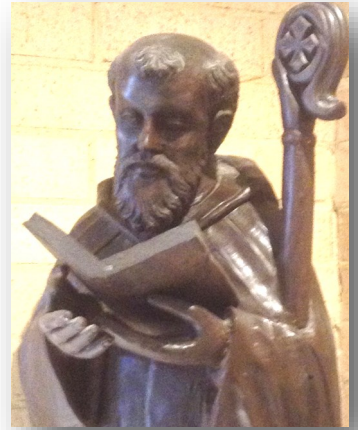


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia



Let each one deny themselves some food, drink, sleep, needless talking and idle jesting, and look forward to holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing.

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 49

Fifth Sunday of Lent

17th and 18th March 2018

First Reading

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Second Reading

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be.**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

**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.*

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

Children who are about to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation will be presented to the parish this Sunday.

WELCOME to all children and their families:

Clayton	Eva	Jala	Aurelia
Blake	Ruby	Ben	Faith
Annalise	Lily	Conor	Isabella
Trey	Sophie	Sydney	Ethan
Allegra	Zac	Jerome	Catherine
Scarlett	Lara	Xanthia	Theodore
Harry	Luke	Chevy	Brooke
Anton	John Paul		

May the Holy Spirit bless you always

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

As part of *The Light is On* initiative our church will be open on **Friday, 23 March** from 7 to 8pm. The Sacramental of Reconciliation will also be offered.

Easter Mass Times

Mass of the Lord's Supper	Holy Thursday, 7.30pm
Stations of the Cross	Good Friday, 10.30am
Passion of the Lord	Good Friday, 3pm
Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday, 7.30pm
Easter Sunday	Monastery, 7am Parish, 9am



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 group discussion!

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?	

Come and see!

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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), Sr Monica & Howard Batchelor.

St Benedict's Parish Fete Sunday 11 March 2018

Thank you to all involved for your tremendous effort and generous support!

The fete went incredibly well and we are very grateful to all of you!

The raffle winners are:
1st prize - Holiday - Ida Bisoglio
2nd - Limousin Steer - Leonie Miller
3rd - Bunnings voucher - Ann Gauci

Congratulations!



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME: The next Information Session on Reconciliation will be on Monday, 19 March at 4.15pm.

Reconciliation will take place at 2pm on Saturday, 24 March.

The programme will then resume in May for preparation before First Eucharist:

Session 1 7 May
Session 2 14 May
Session 3 21 May
Session 4 28 May

First Eucharist will take place during the 9am mass on Sunday, 3 June, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

For any questions about the sacramental programme please contact the office on 9653 2312.

MEETINGS this week

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary
Monday 4.15pm Sacramental Programme
Tuesday 7.30pm Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community
Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

FETE—CHOCOLATE WHEEL: For those who have organised donations to the chocolate wheel or other stalls 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.
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EASTER ROSTER: The draft roster is available outside the sacristy. Please complete if you are able to assist with the Easter liturgy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Please see Father Bernard if you are interested in assisting as an Eucharistic minister. Training will be available in this ministry after Easter.

- ◇ Catholic Schools Guide 2018 available at the front of the Church
- ◇ Redfield College Open Day
Wednesday 21 March 12-2.30pm
www.redfield.nsw.edu.au • 9651 4066
- ◇ St Lucy's School Open Day
Wednesday 21 March 9.15am—Narrabeen campus
Thursday, 22 March 9.15am, Monday, 26 March 9.15am & Friday, 6 April 9.15am—Wahroonga campus
- ◇ Tangara Open Day
Wednesday 21 March 10am-12.30pm
www.tangara.nsw.edu.au • 9680 4844

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

Office of Safeguarding~ Broken Bay

Australia's biggest minority group is the elderly. Discrimination against the elderly is known as ageism. We must protect the rights of the older person. More information can be found on <http://elderabusehelpline.com.au>.

Jodie Crisafulli
Safeguarding Manage
P. 9847 0212

Anita Biddle
Safeguarding Officer
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ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 24 & 25 March 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Jim Shipley
R1	Teresa Gambino	Bernadette Watt
R2	Mary Cascun	Margaret McKinley
P	Mary Camilleri	Nigel Morgan
AS		
EM	Caterina Vaccarella	Jim Shipley
EM	Angela Scotti	Lorraine Dailey
EM		Pam Galbraith
EM		Trish Shipley
M	Melanie Hume	Karina Takchi
M	Theresa Neely	Takchi family
M	Karen DeSouza	
CL1		Peter Goodwin
CL2		Rosie Sakkal
MT		Silvana Calvi
CT		Lorraine & Rosie
WEL		Kath & Grace

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

All carers and children welcome!

Parish Office: 9653 2312
Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb
After hours: 0416 032 497
Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231
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Gospel reading for Next Week

Passion (Palm) Sunday

YEAR B

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Mark 15:1-39

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. Then Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him up in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him. 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him.

The Gospel of the Lord

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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.