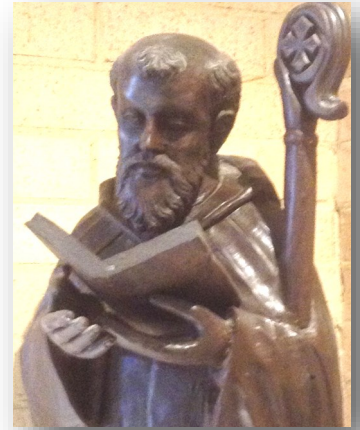


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

put one's hope in God

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 & 16 February 2020

First Reading

A reading from the
book of Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 4-5
Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians 2:6-10
*God in his wisdom predestined our glory before
the ages began.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and
Earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 5:17-37
*Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to
you.*

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

Galston Christian Education Association Committee Meeting—Term 1

When : 24 February 7.30pm

Where: St Benedict's Parish Arcadia

Open Days

Marian College Tuesday, 18 February

Oakhill College Sunday, 8 March

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

MEETINGS this week

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

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.

ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

Hi everyone,

I'd once again like to invite your youth aged 12-17 years (year 6 and above) to join us for our Youth Group sessions held monthly on Fridays 5-7.30pm during the school term.

Dates March 13th and April 3rd. \$2 donation for pizzas would be appreciated.

So please don't forget to remind your kids to bring their Chosen book and prayer journal. I have plenty more Chosen books for new youth group members (\$16 each) so feel free to extend the invitation to others who may like to join us! The beauty of the Chosen program is that newcomers can join in at any time - it's not necessary to have attended all the other sessions but I'm more than happy to loan you the DVDs if you'd like to watch the other sessions you may have missed!

5pm Dinner (\$2 donation)

5.30pm Chosen program

7pm Adoration in the church (confessions available) - families welcome to join!

It is a requirement of the parish that I need to have a second adult (anyone over the age of 18) in attendance with me at each of the sessions. Many thanks to those who were able to help out with this last year. Miss Rachel Vala from the Diocese of Broken Bay Office of Evangelisation is hoping to join us this Friday but I will need a volunteer (it could be a parent or older sibling) for each of the other months please.

Please contact Nerida if you need more information (mobile: 0425 834 017).

CATECHIST NEWS

We welcomed back our students this week at Galston, Middle Dural and Hillside Public Schools as SRE classes started for the year. Next week Arcadia and Glenorie Public Schools will start SRE lessons. It is wonderful to be back in the classrooms!

Training available - **Ministry Induction Training** being held on Fridays 14th Feb - 6th March 9:30am - 2:30pm at Pennant Hills. This training is for all wanting to become a Catechist. **Level 1 training** is also available from Friday 13th March - 27th March 9:30 - 2:30pm at Pennant Hills for all Catechists. This training is provided free by the Diocese.

Please continue to keep our Catechists and students in your prayers.

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.

PLEASE DONATE NEW GIFTS FOR THE CHOCOLATE WHEEL

Volunteer Stall Holders

Main Raffle	Liz & Keith Wallace 0402 479 291
Chocolate Wheel	David Camilleri 0407 466 244
Fruit & Veg	Kazzi Family 0418 295 597
Cake Stall	Lyla Abood 9655 1598
Flower Stall	Jessie Guiana 9651 1136 Peter Goodwin 9652 2952
Devonshire Teas	Trish Shipley
BBQ	Sakkal Family 9653 2627
Craft/Gifts	Helen Facione 9653 1203
Kids Activities	Sakkal Family 9653 2627
Gelato	Silvana 0434 333 572
Plants	Judy Horton 0419 604 701
Trash n Treasure/books	Robin Barbara 0405 482 222

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards:

Leadership, monitoring and improvement

Standard 1—Committed leadership, governance and Culture

Key elements of Standard 1:

- ◆ A commitment to Safeguarding
- ◆ Promoting a Safeguarding Culture
- ◆ Safeguarding Policies
- ◆ Code of Conduct

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

Gospel reading for Next Week - Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 22 & 23 February

7th Sunday in Ord. Time Year A

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Jim Shipley
R1	Teresa Gambino	Kath Moran
R2	Mary Cascun	Peter Goodwin
P	Mary Camilleri	Karen De Souza
TV		Cali Family
EM	Angela Scotti	Lorraine Dailey
EM	Margaret Bensley	Robin Barbara
EM		Trish Shipley
EM		Angela Scotti
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
MT		Rosie Sakkal
CT		Robin & Peter
Wel		Kath & Jessie

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

Parish Office: 9653 2312

Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb

After hours: 0416 032 497

Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231

Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

Office Hours: Monday & Friday 10.30am to 3pm

Monastery: 9653 1159 Fax: 9653 1883

Email: arcadia.parish@bigpond.com

Website: 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.