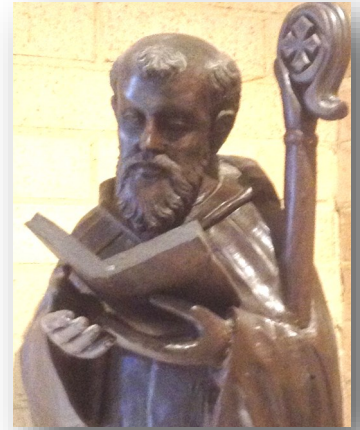


St Benedict's Parish

Arcadia

put one's hope in God

Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 4



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

22 & 23 February 2020

First Reading

A reading from the
book of Ecclesiasticus 19:15-20. 17-18
You must love your neighbour, as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102:1-13
The Lord is kind and merciful.

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of
St Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23
*All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ
belongs to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,
grows perfect in the love of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew 5:38-48
Love your enemies.

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

Oakhill College Sunday, 8 March

Mount St Benedict Sunday, 1 March

Positions Vacant

There are three positions available in Broken Bay Diocese parishes at the moment.

For more information see:

www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant

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.

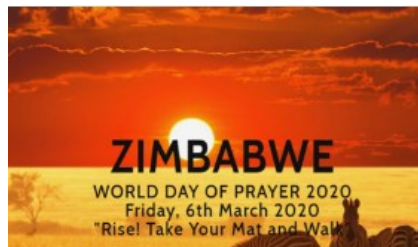
Parish Lenten Groups During Lent

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

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



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 6th 2020
1pm to 2.30pm

Dural Baptist Church

1 Pellitt Lane, Dural

Celebrated annually on the first Friday in March, this global ecumenical movement is led by Christian women who come together in prayer and action, for justice and peace. The movement aims to bring together people of all races, cultures and traditions in a common day of prayer.

Fighting for Life Conference:

A two day conference hosted by Parousia Media in partnership with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, addressing pro-life issues with keynote presenters Trent Horn, Bishop Richard Umbers and Raymond de Souza.

Date: Friday 6 March & Saturday 7 March 2020

Time: 9.00am to 4.00pm (both days)

Venue: The Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson Street, Epping.

Cost: Free entry, donations appreciated.

Registration: Contact Parousia Media on 96510375.

In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers - all our dearly beloved who have died, especially Iolanda Belmonte.

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 – *Save the dates*

We would like to invite youth aged 12-17 years (or 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.

Bring your 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!

Next session: **Friday March 13th 2020**

5pm Dinner (\$2 donation for pizza)

5.30pm Chosen program

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

If anyone would like to volunteer (over 18) to help out it would be really appreciated.

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

MEETINGS this week

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

Available - motorised wheelchair - see Fr Bernard.

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 - 10am

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

Fete Sunday 8 March 2020

Please collect your raffle tickets to sell from the front of the Church this Sunday.

We urgently need NEW GIFTS

Donated 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 <i>For any questions please contact Robin 0405 482 222</i>

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

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 22 & 23 February

First Sunday of Lent - Year A

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Lorraine Dailey
R1	Margaret Bensley	
R2	Teresa Gambino	CHILDREN'S MASS
P	Mary Cascun	
TV		Cali Family
EM	Lorna Boniel	Bernadette Watt
EM	Emilie DeLeon	Marisa Quattrocchi
EM		Catherine Colman
EM		Margaret Florian
M		Karina Takchi
M		Takchi Family
M		
MT		Catechists
CT		Bernadette & Kiara
Wel		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

Gospel reading for Next Week - First Sunday of Lent - Year A

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus fasted for forty days and nights.

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone
But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,
And they will support you on their hands
In case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
And serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

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

Office Hours: Mondays & Fridays 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.