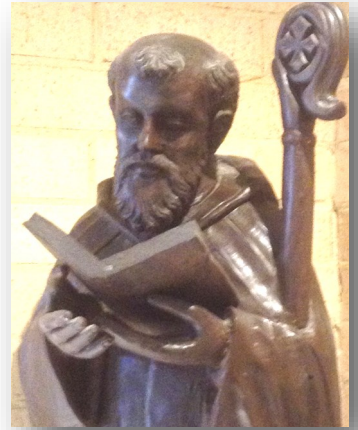


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia



*Look forward to holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing.*

*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 49*

### 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.

## Easter Sunday

31 March and 1 April 2018

### First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.

### Second Reading

A reading from St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

### Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;  
and Christ, the undefiled,  
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!  
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
Tell us, Mary: saw what thou didst see upon the way.  
The tomb the Living did enclose;  
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
The angels there attesting;  
shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.  
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.  
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:1-9  
*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

## 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

Wishing everyone a very  
Happy and Holy Easter



## Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. This gathering of all the local churches or dioceses of the nation will invite us to reflect on the question:

“What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?”

Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website now online:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) and in the upcoming April *Broken Bay News* with a message from Bishop Peter and a special four page guide highlighting our local plans here in the Diocese of Broken Bay, to play our part in this national conversation.

Through its listening and dialogue sessions, the Plenary Council will give all people the opportunity to say what is on their mind and in their heart. It is a chance to speak boldly but also listen with an open and humble heart. The official launch of the Plenary Council will be at Pentecost this year, 20 May. This gives us time to prepare, to “Listen to what the Spirit is saying” and to consider how we can take part in this important process.

## 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!

From next weekend, **ATTENDANCE** sheets will be placed in the front of the church after Sunday mass(es) - please complete to let us know if you would like to attend.

**MEALS:** is anyone able to help with meals? A Roster will be placed in the front of the Church for anyone who may be able to prepare a meal.

**MUSIC:** please let me know if you are intending to come AND can play an instrument!

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.

**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.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The programme will 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. Information regarding the next sacramental programme will be available mid May.

**MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE**—Discovering your Sacred Voice. This one day workshop offers a deep exploration into prayer through music discovering sacred languages in song.

Date: Thursday, 5 April and Saturday 7 April

Time: 10am-3.30pm

Cost: \$30 morning tea provided, BYO lunch.

E. mtsbenedict@goodsams.org.au

Venue: 449D Pennant Hills Road, Pennant Hills

**MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE**

247 St Andrews road, Varroville p.8795 3400

Living in the light of the resurrection: A retreat in the spirit of Taize April 6 6pm to April 8 1.30pm  
Cost \$250.

Out of darkness, colour breaks April 7: 10.30am—4.30pm  
Cost \$30

Journeying with the disciples of Emmaus: Time to reflect with two ‘insignificant disciples’ as they return (from Emmaus) to Jerusalem after meeting the Risen Lord. Presenter Bishop Greg Homeming OCD

April 13: 6pm to April 15: 1.30pm

Cost: \$250

The Gospels give us the encounters of ordinary people with Jesus in the uniqueness of their own personality, concerns and failings.

**PROCLAIM 2018:** National Conference on Parish Renewal and Evangelisation in Brisbane 12-14 July.  
[www.proclaimconference.com.au](http://www.proclaimconference.com.au)

**CATECHIST NEWS:** Wishing all a very blessed and enjoyable Easter!

We will be holding our Combined Easter Assemblies after Easter. Middle Dural on Wed 4 April; Arcadia, Galston and Glenorie on Wednesday 11 April and Hillside on Fri 13 April. Term 1 finishes on Friday 13 April.

Our next Catechist Meeting will be next Wednesday 4 April at 12:30pm. All are welcome.

God bless,

Miriam Brown Parish Catechist Co-ordinator 9652 0558

**DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN:**

Date: 6 April 6pm to 8 April 3pm

Venue: Little Sisters of the Poor, Randwick

A retreat for men at all stages of their discernment who are considering a vocation to the Priesthood. The weekend includes talks, time for personal prayer, sacraments, spiritual guidance, Q&A with seminarians and discussions.

Keynote opening address with Bishop Randazzo.

Info & Registration [www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

**THE FATHER FACTOR:** Addressing the important role of fathers in society, providing practical information on being an intentional father and recovering from absent fathering.

Date: Tuesday, 8 May

Time: 7.30pm- 9.30pm

Venue: The Light of Christ Centre, Waitara

RSVP: [faith.formation@dbb.org.au](mailto:faith.formation@dbb.org.au)

Cristina Gomez 9847 0428 by 4 May

**NSW PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE**

“Forming Missionary Disciples”: Organised by Catholic Ministries Network NSW, the day will include networking with ministry leaders, ministers and volunteers around NSW.

Keynote: Fr Paul Roberts, Director of Institute for Mission and Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation in the Diocese of Parramatta, “Renewing our Baptismal Call and Enabling our Gifts in Parish and School Life”.

Date: Tuesday, 1 May 9.30am-4.30pm

Venue: Dooleys Catholic Club Lidcombe

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

A safe parish community is one that seeks the views of children and young people and takes into account their age, development, maturity, understanding and abilities and the different formats and means of communication they use.

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### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 7 & 8 April 2018

	7pm	9am
A	Caterina Vaccarella	Nigel Morgan
R1	Virginia Tanna	Melanie Hume
R2	Margaret Bensley	Margaret Florian
P	Teresa Gambino	Gebran Azzi
AS		
EM	Angela Scotti	Bernadette Watt
EM	Pip Gibian	Pam Galbraith
EM		Kath Moran
EM		Trish Shipley
M		Mark Quirk
M		Theresa Neely
M		Helen & Karen
CL1		Peter Bellew
CL2		Rosie Sakkal
MT		Sophie Rebula
CT		Lorraine & Margaret
WEL		Jessie & Kath

**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  
Facebook: stbenedictarcadia

## Gospel reading for Next Week

2nd Sunday of Easter

Year B

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

*After eight days, Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.  
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

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