOTE:** A notice will be placed in the bulletin mid year confirming dates and enrolment information for our next sacramental program

**COLLECTIONS AT MASS** A reminder that the FIRST COLLECTION supports parish clergy.

The SECOND COLLECTION, including planned giving envelopes, provides for the maintenance and growth of our parish such as the payment of insurance, wages, pastoral programmes, church and office expenses.

We are grateful for your continued support

#### **FATHER BERNARD ON LEAVE**

Father Bernard will be on leave during February.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Date: Tuesday 3 March

When: 7:30pm

Where: Parish Meeting Room

*We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.*

*Pope Francis' prayer intention February 2020*

**CATECHIST NEWS** Also welcome and thanks to Karina Takchi who has also offered to become a Catechist! We are a very blessed parish!

Confirmed Scripture starting dates -

Galston and Middle Dural - **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

Hillside - **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Arcadia and Glenorie - **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Please keep in your prayers our Catechists and the students that they teach, as the school year begins.

God bless, Miriam Brown 9652 0558  
Parish SRE Coordinator

#### **Fete- Sunday, 8 March 2020 Save the Date!**

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

Contact Robin 0405 482 222 if you would like to be involved.

#### **Fete Sunday 8 March 2020**

**Please collect your raffle tickets from the front of the Church this Sunday**

#### **Volunteer Stall Holders**

<b>Main Raffle</b>	Liz & Keith Wallace 0402 479 291
<b>Chocolate Wheel</b>	David Camilleri 0407 289 847
<b>Fruit &amp; Veg</b>	Kazzi Family 0418 295 597
<b>Cake Stall</b>	Lyla Abood 9655 1598
<b>Flower Stall</b>	Jessie Guiana 9651 1136 Peter Goodwin 9652 2952
<b>Devonshire Teas</b>	Trish Shipley
<b>BBQ</b>	Sakkal Family 9653 2627
<b>Craft/Gifts</b>	Helen Facione 9653 1203
<b>Kids Activities</b>	Sakkal Family 9653 2627
<b>Gelato</b>	Silvana 0434 333 572
<b>Plants</b>	Judy Horton 0419 604 701
<b>Trash n Treasure/books</b>	Robin Barbara 0405 482 222

#### **MEETINGS this week**

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

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 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:17-37

***Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I said this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No", if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 15 & 16 February

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
R1	Teresa Gambino	Jo-Anne Mathyi
R2	Maria Gambino	Judy Horton
P	Miriam Brown	Kiara Cianci
TV		Cali Family
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Liliana Nati
EM	Mary Camilleri	Sophie Rebula
EM		Trish Shipley
EM		Jim Shipley
M		Mark Quirk
M		Theresa Neely
M		Helen Facione
MT		Karen DeSouza
CT		Rosie & Lyla Basha
Wel		Kath & Grace

**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 or Tania 0401 597 278

### VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND run by the Capuchin Friars 15-16th FEBRUARY 2020

Come away for a couple of days to consider the vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This weekend retreat is for men aged 18-35. Begins 9am Saturday and concludes 4pm Sunday at the Marymount Mercy Centre, Castle Hill. There will be Mass each day, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available and quiet time. Come and reflect on God's will in your life, and these particular ways of making a gift of self for the glory of God and in service of His Kingdom. The cost is only \$50. Registrations required by 6th February. Please contact Father Thomas: [vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. <https://www.capuchin.org.au>

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Website: [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia)

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