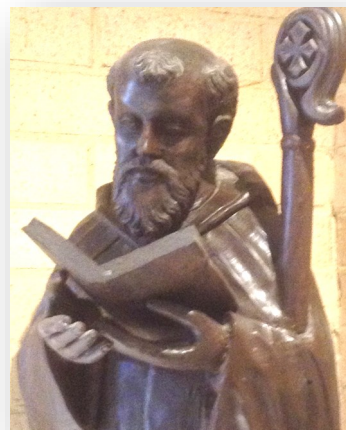


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

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



All public Masses and gatherings 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

Liturgy of the Word

Baptisms are celebrated at 11.00am on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month.

Please see Father Bernard.

Reconciliation 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A

28 & 29 March 2020

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 37:12-14
I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129 R.v.7

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8:8-11

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 11:1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

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 observe these times privately.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARISH

This year we are celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Parish. The celebration intended for July has now been postponed until further notice.

SUNDAY HOMILY

Sunday homilies from the monks will be available on the parish website under the heading 'Our Parish'

www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Has been **CANCELLED**

**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 second letter from Bishop Anthony Randazzo:

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Yesterday, Sunday 22 March 2020, the Prime Minister, Mr Scott Morrison, announced yet further measures across Australia to restrict the transmission of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Included in these measures, is the restriction to places of worship. These must now be closed to the public, effective midday Monday 23 March 2020, until further notice.

Naturally, this comes as a further disappointment. Though public Masses had been suspended in our Diocese from last week, it was helpful for people to know they could visit and pray in our churches. Now, even this opportunity has been restricted.

It is important for us to remember that the measures being adopted by the Government are introduced to save the lives of people. We, too, must play our part in this endeavour. Our own disappointment at this further restriction must be held in the context of our own commitment to cooperate as fully as we can with the national endeavour to keep our people as safe as possible.

I would like to emphasise that it is imperative that the Sacramental and prayer life of the Church continues. Our people are looking to the Church for support in their day-to-day lives.

Baptisms may be celebrated, by appointment with the priest.

The liturgical norms and law provide that the parents and at least one sponsor may be present.

Likewise, in the event that Marriages are scheduled, the couple, the priest or deacon, and two witnesses are required.

It is vital that our people are not abandoned in their spiritual lives and so we must consider this thoughtfully and calmly, while at all times respecting the restrictive measures outlined by the Government.

An important note in regards to funerals: it is possible to conduct a funeral in a church. However, both the limit of 100 persons AND the size of the church must inform the number who can be present. It may be that the square metres of the church limit the number below 100. The recommendation is that only immediate family be present, and even then, the rules of physical distancing will have to be observed. An alternative is to have a graveside ceremony as prescribed in the Ritual.

Now more than ever we need to hold one another in prayer. May the Lord embrace us with His care and lead us into the future with renewed hearts.

To read the entire letter from Bishop Anthony, see the diocesan website www.bbcatholic.org.au

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

HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

For further information please contact:

Theresa Neely on 0447 425 077.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO MARY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen

PARISH LENTEN GROUPS Have been cancelled

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.

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.

Available - motorised wheelchair - see Fr Bernard.

MEETINGS

All meetings including Parish Council and Finance Committee meetings are suspended until further notice.

CATECHIST NEWS

All training and SRE (Scripture) classes have been cancelled until further notice.

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

God bless,

Miriam Brown 9652 0558
Parish Catechist Coordinator

FETE CANCELLED

The Raffle will still be drawn on Sunday 3rd May and winners contacted.

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

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:

Tawonga is a to-year-old girl living with a disability, and struggling with food insecurity and discrimination in Malawi. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed.

"No single person is more valuable than another, especially when it comes to those with disabilities."

Pope Francis

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**

FIND-A-WORD

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Year A

F N I K T W E I X L G T O M B
X Y K S C Q E S F O E D Z N R
P R A Y E D P C F V R E E E D
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MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP

PLAYGROUP

CANCELLED until further notice

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.

Enquires phone Lisa 0405 305 393

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

Gospel reading for Next Week Palm Sunday - Year A

The Procession - A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:1-11

When they were near Jerusalem and had come in sight of Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, 'Go to the village facing you, and you will immediately find a tethered donkey and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, "The Master needs them and will send them back directly.'" This took place to fulfil the prophecy:

Say to the daughter of Zion:

Look, your king comes to you:

He is humble, he rides on a donkey

And on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.

So the disciples went out and did as Jesus had told them. They brought the donkey and the colt, then they laid their cloaks on their backs and he sat on them. Great crowds of people spread their cloaks on the road, while others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in this path. The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed were all shouting:

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heavens!

And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil. 'Who is this?' people asked, and the crowds answered, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14 - 27:66

The Gospel of the Lord.



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For all parish Occupational Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children matters please contact Lorraine Dailey on 0416 081 882.