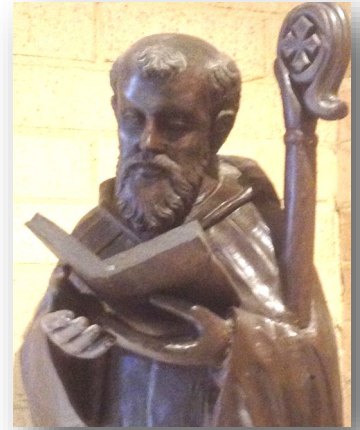


# St Benedict's Parish

## Arcadia

*Look forward to holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing*  
*Rule of St Benedict, Chapter 49*



## Easter Sunday

20 & 21 April 2019

### 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.*

### 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 Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;**  
**let us feast with joy in the Lord.**  
**Alleluia!**

### 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.*

### 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.

## Explore Life, Faith & Meaning - Try Alpha



### What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the Christian faith in a welcoming, friendly, open and informal environment.

Each session begins with sharing a meal, followed by a video, a break for coffee, and then small group discussion, where no question is too simple or too silly.

Over 29 million people across the globe have done Alpha.

### Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone. It provides a fresh opportunity to look at the basics of the Christian faith.

All are welcome, whether within our parish community, or those who have lost connection with Jesus and the Church, or indeed have no connection but would like to explore if "there is more to life than this". Alpha creates an opportunity for people to personally encounter Jesus, either for the first time, or to further deepen their relationship with him.

Alpha also deepens friendships in the parish and helps build up our community.

Alpha is free and there is no obligation to stay.

We all absolutely enjoyed it and found it really beneficial in many ways!

- ◆ Alpha really helped me learn, question and grow in my relationship with Jesus
- ◆ Alpha helped me feel really comfortable to ask questions and learn
- ◆ Alpha helped me to get to know and develop friendships with other members of our Parish

Alpha is relaxed and it's interesting as we explore what Christianity means.

I would encourage you to come along, you will enjoy it!

-Lisa, Alpha Guest 2018 -



### Alpha at St Benedict's Arcadia starts on:

Monday 6 May 2019  
at 6.30pm - 8.30pm  
or

Wednesday 8 May 2019  
at 1pm - 2pm

Please register by Friday, 3 May  
Contact Sandra  
0410 587 735 or 9653 2312  
Email [arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com](mailto:arcadia.pariah@bigpond.com)

## In Our Parish

We remember in our prayers ~ all our dearly beloved who have died.

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, Freya Sunderland & Carol Aviani.

## FORMATION OF NEW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Expressions of Interest are asked for from those with the following:

- ◆ A passion for and commitment to the life and mission of the Parish
- ◆ An understanding of the vision of the parish in the Benedictine spirit
- ◆ A capacity to assist in pastoral planning for the life and mission of the parish
- ◆ An ability to investigate, consider and propose practical conclusions to the Parish Priest about pastoral matters
- ◆ Good communication skills
- ◆ An ability to collaborate with others

As per directions from the Diocese we will end up with six elected members, two appointed by the Parish Priest and three ex-officio members, this making a total of 11 members.

Please contact Fr Bernard by 6 May.

The new Council will meet on Tuesday, 4 June.

### ST BENEDICT'S YOUTH GROUP

The youth of St Benedict's parish and their friends (aged 12 - 17 years) are invited to join our new St Benedict's Youth Group! It will be a great opportunity to meet people, have fun and learn more about the Catholic Faith. We will meet once a month (during the school term) and work our way through the *Chosen: This Is Your Catholic Faith* program. The *Chosen* program takes young people on a journey through the entire Catholic faith in all its richness and vitality. Captivated by the story, from Creation all the way through salvation history, you will come to see how the sacraments, prayer, and discipleship are the keys to a happy life.

For more information visit

<https://store.parousiamedia.com/chosen-faith-formation/>

Dates for Term 2: Friday 17 May and Friday 14 June, 5pm - 7.30pm

Cost per student: \$16 for the *Chosen* student workbook and \$2 donation for pizzas

For more information please contact Nerida Woodbury on 0425 834 017 or [nerida.woodbury@gmail.com](mailto:nerida.woodbury@gmail.com)

Wishing everyone a very  
Happy and Holy Easter



NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS Please note our new website address [www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia](http://www.bbcatholic.org.au/arcadia)

## CATECHIST NEWS

Wishing all a very happy and holy Easter!

A reminder - The CCD will be providing training in Classroom Management for all Catechists during the school holidays, being held on **Wednesday 24 April** from 9:30am-12:30pm at Pennant Hills. RSVP 8379 1643.

Wishing all a safe and enjoyable holiday break! May the peace and joy of Easter be with all families!

God bless,  
Miriam Brown 9652 0558 Parish Catechist Co-ordinator

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—28 APRIL

Venue St Agatha's Pennant Hills

Time 1.30pm to 5pm including Reconciliation (1pm), Mass (2pm), Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image.  
Enquiries Greg 0419 228 199

Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum

<https://capsa.org.au/2019-palm-Sunday-walks-justice-refugees>

## GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY LAND

This collection takes place during the Passion of our Lord on Good Friday at 3pm. Your donation supports the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes, orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christian and it helps to preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES Please return your

Project Compassion box at any of the Easter Masses. All donations to Project Compassion are tax deductible.

WALKING GROUP Would anyone like to join a morning walking group around Arcadia and Galston?  
Contact Lisa 0405 305 393

## ROSTER

The roster is available for collection.

## NEW KITCHEN FRIDGE NEEDED Would anyone

consider donating a new fridge to the parish? If so, please talk to Fr Bernard or contact the parish office on 9653 2312.

## MEETINGS this week

Monday 2.30pm Italian Rosary

Wednesday 10.45am Christ Catholic Community

Friday 7.30pm Christ Catholic Community

## Office for Safeguarding-Broken Bay

A culture of Safeguarding values  
commitment

“Speak out and judge fairly, defend the rights of  
the poor and needy.”

Proverbs 31:9

safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au  
ph. 8379 1605

## Gospel reading for Next Week

2nd Sunday of Easter Year C

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30pm Monday, 6 May 2019

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm Tuesday, 7 May 2019

### ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK - 27 & 28 April

	7pm	9am
A	Paul Camilleri	Paul ElChaar
R1	Mary Cascun	Lorraine Dailey
R2	Margaret Bensley	Nigel Morgan
P	Miriam Brown	Helen Facione
AS		
EM	Lorna Boniel	Marisa Quattrochi
EM	Emelie DeLeon	Sophie Rebula
EM		Bernadette Watt
EM		Kath Moran
M		Gregorian
M		Mark Quirk
M		Theresa N
CL1		School Holidays
CL2		School Holidays
MT		Teresa Gambino
CT		Margaret & Bernadette
WEL		Grace & Jessie

**PLAYGROUP** resumes Monday, 29 April

Please contact Sandra on 0410 587 735 if you would  
like to join us. 10am-12noon

Parish Office: 9653 2312  
Parish Priest: Fr. Bernard McGrath osb  
After hours: 0416 032 497  
Good Samaritan Sisters: 9653 1231  
Facebook: stbenedictsarcadia

Office Hours: Thursday & Friday 10am to 2pm  
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.*