

# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Let all guests that come be received like Christ.*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 53*



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd and 4th February 2018

### First Reading

A reading from the book of  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7

*I am filled with sorrow all day long.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146:1-6

**Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.**

### Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of  
St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

*Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**He bore our sickness,  
and endured our suffering.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Mark 1:29-39  
*He cured many who suffered from  
diseases of one kind or another.*

### 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.

## Liturgy of the Hours

*Seven times a day I will praise you*  
Psalm 119:164

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

## Ash Wednesday 14 February 2018

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.

### Parish Lenten Groups

Parish Lenten groups will be held on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** during Lent and will commence on **21** and **22 February** respectively at the following times:

#### Wednesdays

1pm	Parish Meeting Room Contact Miriam 9652 0558
7.30pm	726A Old Northern Road, Dural Contact Margaret 9653 3377

#### Thursdays

3pm	Rowland Village Contact Joe 0478 803 341
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During Lent our Church will also take part in *The Light is On*, an initiative where churches throughout the Diocese will be open on the following Friday evenings,

**16 and 23 February**  
**2, 9, 16 and 23 March from 7 to 8pm.**

The Sacrament of **Reconciliation** will also be offered.

### World Day of Prayer and Action Against Human Trafficking

Pope Francis has declared **8 February** to be the **World Day of Prayer and Action Against Human Trafficking**.

He chose this day because it is the feast day of **St Josephine Bakhita**, patron saint of Sudan and of victims of slavery.

Josephine Bakhita was kidnapped as a child from Africa and sold into slavery in the Sudan and in Italy before being freed and becoming a Canossian Sister.

You are invited to join ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) to mark this day.

To find out more about the campaign please see  
<http://acrath.org.au/world-day-of-prayer>

We offer our condolences to the family of  
**Joseph Mehri** who has passed away.  
May he rest in peace.

## 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, especially Alana Rose.

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), Sr Monica and Hannah (Leonie Miller's great granddaughter).

## St Benedict's Parish Fete 11 March 2018

Are you fit young(ish) healthy and strong(ish)?  
Can you spare an hour or so on **Saturday 10 March** about **2pm** to assist setting up the marquees and stalls and/or at the end of the fete to dismantle and clear up?

WE NEED YOU Please contact me to pledge your support 0416 081 882 or email [lorraine.dailey@aarminique.com.au](mailto:lorraine.dailey@aarminique.com.au)

Will the lady who offered help advertising please contact me?

Please see the list of stalls that are organised so far. What are YOU going to do? Any new ideas for stalls?

The Maaait and Wallace families who usually support us and the Monastery with the plant stall are unable to do so this year. They have our gratitude for all their help over the years.

Donations requested for:

- ◇ The Chocolate Wheel—'blokey stuff' appreciated.
- ◇ Cakes, fancy goods, craft, flowers and plants

## CATECHIST NEWS

Scripture classes will start back on **Wednesday 14 February** at Arcadia, Galston, Glenorie and Middle Dural schools and **Friday 16 February** at Hillside.

Catechist (Scripture teacher) wanted on **Wednesdays for Arcadia** (11.30am-12.10pm) for a Year 3&4 class of approximately 7 students. If you are able to help in any way - full time, part time or reserve, please talk to Fr Bernard or myself.

Miriam Brown 9652 0558 Catechist Co-ordinator

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Date: Tuesday, 6 February**

**When: 7.30pm**

**Where: The Parish Meeting Room**

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

The **Parent Information Evening** will be held on **Monday, 19 February 2018** at 7.30pm.

## Volunteer Stall Holders

Main Raffle	Jim Shipley	9885 7039
	Margaret Florian	9653 3377
	Peter Goodwin	9652 2952
Stall (on the day)	Theresa Neely	9653 3473
	Joe West	9653 2521
		0478 803 341
Chocolate Wheel	David Camilleri	0407 466 244
Greengrocery	Kazzi Family	Daniel 0418 295 597
Cake Stall	Bernadette Watt	9653 2616
Flower Stall	Jessie Guina	9651 1136
	Peter Goodwin	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	Sylvia	0434 001 572
Treasure Hunt		
Plants		
General Assistance	Eamon	0404 173 757
	Julianne	0415 448 797
Advertising	Paula El Chaar	
	Kath?	

## DRAFT ROSTER

The draft roster is available and can be viewed outside the sacristy.

Please check your name and make any necessary changes as soon as you can.

## EASTER MUSIC

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

## FATHER BERNARD ON LEAVE

Father Bernard will be away from 1 February to 21 February.

## ALPHA

We are planning to introduce ALPHA into our parish in **May**.

Alpha is a series of talks that explore the Christian faith.

If you would like more information please talk to Father Bernard or contact Sandra on 0410 587 735.

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 10 & 11 February 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Mary Camilleri	Judy Horton
R2	Virginia Tanna	Teresa Gambino
P	Mary Cascun	Gebran Azzi
AS	Margaret Bensley	
EM	Pip Gibian	Liliana Nati
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	
EM		Jim Shipley
EM		Mark Quirk
M		Nigel & Keith
M		Karen
M		
CL1		Peter Bellew
CL2		Lyla Abood
MT		Silvana Calvi
CT		Lyla & Bernadette
WEL		Grace & Margaret Mc

### PLAYGROUP

Each Monday during school terms 10am to 12noon

## Gospel reading for Next Week

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:4-45

*The leprosy left him and he was cured.*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said, 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured! And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### 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.

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 Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb  
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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.